TO Licensing and Safety Team

FROM Amran Ali

REFERENCE: Gao Medical

DATE 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Re: Gao Medical Healthcare Limited,
T/A Gao Medical Healthcare, Unit 27, Skylines Village, London E14 9TS

Reference is made to the Special Treatment License for the above premises. Currently the business holds a premises special treatments licence to carry out Massage, Acupuncture, Reflexology and Laser Hair removal treatments, which expires on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2018.

An application is made to revoke the premises special treatments licence for the following reasons;

- 1. The Licensing and Safety Team has evidence of the premises being improperly conducted. London Local Authorities Act 1991, Section 8 (e). The business Gao Medical Healthcare Ltd was recently prosecuted and the company convicted for offering services of a sexual nature. Evidence of this is attached in the form of witness statements of two test purchasers (Appendix AMA1) as well as the prosecution case conclusion note by the Council's lawyer (Appendix AMA2). The Single Justice Procedure Notice shows the charges that were made against the company in relation to the business at the premises of Unit 27 Skylines Village. See Appendix AMA3.
- 2. Following the prosecution, another test purchase was conducted which again found that the test purchaser was offered services of a sexual nature at the end of a massage treatment at the premises. See appendix AMA4 for a copy of the witness statement. Clearly lessons have not been learnt following the recent criminal conviction and the business continues to carry out illegal activity.
- 3. The sole director of the company *Gao Medical Healthcare Ltd* is Ms Na Gao. See the list of directors from companies House as **AMA5**. Ms Na Gao is responsible for the management of the premises Gao Medical Healthcare, 27 Skylines Village, London, E14 9TS see box 1 of the application form for the current licence in **AMA6**. Na Gao is also the only therapist approved by the council to carry out massage treatments. (see question 14 on the application form for the current licence in **AMA6**) Therefore the persons concerned in the conduct and management of the premises used for special treatment could be reasonably regarded as not being fit and proper persons to hold such a license. (Section 8c).
- 4. Furthermore, during the prosecution process, the applicant demonstrated breaches of their licensing conditions by claiming that there are other therapists

working at the site. This was stated on the defence Solicitors letter. See Appendix AMA7.

- 5. The Licensing and Safety Team were only notified of one massage therapist- Ms Na Gao. It is a condition of the licence that any additional therapists employed during the licensing period, must be notified to the Licensing and Safety Team first for approval. However this was never done which shows a breach of conditions and again indicates that the licence holder is not fit and proper to hold a licence.
- 6. Under Section 9(2) of the London Local Authorities Act 1991 the Borough Council may revoke a licence held by a person for grounds mentioned in Section 8 which includes premises being improperly conducted and the licence holder not being a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Amran Ali Health and Safety Officer

## **List of Appendices**

AMA1 = Witness statements following the first round of test purchases.

AMA2 = Prosecution case conclusion note

AMA3 = Single Justice Procedure Notice

AMA4 = Witness statement from the test purchase following the prosecution and conviction of Gao Medical Healthcare Ltd.

AMA 5= Companies House information on Director of Gao Medical Healthcare.

AMA 6= Application form for current special treatment licence for Gao Medical Healthcare at 27 Skylines Village, London, E14 9TS

AMA 7 = Defence solicitors letter during the prosecution process