Proposed Licensing Act 2003 Model Conditions

Martyn's Law

- 1. At all times that the premises are open to the public for licensable activities, all staff on-duty at the premises, including all door supervisors, and all on-duty managers must have completed ACT:Awareness e-learning training. In addition, a minimum of 1 on-duty manager and any on-duty security supervisor/manager must also have attended a CT Awareness session delivered by CTPNW-trained personnel as soon as reasonably practicable]and, if not completed, must have registered to attend a course and be able to provide evidence of this if requested by a police officer or authorised officer of the licensing authority.
- 2. The Designated Premises Supervisor must have attended a CT Awareness training session delivered by CTPNW-trained personnel as soon as is reasonably practicable. In all cases, within 28 days of a new Designated Premises Supervisor being named on the licence, they must have registered to attend a course and be able to provide evidence of this if requested by a police officer or authorised officer of Manchester City Council. e]
- 3. There must be a documented security assessment, which must incorporate counter terrorism measures, for the premises. The assessment shall be routinely reviewed and must be reviewed following the elevation of the change of the national threat level. All reviews shall be documented.
- 4. Within 28 days of the grant or variation of the licence, the premises licence holder shall evaluate any risks identified through the security assessment and take promptly such steps to eliminate them or to reduce the risk as far as is reasonably practicable. A documented record must be maintained of any

- remedial action implemented and made available upon request to any police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.
- 5. The premises must have a documented **security** plan, which sets out counter measures to be implemented in response to a terrorist attack. **incorporates** the principles of 'Guide', Shelter' and 'Communicate' (as set out below) as appropriate in conjunction with relevant NACTSO/CPNI guidance-
 - Guide Direct people towards the most appropriate location (invacuation, evacuation, hide)
 - Shelter Understand how your place or space might be able to lockdown and shelter people within it for several hours
 - Communicate Have a means of communicating effectively and promptly with users of your place and have staff capable of giving clear instructions. Also have the capability of integrating with any response or rescue operation by providing things like building plans.

The purposes of those procedures and the necessity of following them must be understood by those carrying them out.

Admission and control of entry

- 6. The designated queuing area shall be enclosed within appropriate barriers and ensure that a minimum width of 1.8m [or specify if greater] is maintained on the footway to allow safe passage by pedestrians.
- 7. An ID scanning system or electronic or biometric verification technology approved in writing by the licensing authority must be operated at the premises at all times it is open to the public. All persons entering the premises must provide verifiable ID and record their details on the system.
- 8. All persons entering or re-entering the premises must be searched by an SIA registered door supervisor [and all searches must be monitored by the premises CCTV system].

- 9. No patron shall be admitted or readmitted to the premises [after XX:XX hours] unless they have [passed through a metal detecting search arch] [been searched using hand-held electronic search wands] and, if the search equipment is activated, have been physically searched in accordance with a procedure agreed with Greater Manchester Police, which must include a 'pat down search' and a full bag search. Search equipment must be kept in working order.
- 10. No customer will be permitted to enter or re-enter the premises between the hours of [specify] save for persons who have temporarily left the premises (e.g. to smoke).
- 11. Between [specified times] no customer will be permitted to enter or leave the premises by means of [specified entrances].
- 12. No more than [insert number] customers will be permitted on the premises at any one time.
- 13. The premises licence holder shall ensure a suitable method of calculating the number of people present during licensable activities is in place.

Door supervisors

- 14. Door supervision must be provided on (specify days / circumstance). Door supervisors must be on duty from [specify hours] and must remain on duty until the premises are closed and all the customers have left.
- 15. On [specify days/hours], at least [insert number] of SIA registered door supervisors must be on duty at the premises [specify location at the premises] [or as shown on the plan].
- 16. Door supervisors shall be employed at the ratio of [XX] door supervisor for every 100 customers (or part thereof).
- 17. Door supervisors shall be employed by the premises based upon a risk assessment carried out in relation to the following factors:
 - (i) Size of the venue
 - (ii) Expected attendance

