

**22/06/2022**

**Public Health Worcestershire**

**Application for Review of a Premises Licence - 57 Monkeys, 39 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 7DN**

With reference to the review of the Premises Licence at 57 Monkeys, Public Health Worcestershire, as a responsible authority, supports the review of the alcohol license under the licensing objectives of:

- prevention of crime and disorder
- promotion of public safety
- prevention of public nuisance
- protection of children from harm

Whilst recognising the value of promoting Bromsgrove town centre as a vibrant night-time economy, public health has reviewed the evidence for this premises and concluded that due to the number of recorded incidents affecting the health and wellbeing not only of those involved, but residents living the vicinity of the club, we fully support WMP request for a revoke of the premises licence.

Data from West Midlands Ambulance Service (Appendix 1), states that there was a total of 38 incidents, 14 involving transfers to hospital, reported for the postcode directly relating to 57 Monkeys in the period 01/06/2021 to 31/05/2022. Most incidents were on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights between the hours of 1.00am and 4.00am. The majority were females in the 10-19 age category. In 10 incidents, the patient was unconscious when attended by the ambulance crew. Public Health also reviewed postcode data for Kumu which shows only 2 incidents over the same period.

The health and wellbeing of other businesses and residents in the vicinity of 57 monkeys is also a concern, due to reports of lack of sleep, anxiety, noise, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.

A recent government document detailing NHS tariffs (April 2021) states that:

- where the injured person is provided with NHS ambulance services, the charge is £225 for each occasion
- where the injured person receives NHS treatment, but is not admitted to hospital, the charge is £744
- the daily charge for NHS inpatient treatment is £915

For 38 people requiring ambulance call out and associated transfer to hospital due to incidents at 57 Monkeys from June 2021 to May 2022, a conservative estimated cost of this activity is around £20,000. This poses an additional cost burden on an already stretched NHS budget both in the immediate response required, and longer-term implications of physical and mental health of patients and residents.

Public health is also concerned about the age of young women in the WMAS report who have experienced incidents involving ambulance call outs and transfers due directly or indirectly to alcohol and drug taking at the club (10-19). WMP reports suggest that underage drinking could also be occurring at the club. In addition to underage drinking, this activity poses several health risks including alcohol poisoning, seizures, greater chance of accidental injury, or ending up in vulnerable or dangerous situations.

**If the committee decides not to revoke the premises licence, Public health recommends that in addition to the conditions suggested by WMP, the following is added:**

- A rigorous age verification policy be implemented and monitored, including training for all staff on what is an acceptable proof-of-age document and what to do when they refuse service. The premises to keep a record of refusals and staff training, which is available for inspection when required.

In addition, we recommend that the relevant authorities consider:

- Implementing a cumulative Impact Policy covering the lower part of Bromsgrove High Street and any adjacent areas such as the Birdbox where incidents are recorded.
- Where criteria are met, residents be empowered and enabled to use the Community Trigger (Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014), to ask agencies to review the response to anti-social behaviour they have reported.

## Appendix 1 – Data supplied by West Midlands Ambulance Service

**Total Incidents = 38**

Month	Incidents and Transports to Hospital			Incidents by Age & Gender				
	Incidents	Transports	% Transported	Age Band	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
June 2021	2	0	0.0 %	No Value	0	2	2	4
July 2021	2	2	100.0 %	10-19	14	5	0	19
August 2021	3	2	66.7 %	20-29	6	5	0	11
September 2021	4	0	0.0 %	30-39	0	2	0	2
October 2021	2	1	50.0 %	40-49	1	0	0	1
November 2021	3	1	33.3 %	50-59	0	1	0	1
December 2021	5	1	20.0 %	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>
January 2022	3	1	33.3 %					
February 2022	2	2	100.0 %					
March 2022	6	1	16.7 %					
April 2022	1	1	100.0 %					
May 2022	5	2	40.0 %					
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36.8 %</b>					

Incidents								
Day of Week / Hour of Day	0	1	2	3	4	22	23	Total
Monday	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Tuesday	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Wednesday	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Thursday	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Friday	0	2	3	4	2	0	0	11
Saturday	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	7
Sunday	2	4	1	4	3	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>

Incidents								
Chief Complaint/ Hour of Day	0	1	2	3	4	22	23	Total
Arrest Peri Arrest	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	6
Bleeding	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
Breathing Problems	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Concern For Welfare	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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Fitting Now	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	5
Medical	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Mental Health	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Multiple Casualty Event	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Overdose	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trauma	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Trauma Major	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unconscious	0	2	0	3	4	1	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>