


WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE
RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2)

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Statement of:	CATHERINE SANDERSON		
Date of birth:	Over 18	Occupation:	LICENSING OFFICER
This statement (consisting of: 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.			
Signature:		Date:	17 th April 2015
Time and date statement taken:			

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I am a Police Staff member employed by West Yorkshire Police (WYP), Leeds District, currently based at Leeds District Head Quarters, Elland Road Police Station in the capacity of Divisional Licensing Officer. I have jurisdiction over the North West area of Leeds. This witness statement is to support my Premises Licence Review application for:

PREM/02507/008 – TRINITY, WESLEY SQUARE, PUDSEY, LEEDS, LS28 7AB

Within the application to review the premises licence I have detailed the issues which have been connected to the venue over the last 12 months. There have been action plan meetings which the Premises Licence Holder (PLH), Mark Neave, has attended along with the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) at the time and other staff members involved in running the premises.

The main issue, I felt, was the competency of the previous DPS, Paul Allan, who failed to promote the Licensing objectives. I had no confidence in his ability to run the premises safely for either his customers or staff.

During an action plan meeting on 20th November 2014, Mr Allan stated that he felt that they were doing over and above what was required on the licence by employing door staff, as there was no condition on the licence requiring them to be employed whilst the venue was running as a night club. I disagreed with Mr Allan's opinion of his proactivity but the issue did highlight the importance of appropriate measures being added to the existing licence.

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Continuation Statement of CATHERINE SANDERSON

Another action plan meeting was held on 9th January 2015 where the PLH stated that Mr Allan would be replaced by Michael Thornton as soon as he had completed his Personal Licence course. Mr Thornton subsequently received his personal licence on 4th February 2015. The DPS transfer was not received for the venue until 18th March 2015 even after requests and reminders that it had been agreed for the transfer to be actioned as soon as possible.

Whilst I believe that the main issue has been resolved, Mr Allan no longer working at the venue, I would suggest that the licensing authority may wish to look at imposing measures on the licence which would assist the DPS in promoting the licensing objectives, such as conditions relating to CCTV, a drug safe, door supervisors, notice of events and restrictions of open vessels/glasses being taken outside the venue.

I believe that Michael Thornton, the current DPS should be allowed to try and ensure the safety of his customers whilst upholding the licensing objectives. He has attended action plan meetings over the year and is aware of the issues which have been experienced. If extra measures are imposed, I believe that it may assist the DPS in helping to prevent reoccurrence of previous.

However having heard all the evidence, the Licensing Sub-Committee may feel that alternative steps and measures are more appropriate.

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