- (iii) Type of event taking place
- (iv) Location of the premises
- (v) Time of year
- (vi) Special occasion (New Year, Halloween, Local events etc.)
- (vii) Premises Licence Conditions
- 18. At least [XX] female door supervisor(s) shall be on duty at the premises at such times as door supervisors are required to be provided.
- 19. All door supervisors, and other persons engaged at the premises for the purpose of supervising or controlling queues or customers, must wear [high visibility jackets or vests or armbands].
- 20. Any door supervisors on duty at the premises must be supplied by an SIA-Approved Contractor Scheme company.
- 21. The Designated Premises Supervisor or on-duty manager must ensure that all door supervisors on duty at the premises are correctly displaying their current SIA accreditation and are briefed on their responsibilities and relevant company operating procedures before they commence duty.
- 22. Door supervisors must be provided with radios to enable them to contact each other and the duty manager at the premises.
- 23. Where SIA registered door supervisors are used at the premises, a record must be kept of their SIA registration number and the dates and times when they are on duty.

Body-worn video

- 24. On [specify days/hours], [all]/at least [insert number] of SIA registered door supervisors on duty at [specify location at the premises] [or as shown on the plan] must wear working <u>body-worn video devices</u> (body cams) that complies with the minimum requirements of the GMP Police Licensing Team.
- 25. A record must be kept of the SIA registration number of the door supervisor and the ID of bodycam worn by them.

- 26. Bodycam images must be stored so that they are retrievable and accessible for replay and viewing, and kept in an environment that will not be detrimental to the quality or capacity for future viewing. They should be appropriately labelled to enable identification and retrieval and kept for a minimum of 28 days. No recording must be deleted within this period from when it is recorded.
- 27. The premises licence holder must ensure at least one member of trained staff be there are members of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (or any replacement legislation).

CCTV

- 28. The premises shall operate a CCTV system that complies with the minimum requirements of the GMP Police Licensing Team.
- 29. The premises licence holder must ensure that:
 - (i) CCTV cameras are located within the premises to cover all public areas including all entrances and exits [The location of cameras could also be specified on the plan attached to the premises licence].
 - (ii) The system records clear images permitting the identification of individuals.
 - (iii) The CCTV system is able to capture a minimum of 24 frames per second and all recorded footage must be securely retained for a minimum of 28 days.
 - (iv) The CCTV system operates at all times while the premises are open for licensable activities [or specify timings].
 - (v) All equipment must have a constant and accurate time and date generation.
 - (vi) The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with, i.e. password protected.

(vii) There must be at least one member of trained staff at the premises during operating hours able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (or any replacement legislation).

Preventing illegal drug use

30. There shall be a lockable 'drugs box' at the premises to which no member of staff, except the DPS and/or [designated role-holder at business], shall have access. All controlled drugs (or items suspected to be, or containing controlled drugs) found at the premises must be placed in this box as soon as practicable. Whenever this box is emptied, all its contents must be given to Greater Manchester Police for appropriate disposal.

Promotional activity

- 31. The premises licence holder must submit to [insert contact details for Responsible Authority] a completed risk assessment form as prescribed at least 28 days before any event that is
 - (i) carried on by any person not affiliated with the venue; and
 - (ii) promoted / advertised to the public.
- 32. No promotional social media communication may be carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol at the premises, which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise antisocial behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

Incident reporting

- 33. Any and all of the following incidents must be noted including pertinent details and, as appropriate, reported promptly so that investigations can be made and action taken: (delete as appropriate):
 - (i) alleged crimes reported to the venue or by the venue to the police
 - (ii) ejections of patrons
 - (iii) complaints received

- (iv) incidents of disorder
- (v) Seizures of drugs, offensive weapons, fraudulent ID or other items
- (vi) faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
- (vii) refusal of the sale of alcohol
- (viii) Any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment
- (ix) visit by a responsible authority or emergency service
- (x) The times on duty, names and the licence numbers of all licensed door supervisors employed by the premises.
- (xi) suspicious behaviour by patrons or members of the public close to a venue

Incident logs (which may be kept electronically) must be kept at the premises for at least six months and made available on request to the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.

