

# Licensing Sub Committee



Tuesday, 9 November 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

## Supplemental Agenda

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The Oval, London E2 9DT**

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Supporting document submitted on behalf of the Police

# Agenda Item 4.1

Hi,

Please can this e-mail be added to my evidence.

Kind Regards

Mark



PC Mark Perry  
Central East Licensing Unit  
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**From:** Kirsty Tagg <[Kirsty.Tagg](mailto:Kirsty.Tagg)>  
**Sent:** 01 November 2021 16:43  
**To:** Ross Melinn <[rpm](mailto:rpm)>; [Kirsty.Tagg](mailto:Kirsty.Tagg)  
**Cc:** Perry Mark J - CE-CU <[MARK.J.Perry](mailto:MARK.J.Perry)>  
**Subject:** RE: November Event Listings: Oval Space

Hi Ross,

Thank you for sending over so quickly.

Just a heads up, the SIA have never dealt with Full Force Staffing Logistics. Initial research on Companies House suggests they have been trading/active company for 3 years.

It does not appear that the Director of the company Nadeene DWARKA holds a valid SIA licence, so they are therefore *potentially* committing an offence under the Private Security Industry Act 2001 - as the Directors must hold a valid licence if they are supplying security industry services. I will pick this up with the company directly.

I am not suggesting there are any issues with their staff they are deploying to you, but this highlights why it is so important to undertake some levels of due diligence in relation to supply.

It's not down to the SIA to tell you who you should and shouldn't use for security, however you are essentially a customer of security and you are paying for a service; so the very least you should expect that it's a compliant company.

Many Thanks

## Kirsty Tagg

Investigations Officer  
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**From:** Ross Melinn <>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 12:20 PM  
**To:** [Kirsty.Tagg](mailto:Kirsty.Tagg)  
**Cc:** [MARK.J.Perry](mailto:MARK.J.Perry)  
**Subject:** Re: November Event Listings: Oval Space

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Hi Kirsty,

1. Name of the security company. **Full Force Staffing Logistics**
2. Contact name, and number of whom you deal with. **Dave-**
3. When did the contract commence? **Technically we haven't signed yet but they've been providing staff since I started on 27th September. They have both ELI & PLI cover.**
4. Number/Amount of individuals deployed? **Depends on the show & risk level. Sometimes up to 18.**
5. Are signing in records kept? Either from the company or the venue if you have any? **Of course. To make sure they invoice me correctly :)**
6. What information is captured on the signing in records? **They sign in and out on every show recording name, badge number & expiry date.**

Furthermore, within our show compliance files we maintain event logs detailing any ejections from the venue or refusals at the door, drug confiscation logs and clicker counts to monitor venue capacity.

All badges are on display and staff wear high-vis jackets too.

Thanks for your support!

Best regards,

Ross Melinn  
General Manager

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On Fri, 29 Oct 2021 at 17:11, Kirsty Tagg <[Kirsty.Tagg](mailto:Kirsty.Tagg)> wrote:

Hi Ross,

Glad to hear you have an experienced security contractor on board. Can you please provide the following details in relation to the security company contracted:

1. Name of the security company.
2. Contact name, and number of whom you deal with.
3. When did the contract commence?
4. Number/Amount of individuals deployed?
5. Are signing in records kept? Either from the company or the venue if you have any?
6. What information is captured on the signing in records?

The security company are responsible for ensuring the individuals they send to your venue all hold active and valid SIA licences. Although you are the customer of security, you can still check this yourself. You can dip sample the SIA licence numbers and input the details on the Register of Licence Holders:

<https://services.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk/rolh>

Another thing to add, is when the security operatives are working, they must display their SIA licence whilst conducting licensable activity. This is a condition of the SIA licence, if this is not displayed, the individual therefore may commit an offence. Again this is not your responsibility as a customer, however if you have any concerns that this condition is not being met, it may cause members of the public and agencies to think the security operatives do not hold a licence if they can't see one. This can lead to allegations of non-compliance and visits being conducted to your venue.

In relation to the signing in records. I would suggest if the company have not provided you any, you keep records (or ask the security team to sign in on site) to include their full name and full SIA licence number. This is best practice and can be clearly identified should any issues arise.

