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Dear Licensee,

The summer is here and so are the Euro’s! I know we are all hoping for a successful and enjoyable tournament.

In order to help make this a safe time for everyone to enjoy, please can you look at the following things we are asking all venues showing the football to do:

* Risk assess each match and have enough staff and security on duty to allow it to run smoothly. For England matches consider polycarbonate glasses, additional security, bar staff and sensible drinks promotions.
* Have a security plan to deal with any issues of disorder and make sure you have enough SIA security on duty.
* Please think about how will your staff make sure your customers do not become intoxicated? What action will you take if they do? Remember you have a responsibility to keep your customers safe. Please refrain from having any irresponsible “drinks promotions.”

Whilst the vast majority of visitors to your venues will behave responsibly, unfortunately you do not need to look far to find various studies which show that Domestic abuse soars when England play. Figures released by the National Centre for Domestic Violence showed that reported incidents increased by:

26 percent if England play,

38 percent if England lose and

11 percent the next day, win or lose.

Many of you and your staff will have attended the Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) sessions delivered by Police and Local Authority and will know about campaigns like “Ask for Angela”.

We are asking that you please encourage your staff to be extra vigilant. If you see something that does not look right please do not hesitate to contact us and in an emergency call us on 999. We will have additional officers on patrol during some matches to help.

Attached with this letter is an updated version of our drugs policy when drugs are found in any venue. It helps venues understand what we expect when drugs are found and how to deal with them.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the address below:

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Yours Faithfully

The Tower Hamlets Police Licensing Team.