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**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

NYFRS Reference:

Premises:
Job:

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11 February 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

Cover Letter from Watch Manager Kevin Caulfield

Regency Restaurant, 16 Barbican Road, York, YO10 5AA

I have provided a witness statement on the request of City of York council with reference to Regency Restaurant, 16 Barbican Road, York, and Regency Restaurant, George Hudson Street York.

The witness statement is to assist the review of the premises licences for these premises.

The majority of information we collect regarding business fire safety is non-personalised information, however any personal data we collect will be managed in accordance with our Privacy Notice which can be viewed on our website, www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/about-us/yourdata.

Under the Regulatory Reform Order 2005 we are obliged to publish a public register of enforcement action which can be viewed via our website, www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/about-us/key-documents/links-registers.

Yours faithfully

K Caulfield

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AUTHORITY**

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

**POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1967, SECTION 9**

STATEMENT OF Kevin Caulfield
AGE OF WITNESS: over 18
OCCUPATION OF WITNESS Fire Safety Officer
ADDRESS OF WITNESS: York Fire Station, Kent Street, York, YO10 4JF

This statement (consisting of ...3 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

DATED THE 30th day of January 2020

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

1.0 My name is Kevin John CAULFIELD. I am employed as a Watch Manager by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) and have worked in various Fire Service roles for over 26 years. I am currently working within the Fire Safety department as a Fire Safety Officer. My current duties include planning and implementing audit inspections on commercial/business premises, building consultations, within the York area, and assisting the Service to meet its statutory obligations as an enforcing authority. I have a national qualification Level 3 Certificate in Fire Safety (Fire Auditors) (QCF). I have completed courses including Fire Safety & Building Design, Building Regulations and Technical Guidance, Fire Safety & Building Design Complex Buildings: BS9999. I hold IOSH

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Managing Safely qualification. I hold Level 3 NVQ in Watch Management.

2.0 I am warranted under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRFSO) to carry out the duties imposed by it on the Fire and Rescue Authority.

This witness statement is in relation to two premises;

- Regency Restaurant 16 Barbican Road YO10 5AA
- Regency Restaurant 2-4 George Hudson Street York YO1 6LP

Regency Restaurant 16 Barbican Road YO10 5AA

Fire calls received

None

Complaints Received

- 16/04/2016
Complaint received from customer. Overcrowding, staff living on top floor and smoking on site. Fire Safety Audit carried out – fire safety advice given no further action.
- 11/09/2017
Complaint received from Police. 20 People living in cramped conditions. Fire Safety Audit carried out- fire safety advice given no further action.

Recent Audits

09/09/19

Fire Safety Audit carried out as part of Operation Alligator - Regency Restaurants. Multi-agency operation Joint visit.

During this visit a number of fire safety issues were found;

- Padlocks fitted to sleeping accommodation, fire doors held open with catches, fire exits blocked due to refurbishment work.
- Fire alarm not working

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- **Prohibition and Enforcement notices served.** A Prohibition notice was served due to the premises being not safe for sleeping as the means of escape had been blocked and the fire alarm was not working.

09/10/19 Compliance fire safety audit carried out following previous audit

- Two Emergency lights not working – otherwise satisfactory

Regency Restaurant 2-4 George Hudson Street York YO1 6LP

Fire calls received

None

Complaints received

- 29/7/2009 Complaint received from City of York Environmental Health Officer. Fire doors held open by boxes of food. Language line used to advise senior staff member to remove obstruction.
- 13/9/17 Complaint received from licensing enforcement officer. Fire exit between restaurant and front exit in state of disrepair and one side bolted shut. Fire safety audit carried out and notification of deficiencies sent.

Recent audits

14/9/17 Fire Safety Audit (due to complaint received 13/09/2017)

- No fire detection in basement and fire door to basement held open
 - No weekly testing of fire alarm
 - Staff training not recorded
 - **Notification of deficiencies served.**
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