As Mark mentioned, it appears there were some issues with the previous security provision which pre-dates you. Out of curiosity, if you do know who the previous company was or hold any records of the individuals who were deployed, please let me know.

If you have any questions, in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

**Kirsty Tagg**

Investigations Officer

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**From:** [MARK.J.Perry](#)

**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2021 2:13 PM

**To:**

**Cc:** [Kirsty.Tagg](#)

**Subject:** RE: November Event Listings: Oval Space

Hi Ross,

Glad to hear that, there were concerns about previous visits that showed security with no badges and not signing in.

Kind Regards

Mark



PC Mark Perry

Central East Licensing Unit

Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

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**From:** Ross Melinn <>

**Sent:** 29 October 2021 13:55

**To:** Perry Mark J - CE-CU <[MARK.J.Perry](mailto:MARK.J.Perry)>

**Cc:** [Kirsty.Tagg](mailto:Kirsty.Tagg)

**Subject:** Re: November Event Listings: Oval Space

Hi Mark & Kirsty,

Naturally, it would be good to hear what those concerns might be because I don't have any.

We've just switched fully over to an experienced third party security contractor and they have had badges checked which are all in date. They are well versed in our security policies and procedures (having trained them myself) as well as SIA standards. All paperwork is up today and their badges are always visible.

Best,

Ross

On Fri, 29 Oct 2021 at 10:02, <[MARK.J.Perry](mailto:MARK.J.Perry)> wrote:

Hi Ross,

Kirsty is from the SIA and she has some concerns and questions about the use of SIA security at the venue. She will contact you in due course.

Kirsty Ross is the new manager of Oval Space and only started there recently.

Kind Regards

Mark



PC Mark Perry

Central East Licensing Unit



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The following visits have taken place to Oval Space since the review papers were submitted:

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Pc Perry and Pc Leban visited at around 01:00, the venue was not at capacity, there was a Bruce Springsteen Birthday Party event taking place. As we went up the stairs into the venue we observed two drunk males, one so drunk he walked into a wall before stumbling down the stairs nearly falling over. Another male was also clearly drunk, his speech was slurred and he was unsteady on his feet and he spent 5 minutes giggling while showing PC Leban pictures of his burnt down lorry as we waited for the manager.

We asked to see alcohol refusal log which showed 4 refusals in 3 months, 3 of which were from one event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. We pointed out to the manager that the refusals log was unacceptable as there were so few refusals it was simply not believable they had so few drunk people, especially given the two drunk people we had seen as we entered the venue.

We also looked at incident log which showed that at some events there were significant amounts of drugs still being found on customers inside the venue, after they had been through the searching at the entrance. We also found 3 bags of drugs on a clipboard with no details on them. We have no idea how long the drugs had been there, or if any of the drugs had been removed. They should have been stored in the safe. Told that these bags should be filled out and put in the safe immediately

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

PC Perry and PC Ward visited the venue around 2:30 am, the venue was at capacity as there was an after party for the "Body Movements Festival" taking place. We observed the crowd and there were a few intoxicated people who were unsteady on their feet, and their eyes were glazed and were clearly drunk. We pointed this out to the manager and told him our concerns as many of the customers would have been drinking at the Body Movements Festival earlier in the day, and therefore much more at risk of becoming vulnerable through drink and drugs, therefore much closer observation was needed.

We asked to see the refusals log, which showed only one new entry in the two weeks since our last visit, and that was dated for August 2021. We spoke to the manager about this who admitted that

the refusal logs were still not being used despite visits by Police and a Licensing Review being instigated. The manager said that he was working to bring the Oval Space up to standard but that there was lots of work to be done.

The following Crimes have taken place at the Oval, since November 2019. The reason we have gone back two years is twofold, firstly the venue has been closed for a period due to Covid legislation so we need to go back a reasonable amount of time to get a clear picture of crimes at the venue. Second, the crimes below will show a clear pattern of crime and disorder, especially violence taking place at Oval Space.

#### **4th June 2021 – Sexual Assault**

At about 10:45pm a female customer claimed that she was sexually assaulted by a male groping her breasts and that another male had then exposed himself to her. The woman was then followed into a toilet by the male who had groped her. Both the victim and a witness were to quote the venue staff "Quite Intoxicated".

Although the venue staff did offer care to the victim, and get statements they did not inform Police until 2 days after the incident.

