

LICENSING COMMITTEE
6 SEPTEMBER 2018

ADDRESSING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN LICENCED PREMISES.

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members on the actions being taken to address issues of safeguarding in licensed premises.

2.0 Background

2.1 Members will no doubt be aware of the increased scrutiny on ensuring that users of the night time economy are safe to do so and that younger people and vulnerable adults are safe from harm.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 The first steps in addressing safeguarding issues falling within the licensing remit of Newark & Sherwood was taken with the introduction of the requirement for all licensed drivers to undertake safeguarding training.

3.2 Recently the focus has moved towards premises licenced under the Licensing Act 2003 and consideration of how to engage the staff working in this wide range of premises.

2.5 A county group has been established to look at this issue and the following work plan has been agreed.

- Develop and distribute range of advisory leaflets for:
 - Licensed Premises
 - Late Night Takeaways
 - Accommodation sector
- Deliver Safeguarding training to staff working in alcohol licenced premises
- Carry out 'test purchasing' at accommodation providers
- Deliver Safeguarding training to alcohol licenced premises door staff
- Deliver Safeguarding training to accommodation providers that fail test purchasing

3.0 Progress to Date

3.1 Leaflets covering a range of premises have been designed. All the licensing authorities across the county are using the same design so that there is a consistency of approach. These are planned to be distributed through August and September.

3.2 A number of sessions delivering safeguarding training to staff employed in licensed premises have been delivered. These have been well received and representatives from some of the major venues in Newark have attended.

3.3 Positive engagement with the door staff companies has taken place and a date for a training session for this sector has been confirmed.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

That Members note the actions being taken to address safeguarding in the night time economy.

Background Papers

Nil

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