

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Stephen Hicks

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police constable

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 16/10/24

This statement refers to a time when I attended Erins Hope PH, 189 EDGWARE ROAD, NW9 6LP and noticed breaches of their premises licence.

On WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024 I was on duty in plain clothes in the company of PC Graves 3122NW. At around 1415 hours we attended Erins Hope PH, 189 EDGWARE ROAD, NW9 6LP which is a pub on EDGWARE ROAD.

We had attended this venue to enquire about CCTV due to an incident happening at the venue on SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2024 involving one of the door staff assaulting a member of the public. While at the premises I looked at the current premises licence, specifically the following conditions.

- 4. A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises
- 12. Notices clearly explaining the licensee's drugs policy shall be displayed at the entrance and at suitable places through out the premises.
- 19. Notices asking customers to leave quietly shall be conspicuously at all exits.

There was a copy of the premises licence summary however this was behind the bar and not visible from outside

I looked at the entrance and the door to the lavatories and there was not a sign about a drug policy. There was also no notice at the front door asking customers to leave quietly.

Erins Hope was given an action plan on 25th June 2024 by PS Sullivan 238NW due to an incident of assault at the venue. One of the actions on this plan is

- 8. A minimum of two SIA registered door supervisors shall be on duty from 20.00 hours on any day that the venue is permitted to serve alcohol beyond 00.00 hours until the close of business.

Erins hope keeps a log of when its SIA staff are on and according to this log on Friday 11/10/24, Saturday 28/09/24, Friday 27/09/24 and Saturday 17/08/24 there was only one door supervisor on duty.

Also one of the conditions of this action plan was to apply for a variation of their licence and transfer the conditions to the licence by 5th August 2024, This has still not been actioned with today being 16th October 2024

Witness Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature Witnessed by Signature:

