

From: Needham, Phill <Phill.Needham@lancashire.police.uk>
Sent: 13 July 2026 12:00
To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Cc: Dundon, Stephen <Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk>
Subject: LC- [REDACTED] WHITE BEAR INCIDENT ON THE 12/07/2026 AT 00:43 HOURS

Hi Waj , as previously discussed this morning , there was an incident at The White Bear over the weekend , were we received a call via 999 from what I think is staff asking for Police, before clearing the line

From the log, when Police arrived they found a lot of youths in the venue, all were drunk , one of them had smashed a window and one person was locked up for being drunk and disorderly. I have checked the body cam for the OIC but it wasn't utilised , however I am sure there were other officers in attendance , and hopefully they would have used BWV

Thanks in advance, Phill

From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 13 July 2026 11:18
To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: Licence

Hi Wajed

Please can we hold the application until I have had a meeting with Leann and Carl please

Regards
Amy

From: Dundon, Stephen <Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk>
Sent: 10 July 2026 19:17
To: Leann Toombs <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; joanne.hipkiss@stonegategroup.co.uk; Guillaume.Chipchase@stonegategroup.co.uk; amy coplen [REDACTED]
Cc: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: s19 Closure Notice Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 - White Bear Inn, Barrowford

Good Evening All

Please find attached a copy of a s19 Closure Notice Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 that I have just served on Carl JOHNSON at the White Bear Inn, Barrowford, Lancashire.

Please consider this as service on the said notice on yourselves, (Stonegate and Amy Coplan), as persons under s19(5) of the Act as persons who have control of, or responsibility for, the activities carried on at the premises or any person who has an interest in the premises.

The circumstances are fairly straightforward from a Licensing Act 2003 perspective. On 8th July 2026 week Amy Coplan, the DPS, gave notice to the local licensing authority that she was removing herself as the DPS of the premises. This left the premises without a DPS and her partner/business partner Carl JOHNSON was advised on 8th July 2026 not to open until there was a new DPS in place. He opened for business in contravention of this advice. This advice was given by both Wajed Iqbal the Local Licensing Authority Licensing Officer and reinforced by Leann Toombs of Stonegate.

At 22:37 hrs on Wednesday 8th July 2026 Amy Coplan emailed the local licensing authority indicating that she wished to retract her request to be removed as DPS. As this had already been processed by the Licensing Authority, she was unable to retract at such a late hours and on 9th July both Amy and Carl were advised that the premises must remain closed until the correct process to appoint her as DPS had taken place. This was again reinforced by Leann and Wajed. The premises continued to trade on 9th July 2026.

The application for Amy to be instated as DPS was received by the Licensing Authority during the afternoon of 10th July 2026, but too late to be able to process by the end of the business day. The premises was visited and found to be open and trading with Carl in the premises. Carl was advised that the premises licence remained suspended whilst a new DPS was installed and he was advised he would commit offences by carrying out licensable activities.

Despite repeated explanations to him of the consequences of criminal offences being committed should he remain open over the weekend before the DPS situation could be resolved, he stated he intended to open as he needed to sell the stock to pay off money he owed on Monday 13th July 2026.

In light of this the s19 Closure Notice was served, advising him to close until a DPS was in place and the CCTV was back in working order. (we are informed it is not fully working). Following the serving of the notice he said he would take his chances and remain open over the weekend.

I trust you will now give this situation your immediate attention to try and see if you can intervene to ensure the premises does carry out licensable activity without a premises licence. We will monitor over the weekend and will deal with any offences identified in due course.

Should these matters be addressed I will issue a cancellation notice in due course.

I am on leave/rest days now until Tuesday 14th July so will reply if necessary on my return to the office.

