

Further to my previous statement.

On 26th November 2022 at approximately 22:52hrs I attended Ormskirk Superstores for an unannounced inspection of the premises. The DPS was present and upon reviewing the CCTV noted that the footage was retained from 4th November 2022, the DPS advised that there was a new hard drive fitted on this day. I also noted that the CCTV was running 56 minutes fast.

Upon reviewing the CCTV footage I noted that there were times where the DPS was not present, I asked if those working at the premises had a personal licence which he advised that he had trained the other staff members to have a personal licence, I advised him that he could not train someone to have a personal licence and that they needed to attend a course, pass and apply to their local authority for a personal licence. The DPS then claimed that Star BAIZ had obtained a personal licence but was unable to provide me with any details of it.

I advised that it was a licence condition that a personal licence holder had to be on site whilst licensable activity was being undertaken. The DPS replied that he was always there but would sometimes leave but come back. I advised the DPS that this was not sufficient and reminded him that the condition was imposed following the previous review.

I asked the DPS to email me with the details of any staff members with personal licences as when previously asked they all confirmed they didn't have one. The DPS agreed to send an email by 28th November with the details. At the time of writing (1730hrs 30/11/22) no email has been received from the DPS. A search of the Public Licensing Register at 1720hrs on 30/11/22 for Sefton Council, the authority where BAIZ lives proved negative for a personal licence in his name.

During my inspection I also reviewed the CCTV log, since my previous visit this had been updated however had not been completed since November 3rd 2022, the licence states that it must be completed weekly.

The incident log had seen a couple of basic entries and there had been several completed entries in the refusals register, however it was the same register which had pre-completed "no ID" entries. The training records that were presented to me were very poor and out of date. An examination of the till receipts showed that there had been no out of hours transactions over the last few days.

The DPS continues running his premises whilst not complying with the premises licence, despite undergoing another review of the premises licence.


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