



Response to Request for Information

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Working Men's Clubs

Request:

I wish to know what the duties of the Local Authority are in respect of Working Mens Clubs which operate in their area.

This includes what powers they have to take action in respect of breaches of the various Acts i.e. Friendly Society Acts, Licencing Laws, Health and Safety and whether Clubs still have to register with the Local Authority and prove that they are being run "in good faith" etc.

The authority would treat all businesses the same, so for example – licenced premises would receive period visits to ensure compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 and all other pieces of legislation; the powers used would be relevant to the offence and activity at any premises.

All clubs [that have supply and sale of alcohol] must hold either a premises licence or club certificate according to their status.