Staff training (alcohol & vulnerability welfare)

- 34a) All staff authorised to sell alcohol shall be trained in (delete as appropriate):
 - (i) Relevant age restrictions in respect of products
 - (ii) Prevent underage sales
 - (iii) Prevent proxy sales
 - (iv) Maintain the refusals log
 - (v) Enter sales correctly on the tills so the prompts show as appropriate
 - (vi) Recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability
 - (vii) How overservice of alcohol impacts on the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003
 - (viii) How to refuse service
 - (ix) The premises' duty of care policy, understanding and dealing with situations involving vulnerable people, and incidents of harassment; and how to report issues of modern slavery and trafficking

- (x) Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including the preservation of a crime scene and reporting an incident to the emergency services
- (xi) The conditions in force under this licence.
- 34b) Training must include evidence that the trainee has gained knowledge and understanding of the training, which may consist of a test or quiz, completed and signed by the trainee.
- 34c) Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than 6 [or specify] monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.

Preventing and dealing with drunkenness and vulnerability

- 35. The premises shall have a documented Duty of Care policy for managing intoxicated and vulnerable customers and dealing with incidents of harassment at the premises. The policy shall also include provision for persons refused entry to the premises who are also considered vulnerable by staff.
- 34. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating [at any point of sale] [at the entrance to the premises] [in all areas where alcohol is located] that it is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone who is drunk.
- 35. A Personal Licence holder must be present at the premises to supervise all sales of alcohol.
- 36. A minimum of [specify] persons must be employed and on duty at the premises between [specify days/hours] who are specifically tasked to maintain the safety of customers who may be vulnerable, ill or in distress as a result of alcohol and/or drug-related intoxication. Such persons must be trained on drunkenness, vulnerability, and drugs awareness in the night-time economy; and responding to these matters.
- 37. The premises shall provide facilities for customers to securely recharge their mobile phones.

Glassware and use of ice fountains / bottle sparklers

- 38. Drinks must only be served in polycarbonate/plastic containers [on specified days or events] [upon reasonable notice by Greater Manchester Police].
- 39. Customers will not be permitted to remove from the premises any drinks supplied by the premises (alcoholic or otherwise) in open containers [except for consumption in any delineated external area as shown on the plan attached to the licence].
- 40. Spirit, Champagne and all other glass bottles greater than [70cl] are restricted to customers seated at a [table] [booth] in the delineated area[s] as shown on the plan attached to the licence. These bottles must be secured to the table or ice bucket and must only be dispensed by a member of staff who is trained in the responsible service of alcohol. Customers must not be permitted to leave their table carrying any such bottle, or be permitted to drink directly from the bottle.
- 41. Ice fountains or similar products (which are classed as HT4 explosives):
 - a) Must be kept in their original packaging and only stored in a secure store room or fire-resistant cabinet that the public have no access to. The room/cabinet must be kept locked, except for the depositing or removal of products but must be locked immediately thereafter.
 - b) Their use must be risk assessed in advance and appropriate control measure put in place to reduce the risk to staff and customers, which must include (but is not limited to):
 - (i) staff training in their safe use and dispersal
 - (ii) the provision of appropriate first aid training and equipment
 - (iii) suitability of areas of the premises where the products will be used

c) The risk assessment and control measures identified must be documented, kept on the premises and made available for inspection to a police, fire or authorised officer upon request.

