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Mr Julian Olaru

C/O – Secret Garden Lounge, 66 Braunstone Gate, Leicester. LE3 5LG

Leicester City Council Premises Licence Number – LEIPRM1427.

Letter dated – Sunday 21st April 2024

Dear Mr Olaru,

As you will be aware, police officers had reason to attend the venue in the early hours of Sunday 21st April 2024 as result of an assault allegation, in which it was alleged you may have been involved.

Despite multiple requests to review the venues CCTV footage, the footage was not forthcoming. The officers explained several times why the footage was required and the licensing implications of not providing access. Therefore, a criminal investigation has been hindered.

I have reviewed the officers body worn camera footage and note that you said you were unable to operate the CCTV system yourself. Nor was anyone else present able the CCTV system.

I must draw your attention to one of your Leicester City Council Premises Licence conditions that stipulates, ***“the licence holder will ensure a member of staff will be on duty at all times who is able to operate the CCTV system and able to download footage on request from any responsible authority”***. Therefore, you are in breach of this condition.

Simply asking officers to return in the morning to check CCTV in relation to criminal investigations is not acceptable and is not supportive of the licensing objectives.

After reviewing the officers body worn camera footage, I also noted there was no security provision present at the venue. And if they were, they were not displaying their Security Industry Authority (SIA) badges as required by law. The licence condition states, ***“the licence holder shall ensure security staff are employed and in place at the premises”***.

As the premises licence holder (PLH) for the premises, it is your responsibility to ensure the conditions of your Leicester City Council Premises Licence (number LEIPRM1427) are adhered to.

Please revisit your licence and ensure all the licence conditions are fully adhered to in the future.

Please accept this letter as a final warning and that a repeat may render you liable to prosecution and/or other licensing action, including requesting a review of the licence.

A copy of this letter will also be sent to Leicester City Council Licensing Enforcement.



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On the 19th December 2023, a letter was sent to Ms Stancu and yourself. (Please see a copy of that letter, enclosed). The letter was sent to the venue and Ms Stancu's registered address with the local authority.

To date, I have no contact from yourself to discuss or address these concerns raised in this letter.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,



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