Regards

Steve

From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 10 July 2026 13:33
To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd:

(DPS Application sent but concerns re signatures as Amy in London and forms sent from Nelson and Amy not happy with Carl actions so wanted to hold the application pending further meetings)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <info@starprint.org.uk>

Date: Fri, 10 Jul 2026 at 13:30

Subject:

To: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>

In the meantime, if you have any further questions please let me know

Kind regards,

Lola Jayne McEvoy

Operations Manager

From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 09 July 2026 16:47

To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>

Subject: 20260709_163532

(no content but just DPS Consent form attached to this email)

From: Wajed Iqbal

Sent: 09 July 2026 15:40

To: 'Carl Andrew' <[REDACTED]> 'amy coplen' <[REDACTED]>

Cc: 'Leann Toombs' <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk;
East Lancs Police <eastpolicelicensing@lancashire.pnn.police.uk>; Emma Barker
<Emma.Barker@pendle.gov.uk>; Neil Watson <neil.watson@pendle.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: White bear

Dear Amy / Carl

Further to my email below and conversations with Leann and Sgt Dundon, please see below.

Having spoken to Leann and Sgt Dundon, we have agreed that if you submit a formal Vary DPS application then this can be processed.

Once fully submitted you can open once I have rung Amy (as DPS) to confirm its acceptance and I'll confirm via email too.

Attached is the payment link below as you have the forms.

In relation to the offences, I along with Sgt Dundon will decide on the course of action once we have completed our investigations.

ONLINE

Website: https://www.pendle.gov.uk/pay_for_it

1. Select '**Pay for licences**'.
2. Click on '**Begin the form**'
3. Select the licence type '**Licensing Act 2003**'
4. In reference field '**PENa0249 VaryDPS**' and add to basket.
5. Complete the rest of the form and submit

Regards

Wajed Iqbal

Wajed Iqbal
Licensing Officer

From: Leann Toombs <Leann.Toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>
Sent: 09 July 2026 15:17
To: Dundon, Stephen <Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk>; Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Cc: Emma Barker <Emma.Barker@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: White bear

Hi Wajed/Steve

I spoke to Carl just after 1pm today presumably after your meeting.

He basically told me the same story as yourselves that he reopened after Amy said she had retracted her email. He also said that they were now back together, their argument got totally out of control and it should never have got to this stage. He was apologetic and wanted to know if he could carry on operating the site.

I explained that he had breached the licensing law and I would need to understand what the police/licensing intend to do moving forward.

I confirmed they couldn't reopen as there was no DPS in place and a new application would need to be made. He said he was going back to speak to Wajed & would call me back, which he did stating he would call me after 3pm today.

From Stonegate's perspective, the premises license is in both of their names so we technically don't have any further involvement only a duty of care for the site.

The whole situation is not ideal but they have a 5 year agreement in place.

I will send you a copy of the meeting minute I sent to both of them this morning.

Thanks

Leann

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Dundon, Stephen <Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 09 July 2026 14:42:28
To: 'Wajed Iqbal' <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>; Leann Toombs
<Leann.Toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>
Cc: Emma Barker <Emma.Barker@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: White bear

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Thanks Waj

My thoughts are we let the dust settle and see what the timeline of discussions with you and Leann were and we can then clearly see who said what and when, and it should then be clear what his logic was for opening.

If you and Leann can script up a quick timeline of who you spoke to, when and what was said, we can compare those timelines with what you have seen.

I'm certainly of the view that Leann/Stonegate/PLH will not have anything to be concerned about from a licensing perspective, (unless I have missed something), as all the evidence is that their tenants have gone a bit rogue and Leann has done all we would expect of a PLH to deal with it properly.

We can then look to speak to Carl formally and see what he says and look to deal proportionately. I wouldn't say a caution would be off the cards based on what we know and if he is eligible for one.

Is that in line with what you are thinking?

Regards

Steve

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From: Wajed Iqbal
Sent: 09 July 2026 14:05
To: Leann Toombs <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>
Cc: Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk; Emma Barker <Emma.Barker@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: White bear

Hi Leann / Steve

Carl came to see me at 1pm today and stated the following:

- He closed after speaking to Leann.

- Only opened once he spoke to Amy and she was happy to remain as DPS. I said you and Amy cannot decide the legal process.
- States his phone was broken so could not access calls / emails etc. (half screen was working from what he showed me) so how did he speak to Amy?
- CCTV – hard drive changed as there was a fuse issue, and it damaged the CCTV hard drive.

I've advised him that he as PLH will be investigated for trading without a DPS in place. Amy less so as she was not there.

