

## **Whites Gentleman's Club, 32-38 Leman Street, E1**

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, I revisited White's Gentleman's Club. I was met by Mr Stewart, the Applicant and Mr Stephen Waites or Dadds Solicitors, the Applicant's legal representative.

This visit was to look at the additional CCTV cameras that had been installed following the first visit, where it was highlighted that all of the private dance areas had no CCTV contrary to the LBTH SEV Policy.

I was presented with a replacement plan for the premises that numbered the private rooms ('VIP suites') and indicated the locations the new CCTV cameras.

I indicated to Mr Stewart that there is some advertising outside, and that some may find the logo for the premises offensive as it is a silhouette of a naked woman.

I was given a tour of the premises looking at the positioning of all the new cameras in each room. I was shown the cameras operating through a lap top and was advised that the premises now has three individual CCTV systems that operate in conjunction with each other. I am satisfied that the premises is now adequately covered by CCTV, though I note that the quality of some of the images is grey and at times grainy, however, this is partly because the environment is so low-lit in the private rooms.

I was advised that the CCTV recordings are currently kept for 30 days, but was advised that this would be amended to 31 in line with the LBTH SEV Policy.

I am advised that the new system allows for the downloading of images onto USB sticks that can be presented upon request to a Responsible Authority.

The Applicant advised that the system had been installed less than 24hours prior to my visit; therefore he was unable to show me any historical recordings. I advised that I would have to return to the premises to carry out a third unannounced inspection to check that this facility is operational.

Whilst at the premises, I was also presented with a new pricelist that is available throughout the premises; I could see it on the bar and on surrounding tables. The drinks prices are listed throughout the booklet, as is an instruction that the cost of a three minute private dance is £20.00 in cash, or £24.00 by card payment. I noted that the costs of the private rooms are not in the booklet, but that these are still beside the bar. Mr Stewart believes that they cannot put any prices for longer dances as these are negotiated on an individual basis between the dancer and their customer at the time.