

**Witness Statement**

Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Statement of: **Jonathan Mark Stanley**Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**Occupation: **Police Officer**

This statement (consisting of .....TWO ..... Pages(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.

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Date: **07/08/2023** .....Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded:  (Supply witness details on last page)

I am Inspector 3607 Jonathan Stanley stationed at Slough. I hold the operational lead for Safeguarding for Slough LPA and my duties include being co-Chair of the Slough Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) panel which aims to provide challenge and support to operational manager s working with high risk exploited children and to ensure effective arrangements are in place to deliver partnership disruption tactics for perpetrators of abuse and for venues where abuse takes place. I have chaired this meeting and its equivalent predecessors since 2015.

Hotels and licensed premises face significant risks in relation to child sexual exploitation, including potential involvement in trafficking, grooming, and abuse of children. Insufficient staff training and awareness, lax security measures and inadequate screening procedures may inadvertently enable these criminal activities. It is crucial for such establishments to implement robust policies, staff training, and reporting mechanisms to prevent and address any instances of child sexual exploitation.

Adhering to licensing objectives is vital for hotels and licensed premises to create safe environments. Prioritizing objectives like preventing crime and disorder, safeguarding children and promoting public safety helps mitigate risks relating to child sexual exploitation and ensures responsible operation within the bounds of the law.

Owners, designated premises supervisors, and staff collectively play a critical role in preventing child sexual exploitation. Owners and supervisors must establish clear policies, provide adequate training, and set a tone of zero tolerance for such activities. Staff members should be trained to recognise the signs of exploitation, know the appropriate reporting procedures, and actively monitor the premises to identify and address any suspicious behaviour. Their vigilance and commitments are essential in maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone, especially children.

The Slough Hotel Watch scheme was launched in 2016 to foster collaboration between hotels, policing, and local communities. By participating in hotel watch schemes, establishments can enhance their awareness on best practice, and contribute to a collective effort in safeguarding vulnerable individuals. As part of the scheme free training has been offered to all member establishments. It is for managers, designated premises supervisors, personal licence holder to ensure that all staff implement the training in the workplace and that the proper procedures and implemented to achieve this.

Establishments that do not take their responsibilities to prevent child sexual exploitation seriously should face appropriate consequences to ensure accountability and deterrence and this should include consideration of

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suspension or revocation of licence, it is important for regulatory authorities to enforce these measures consistently and proportionally to encourage all establishments to prioritise the safety and well-being of children.

The failure to uphold licencing objectives in this case is an egregious one. The recent training provided to hotel staff, the child victim being only [REDACTED] and staff being so negligent that they escorted the child and their abuser to their room make this one of the most shocking failures I have encountered and I would ask that due consideration is given to suspension or revocation.

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