

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Samantha Bolland

Age if under 18: Over 18 *(if over 18 insert 'over 18')*

Occupation: Police Officer 1520

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) 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.

Signature SB

Date: 17/09/2026

I am PC 1520 Samantha Bolland of North Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Fulford Road Police Station, York. I perform the role of a Police Licensing Officer.

I have been in this role since 2015 and I am authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Constable on Licensing matters under the Licensing Act 2003.

In my professional capacity as Licensing Officer for York I have had involvement with a premise, situated at 16 Barbican Road York YO10 5AA. Until December 2020 the premise was called "The Regency" however following a licensing review hearing initiated by City of York Council in June 2020 the licence was revoked.

A new Premise Licence was applied for at the address on 10th March 2021, under the name Sky Blue and a new licence was granted, with the Premise Licence Holder and Designated Premise Supervisor named as Kheng Chooi KOAY.

On 30 December 2025 I attended Sky Blue with the Force Licensing Manager, PS 133 Jackie Booth, to check compliance with a Section 19 closure notice issued on 10 December 2025. At the time of my visit the premises was open to the public and a male I know to be, [REDACTED] was present. (I first encountered [REDACTED] during a visit on 8 September 2017 to the premises as he was previously the Premise Licence Holder and Designated Premise Supervisor when the premises was named The Regency).

PS Booth asked to speak to the DPS PANG but was informed that she was at a different location. [REDACTED] telephoned her and advised it would be around 45 minutes before she would be able to attend. Due to other commitments, we left the premises.

On 29 January 2026 Jemma Kettlestring, Licensing Enforcement Officer from City of York Council and I, attended Sky Blue to check compliance with the Section 19 notice issued on 10 December 2025. Neither Mr KOAY or Ms PANG were present, so we spoke with a female I know to be called [REDACTED]. I have met this female on multiple occasions when visiting the premises and checking CCTV and other licensing matters.

The Section 19 notice was in compliance and a cancellation letter was sent to the premises.

Signed SB

Date 17/09/26