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Blackpool Central Police Office  
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6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Mr Carpenter

**Re Off Licence, 12 Central Drive, Blackpool**

**Re: Licensing Visit - 22/12/2014**

I refer to the recent visit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at 14:45 hrs where I was in the company with Trading Standards. after a recent failed Test Purchase.

The purpose of our visit was to inform you of a recent Failed Test Purchase to a 16 year old female by one of your shop staff.

During the visit I asked the seller Tracey Butler if she had undertaken any Proof of Age Training which she confirmed she had not and had just been verbally told to ask customers looking under 25 to ask for i.d. There was also no posters present within your shop advising customers that I.D would be requested. I viewed the refusals book that was present which shows that there are not many refusals being conducted and Tracey had done none.

As you were not present I would make the following observations regarding the conditions of your licence as outlined below:-

***. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personnel Licence***

Tracey was serving alcohol at the time of our visit and as discussed with her she does not hold a personnel licence and there was no authorisation of sale of alcohol by yourself for her to sell alcohol.

**The licence holder is to support and rigorously enforce the Challenge 21 Proof of Age policy. Any person who looks or appears to be under the age of 21 shall be asked to provide identification that they are over the age of 18. The following are the only forms of identification acceptable : UK photo driving licence; passport; Proof of Age Standards Scheme Card.**

I would expect any person serving alcohol to members of the public before employment commences to be Trained fully in relation to Proof of Age this is your Due Diligence.

I also had a major concern with regards to some of the printed material on display i.e. the top shelf Adult Magazines.

It is fair to say that a significant proportion of these magazines were far more graphic than the standard periodicals such as 'Nuts' or 'Zoo'. Some of the magazines showed explicit sexual acts.

This material was located on a shelf above other magazines which would attract young woman and mothers, and below that magazines that would attract children, there was no safe guarding precautions whatsoever, I would expect material like this to be in a separate part of the shop, for persons to be notified that the material was of an adult nature and for appropriate warnings to be predominantly displayed.

The controlling legislation for such issues is the Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981.

Section 1 of the Act states;

1. If any indecent matter is publicly displayed, the person making the display and any person causing or permitting the display to be made shall be guilty of an offence.
2. Any matter which is displayed in or so as to be visible from any public place shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be publicly displayed.

I have enclosed the entirety of other relevant sections to assist you in future compliance.

I have also enclosed photographs to demonstrate the explicit nature of the display.

Yours Faithfully

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