

LICENSING ACT 2003

Guidance for Applicants

The Protection of Children from Harm



The following is offered as informal guidance for applicants about issues you may wish to consider within Licensed premises in order to promote the fourth Licensing objective “The Protection of Children from Harm” when completing your application form. Not all questions may be relevant to your application. Children are defined as persons under 18.

It will greatly assist the Council’s Children’s Service in the consideration of your application if you are able to provide detailed information in Section Q (e) of your application form about the steps you propose to take within your premises to address each of the following:-

- Do you intend to allow children access to the premises? If so, will there be any time restrictions?
- What measures are there in place to warn of adult activities/entertainment for children? e.g. explicit and easy to understand warning notices to the public, obscured windows etc
- Will staff be required to ask young people to provide proof of age/identification?
- Is access to gaming machines restricted? e.g. by clear notices
- Are there clearly designated non smoking areas for children?
- Are there clear notices regarding noise levels? e.g. warning signs that loud music will be played?
- Are there signs advising that children must be supervised by an adult at all times?
- Will door staff be appropriately trained and aware of the law regarding the admission of children to the premises?
- If activities are planned specifically aimed at children, e.g. sports, drama events, have considerations been given to their welfare, e.g. suitability and number of adult supervisors, fire safety, restricted access to bar area?
- What measures do you intend to take to ensure alcohol or drugs are not supplied to children?

Thank you for your co-operation. If you wish to discuss this part of your application we would strongly encourage you to do so **before** it is submitted.

Please contact Safeguarding Children for further advice:

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