Preventing underage sales

- 42. The Challenge [21] [25] scheme must be operated to ensure that any person who appears to be under the age of [21] [25] shall provide documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age. Proof of age shall only comprise a passport, photo card driving licence, an EU/EEA national ID card or similar document, an HM Forces warrant card, a card bearing the PASS hologram, or any electronic or biometric age verification technology approved by the licensing authority.
- 43. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating [at any point of sale] [at the entrance to the premises] [in all areas where alcohol is located] that the Challenge [21] [25] scheme is in operation.
- 44. The premises shall display prominent signage indicating [at any point of sale] [at the entrance to the premises] [in all areas where alcohol is located] that it is an offence to buy or attempt to buy alcohol for a person who is under 18 and for a person under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol.
- 45. A refusals record must be kept at the premises which details all refusals to sell alcohol. This record must include the date and time of the incident, a description of the customer, the name of the staff member who refused the sale, and the reason the sale was refused. All entries must be made within 24 hours of the refusal. The record must be made available for inspection and copying within [specify days / hours or a reasonable time] of a request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.

Alcohol deliveries

46. The premises licence holder shall provide the following information in writing to the licensing authority before any sale of alcohol is carried out (and notify change to this information to the licensing authority within 7 days):

- (i) The trading name of any company that will operate under the licence
- (ii) All telephone numbers that will be used to accept orders
- (iii) The URL/website address that will be used to accept orders.
- 47. Any promotional material and/or any website home page used as part of the business operating under this licence will clearly state the premises licence number. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes flyers, leaflets and business cards promoting the business.
- 48. All deliveries of alcohol shall only be delivered to a premises address with a valid postcode and will only be delivered directly to that property.

Restaurants and takeaways (alcohol)

- 49. The premises must only operate as a restaurant:
 - (i) in which customers are seated at a table,
 - (ii) which provides food in the form of substantial table meals that are prepared on the premises and are served and consumed at the table using non-disposable crockery,
 - (iii) which do not provide any take away service of food or drink for immediate consumption, and
 - (iv) where alcohol must not be sold, supplied, or consumed on the premises otherwise than to persons who are taking substantial table meals and provided always that the consumption of alcohol by such persons is ancillary to taking such meals.
- 50. Sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall only be supplied with, and ancillary to, a takeaway meal.

Restricting alcohol sales in relation to designated special events, eg. football matches

51. Prior to any [designated special event by Greater Manchester Police]
['designated sporting event' (as defined in the Sporting Events Control of
Alcohol Act 1985)] the premises licence holder shall ensure that:

- (i) Alcohol sales in respect of cans of beer or cider are limited to no more than four cans per person for a minimum of four hours before the commencement of the relevant designated [special] [sporting] event
- (ii) No sales of alcohol in bottles or glass containers are made in the period four hours before the commencement of the designated [special] [sporting] event
- (iii) Alcohol sales cease for a period of one hour immediately before the commencement of the relevant designated [special] [sporting] event
- (iv) On any day where there is a relevant designated [special] [sporting] event taking place, the premises will not externally advertise as a result of a local store promotion the availability of beer or cider in such a way as to be likely to be the sole inducement to attract persons to the premises who are either attending the designated [special] [sporting] event or in the vicinity of the premises as a result of the designated [special] [sporting] event
- (v) All members of staff working at the premises are informed of this condition prior to taking up employment
- (vi) On the day of the relevant designated [special] [sporting] event, upon the direction of a police officer, using the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder or public safety, the premises will immediately cease to sell alcohol until further directed.

Use of special effects

- 52. Any special effects or mechanical installations shall be arranged and stored so as to minimise any risk to the safety of those using the premises. The following special effects will only be used if 10 days' prior notice is given to the licensing authority where consent has not previously been given:
 - (i) Dry ice and cryogenic fog
 - (ii) Smoke machines and fog generators
 - (iii) Pyrotechnics, including fireworks
 - (iv) Firearms (eg. Blank firing pistols)
 - (v) Lasers
 - (vi) Explosives and highly flammable substances

- (vii) Real flame
- (viii) Strobe lighting.