Crime report 4215945/21 refers.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Assault**

At about 10:40 pm the victim states he was in the club when a male who he did not know came up from behind and grabbed him around the neck until he passed out. The victim regained consciousness lying on the floor. Moments later the same suspect did it again.

The victim complained to the premises manager who told him that both events were captured on the in premises CCTV. The victim states he is still experiencing chest and neck pain as a result of this assault.

The manager was contacted by Police and the CCTV supplied, which showed the offence taking place, but the CCTV is of poor quality and Police are unable to identify the suspect.

Crime report 4235346/20 refers.

### **14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Drugs**

Police were conducting mobile patrols when their attention was drawn to a vehicle parked up on The Oval. When Police pulled up along side the driver was seen to gulp furiously at water. In the E2 area this is common with drug dealers swallowing drugs to prevent Police recovering them.

Pc JORDAN 3701u approached male in the front passenger seat of the vehicle where there was an immediate smell of cannabis. The passenger also admitted to having cannabis on his person.

Three small bags of herbal cannabis were found in his jacket and he was given a Community Resolution.

Crime Report 4232463/20 refers

### **16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Stabbing**

At about 03:30 the victim has. He stated that he was in the middle of the dance floor when he felt two jabs to his back. He did not see who assaulted him or what implement was used. He then approached security and informed them that he felt like he had been stabbed and received two puncture wounds to his back. He was then taken out back to be treated and the London Ambulance Service (LAS) called. It was the LAS and not the venue who called for the police to attend.

Police arrived on scene first, were directed to where the victim was being treated. The victim told Police that he does not know why this has happened. He had not been involved in any altercation with anybody prior to being attacked. He was simply in the middle of the dance floor when he was stabbed. Staff were spoken to but no one appears to have witnessed the incident.

CCTV shows two suspects wearing puffer jackets and beanie hats walk across the dance floor of the club, they walk towards the top left of the CCTV and one of the males stabs at the victim three or four times. The two suspects then make off.

Crime Report 4204801/20 refers

### **16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – GBH Assault**

At about 01:45am a large fight took place at Oval Space between two groups of customers which resulted in a male receiving a fractured eye socket (fractured in 2 separate places), a large lump to

the right side of his head, a concussion, a torn muscle under his right eye and a bleed under the eye, which has caused a swollen pouch under his right eye.

Police recovered the CCTV from the Oval Space, the footage shows a large melee take place involving what appears to be two groups of males who are fighting each other. Due to being unable to see any faces, it is difficult to identify who the victim is. With the large numbers of people involved on both sides, it is also incredibly difficult to identify who out of the large group assaulted him to cause the injury the victim sustained. As a result the case cannot be progressed.

Crime Report 4235459/19 refers.

What the above crimes demonstrate is a venue that was failing to maintain order, and protect its customers prior to Covid, a trend that has sadly continued after lockdown ended. Following the stabbing on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the second serious violent attack to take place at Oval Space in the period of a couple of months Police held a meeting with the management of Oval Space.

At that meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 the management of Oval Space admitted that they knew they needed to improve, and said they would put measures in place to improve security. Despite the ample opportunity presented to them there has been no effective review of how Oval Space keeps its customers safe.

Since Lockdown ended it has been clearly evidenced in both the crimes that have taken place and visits by Police Licensing that there has been no improvement in the venue. Serious crimes are still taking place involving Oval Spaces customers, security are still failing to prevent drugs entering the venue, customers are still becoming drunk. By looking at the photographs of the alcohol refusal logs since the review was submitted we can see that the venue have failed to manage the basics like stopping its customers becoming drunk and storing drugs in clearly marked bags in a safe, not left in unmarked bags on a clipboard.

# CHALLENGE 25

## Record of Refusals



No. 0001

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DATE: 6/08/21 TIME: 1:35 AM: <input type="checkbox"/> PM: <input type="checkbox"/>	ALCOHOL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO: <input type="checkbox"/> LOTTERY: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/>	MALE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE: <input type="checkbox"/> DESCRIPTION: V/ Drunk male, told to drink water AGE: 35 HEIGHT: 6'3 BUILD: Medium	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	compliant to drink water and come back later	NAME: Thomas J SIGNED: [Signature]
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