

Public Health response to an Application to review premises licence LEIPRM1423

Leicestershire police have made an application to review the premises licence LEIPRM14253. Whilst health is not a licensing condition Public Health as a responsible authority is a consultee and wish to support this application and offer the following comments.

Sale of illegal tobacco products

There are three types of illegal tobacco:

1. smuggled, non-duty paid or bootlegged tobacco, which often includes packets with foreign language health warnings and no health warning pictures
2. counterfeit or fake tobacco, which looks like well-known tobacco brands but is manufactured illegally
3. 'cheap whites', which are foreign brands lawfully produced in one country but intended for smuggling into another

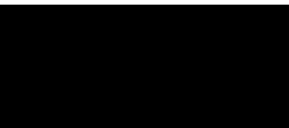
The report presented suggests that the illegal tobacco products were those in category 1 above and potentially are a risk to public health as they do not have the relevant health warnings required in the UK.

Sale of single cigarettes

The report refers an altercation related to the sale of single cigarettes. It is illegal in the UK to sell single cigarettes, the cost of which is much lower than buying a full pack. The law exists to prevent sales at pocket money prices to children. The prevention of sales of single cigarettes contributes positively to improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

Operating in a non-Covid safe manner

This type of retail premise is allowed to remain open during the current lockdown provided they operate in a Covid-safe way. The description provided by the police demonstrates that this premise is not operating appropriately with regards to face coverings and use of a screen. This poses a public health risk to the staff working in the shop and to customers entering the shop.



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