Emergencies

- 53. The premises licence holder shall ensure that at all times when the public is present there is [at least one] [an appropriate number of] competent person[s] able to administer first aid, that an adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials is available on the premises, and that adequate records are maintained in relation to the supply of any first aid treatment.
- 54. The premises licence holder shall ensure that at all times when the public is present there is an appropriate level of medical care for all persons present. The level of provision should be determined by a medical needs assessment.
- 55. All external emergency exit doors shall be fitted with sensor alarms and visible indicators to alert staff when the doors have been opened.
- 56. All staff on duty at the premises shall be trained in the Emergency and Evacuation procedures for the premises and aware of their individual responsibilities. This includes any door supervisors. Documented records of training completed shall be kept for each member of staff. Training shall be regularly refreshed and at no greater than [specify] monthly intervals. Training records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of Manchester City Council.
- 57. The premises shall have a minimum 20m rescue throwline available on the premises for emergency use. All on-duty staff (including security)shall be knowledgeable of its location and the manufacturer's instructions for use.
- 58. A member(s) of staff qualified to a minimum Level 3 Certificate in First Response Emergency Care must be on duty, with appropriate medical equipment, at the premises when licensable activities are carried out [or at specified days/times]
- 59. All door supervisors must have emergency first aid at work training.

Preventing noise and other public nuisances

- 60. All external windows and doors must be kept shut at all times when regulated entertainment is being provided. Doors may be opened for normal entrance and egress of people but must be shut immediately thereafter.
- 61. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises that gives rise to a nuisance.
- 62. A noise limiting device must be installed and must operate at all times regulated entertainment takes place at the premises. The device must be of a type, in a location and set at a level [specify if known] [approved in writing by the appropriate officer of the Council].
- 63. The location and orientation of loudspeakers must be as specified on the attached premises plan.
- 64. An [acoustic lobby / acoustic door / acoustic curtains/ acoustic door seals / automatic door closer] must be installed [specify the location / define on plan].
- 65. There shall be no noise or odours caused by the kitchen extraction equipment that gives rise to a nuisance.
- 66. DeliveriesA direct telephone number for the duty manager must be prominently displayed where it can conveniently be read from the exterior of the premises by the public. The telephone must be **staffed** at all times the premises is open for licensable activities.
- 67. No deliveries or collections relating to licensable activities at the premises will take place between the hours of [insert hours].
- 68. The premises licence holder must instruct delivery riders and drivers not to cause a noise nuisance when making deliveries or whilst waiting outside the premises for collections.

- 69. Customers must be instructed when placing the order that they will not be able to collect the order from the vehicle. All deliveries will only be made directly to the property address and customers will not be permitted to take orders from the vehicle.
- 36. The premises licence holder shall ensure that all employees of any third party engaged in the delivery of alcohol, i.e., couriers, have also been trained by their employers regarding the Challenge 25 policy. This training should also be documented.
- 37. The premises licence holder will ensure that a sticker is applied to all consignments of alcohol stating "Note to delivery service: this package contains age restricted products. Ensure recipient is over 18" (or similar wording to the same effect).

Smoking and other external areas

- 70. Customers permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises to smoke must be restricted to a designated smoking area defined as [specify location / mark on plan]. No more than [insert number] of customers will be permitted to remain in the designated smoking area at any one time.
- 71. Clear and legible notices must be prominently displayed at any area used for smoking requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.
- 38. No more than [insert number] customers will be permitted to enter or remain in [define outdoor area(s)] of the premises at any one time, between the hours of [specify].

Litter and cleansing

39. At [specify times] [specify areas] outside the premises, including [specify areas] must be swept and/or washed, and litter and sweepings collected and stored [specify storage and collection].

- 40. All takeaway packaging and wrappers shall clearly identify the premises, ie. by way of company logo or name.
- 41. Where the premises provide late night refreshments for consumption off the premises sufficient waste bins must be provided at or near the exits, to enable the disposal of waste.
- 42. Empty bottles which have been collected must be placed into locked bins when deposited outside.
- 43. All waste shall be properly presented and placed out for collection no earlier than 30 minutes before the scheduled collection times.
- 44. Between the hours of [insert hours] no waste/glass bottles will be moved or deposited outside.

