

Consultation Responses and Proposed policy wording

OPCC Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence – Response

- In the CURV section, could the funding of drug safes for licensed premises also be highlighted.
- In the Protection of Children section, some of the hotel premises have taken part in the Operation Makesafe training. May be relevant to mention this Op as is ongoing.
- Community Guardians programme- give community members and those in public-facing roles the appropriate tools and training to recognise the exploitation of young people.

Proposed additional content for policy

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The licensing authority will continue to support the provision of drug safes within licensed premises as a targeted measure to address drug related harm and associated crime and disorder, safes have been installed across the Borough through Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence funding. These safes enable the secure storage of suspected substances, reducing risk to staff and supporting lawful handling procedures. Ongoing monitoring arrangements are in place, with the initiative linked to wider partnership work with Teesside University to support local drug testing and intelligence sharing activity, contributing to early identification of harmful substances in circulation.

Protection of Children from Harm

Operation Makesafe

The licensing authority will support and promote Operation Makesafe, a national initiative focused on raising awareness within the hospitality sector of child exploitation and equipping staff with the skills to identify and report concerns. Training is provided through partnership working with Barnardo's ensuring continued integration with regulatory activity and reinforcing the role of licensed premises in safeguarding vulnerable children.

Community Guardians Programme

The Community Guardians programme is a partnership initiative designed to equip members of the public and those in customer facing roles with the knowledge and confidence to identify and respond to signs of child exploitation. Delivered locally in collaboration with the [Ivison Trust](#), the programme provides training and practical guidance to support early identification and appropriate reporting. The licensing authority recognises the value of this approach in extending safeguarding awareness into the wider community, including licensed premises, and encouraging collective responsibility for protecting children from harm.