Wanted me to help him out and give him a chance. I advised the investigation of trading despite being told by Leann and me clearly constitutes to possible prosecution.

Leann: what is the update from your side regarding Stonegate and their lease? Can you access the tills to get the report of sales?

Steve: what is your view?

Image taken yesterday at 6:01pm showing him in white t-shirt sat down



Regards

Wajed Iqbal

Wajed Iqbal
Licensing Officer

From: Wajed Iqbal

Sent: 09 July 2026 07:58

To: 'Carl Andrew' [redacted]; 'amy coplen' <[redacted]>

Cc: 'Leann Toombs' <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk;
East Lancs Police <eastpolicelicensing@lancashire.pnn.police.uk>; Wajed Iqbal
<Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: White bear

Dear Amy / Carl

For continuation of email thread, I have cc'd Amy's email sent last night at 22:37hrs.

Unfortunately, the retraction CANNOT be accepted.

Due to non-compliance by Carl by knowingly continue to trade, this is a blatant disregard to the important advice given by me and Leann.

Offences have been committed contrary to the Licensing Act 2003, which are subject to an investigation.

I would therefore request the premises is CLOSED until further notice due to there being no named DPS.

I will speak to Leann today along with Sgt Dundon to discuss the matter.

Once we have had a discussion, I will respond back.

Regards

Wajed Iqbal

Wajed Iqbal
Licensing Officer
Pendle Borough Council
Tel: 01282 – 661025
I work Monday to Friday

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From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 08 July 2026 22:37
To: Leann Toombs <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Carl Andrew <[REDACTED]>
Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>; Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk
Subject: Retract licence

I am retracting the DPS and will stay on going forward I have come to agreement with Carl and will stay on the lease

Regards Amy

From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 08 July 2026 22:23
To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: Retraction

I will retract my licence agreement and will stay on the DPS

From: Wajed Iqbal

Sent: 08 July 2026 18:42

To: 'Leann Toombs' <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk

Cc: Emma Barker <Emma.Barker@pendle.gov.uk>; Neil Watson <neil.watson@pendle.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: White bear

Hi Both

As you both know, Carl continued to trade and therefore has committed offences under LA2003.

He failed to answer my calls both from my landline and work mobile.

He knows both numbers hence probably chose to ignore.

Leann, I will be seeking CCTV and looking at the offences, and he cannot remain in situ due to non-compliance.

He clearly ignores the law and requests from both you and me.

Can we have a chat tomorrow.

@Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk is busy with a hearing.

Tomorrow 9am?

Regards

Wajed Iqbal

Wajed Iqbal
Licensing Officer

From: Leann Toombs <Leann.Toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>

Sent: 08 July 2026 15:34

To: Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>

Cc: Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk

Subject: Re: White bear

Hi Wajed

Thanks for your note.

I have spoken to Amy this morning and I have also spoken to Carl to confirm he needs to close the site with immediate affect.

I've tried to call but presume you are out of the office.

My mobile is [REDACTED]

Thanks

Leann

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Wajed Iqbal
Sent: 08 July 2026 12:24
To: Carl Andrew <[REDACTED]>
Cc: amy coplen <[REDACTED]> Leann Toombs <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Stephen.Dundon@lancashire.police.uk
Subject: FW: White bear

Hi Carl,

Further to the email from Amy and my conversation with her, please see below.

As Amy is the named DPS and has requested she be removed, the premises can' operate without a DPS.

Therefore, the **PREMISES WILL HAVE TO CLOSE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**

I have cc'd Leann from Stonegate and Sgt Dundon from the Police into this email.

Please confirm the premises is closed until further notice?

Regards

Wajed Iqbal

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From: amy coplen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 08 July 2026 09:25
To: Leann Toombs <leann.toombs@stonegategroup.co.uk>; Carl Andrew <[REDACTED]>
Wajed Iqbal <Wajed.Iqbal@pendle.gov.uk>
Subject: White bear

Hi

So sorry but from immediate effect as I have no access to the white bear or cameras I can not be the licensed DPS

Please also cancel the meeting on Tuesday I will be closing the shop