Children on the premises

- 72. No person under the age of [insert age] years of age is permitted to enter or remain on the licensed premises when alcohol is being sold or supplied.
- 73. The PLH/DPS will provide [specify ratio] adult supervisors at a ratio of [specify ratio] who can provide care for the children as they move from stage to dressing room etc., and to ensure that all children can be accounted for in case of an evacuation or an emergency.
- 74. The licence holder and/or DPS shall ensure that any child performer is licensed with Manchester City Council's Licensing Unit and accompanied by a registered chaperone. Documented records should be kept for six months, including the child's name, their licence number and chaperone details.
- 75. Where children are allowed on the premises, information shall be displayed [location] on what to do if there is a cause for concern regarding a child's welfare. This shall include reporting to Manchester City Council via its Contact Centre on 0161 234 5000 or mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk, or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (free 24-hour service) or dialling 999 in the event of an immediate threat.

Late night refreshment

- 76. Any hot food or hot drink provided after 11pm (late night refreshment) under this licence must only be consumed on the premises.
- 77. Between [specify hours from 11pm/days] customers must not be permitted to remove from the premises any hot food or hot drink (late night refreshment) provided at the premises.

Large events

78. The Premises licence Holder must comply with the Event Management Plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority and no changes will be made to the Event Management Plan without the prior written consent of the Licensing Authority.

Boxing and wrestling (including MMA and other combat sports)

- 79. The Premises licence Holder must comply with the Event Management Plan submitted to and approved by the Licensing Authority and no changes will be made to the Event Management Plan without the prior written consent of the Licensing Authority. The Plan must set out (but is not limited to):
 - (i) how fighters will be matched
 - (ii) the measures that will be in place to ensure the safety and welfare of competitors; including medical facilities and qualified staff provision
 - (iii) fighter details
 - (iv) layout of the venue
 - (v) competition rules
 - (vi) referee details including qualifications.

Adult entertainment

- 80. The premises may not show R18 films without the benefit of a sex cinema licence.
- 81. No person under the age of 18 will be permitted to enter or remain on the premises when any "relevant entertainment" (as defined in Schedule 3 to

the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 is taking place.

For reference:

Relevant entertainment is 'Any live performance or any live display of nudity, which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means).

Display of nudity means in the case of a women - exposure of her nipples, pubic area, genitals or anus; and in the case of a man - exposure of his public area, genitals or anus.

The audience can consist of one person.

Dispersal

- 82. The dispersal of customers from the premises must be managed in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Clear and legible notices must be prominently displayed at all exits requesting customers to respect local residents and leave the area quietly.
 - (ii) Public announcements requesting customers to leave quietly to minimise disturbance to nearby residents
 - (iii) A [specify minutes] period where [music volume is reduced / lighting increased / alcohol sales cease].
 - (iv) A suitable member of staff or a Door Supervisor[s] will be visible at each public entrance / exit to control the dispersal, to remind people to leave quietly, and to prevent patrons from re-entering the premises, and shall deter customers from using private hire vehicles without a prior booking
 - (v) All drinks and glass vessels must be removed from patrons as they leave to ensure no glass leaves the premises.

83. From no later than 1 hour before the premises closes to the public, a member of staff shall be dedicated to monitor the dispersal of customers and ensure patrons do not contribute to anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. They will be easily identifiable by way of their uniform or high visibility jacket / vest; will have a detailed knowledge of all transport options in the area and provide directions for patrons who may be loitering in the vicinity of the premises.

Additional Conditions in line with the Chairman of the Manchester Arena Inquiry

- 84. Reasonable steps must be taken to ensure all persons employed at the premises are aware of:
 - a. the current terrorist threat level; and
 - b. what that level means in relation to the possibility of an attack
- 85. All risk assessments for public entertainment venues must include consideration of the risk of a terrorist attack.
- 86. All persons responsible for security must be briefed at every event about the current threat level and risk of terrorist attack.
- 87. All public facing staff must be clear about what to do if the public report suspicious activity or unusual behaviour to them. Any and all suspicious behaviour by customers or members of the public close to the venue must be noted and be reported promptly so that investigations can be made and action taken, if appropriate.