

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 August 2025 16:54
To: Tucker Matt: H&F <Matt.Tucker@lbhf.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FW: Representation for case

Dear Matt,

Thanks for confirming receipt, and for safeguarding the distribution of the photograph.
As for my residential address it is:

16/6 Spottiswoode Street
Edinburgh EH9 1ER

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 August 2025 21:46
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>
Cc: Love Doug: H&F <Doug.Love@lbhf.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Representation for case

Dear Licensing Team,

Reference: 2025/01278/LAPRR

I am writing in order to make a representation for my daughter, 'C', born 29/06/09. I have included a photograph of C, taken on 23/08/25, as Appendix 1 (attached). **Please ensure that this photograph does not appear in the public papers.** My wife took our two children to London to stay with family friends in July 2025 while I was out of the country for work. On 12 July, according to my wife, C and our friend's two daughters went out by themselves and entered the premises of Best Quality Food and Wine. Despite our friends' daughters' advice not to, C bought a 700ml bottle of Smirnoff vodka with money given by her mother for food. My wife had no idea this had happened, as C kept the bottle in her bag. I have seen a screen capture of CCTV footage of C in that shop with her soft material bag and her friends.

The only way we knew about this surreptitious purchase was because of the consequences. On 15 July, while her mother was at work, I was looking after both children and I encouraged C to leave the house and get some fresh air. This is a common request. She said she would go to the garden. Her brother and I went further afield but, when we returned and saw her in the garden, she was acting very strangely, giggling and stumbling around. In conversation she seemed very amused by things and I remember saying to both children that she was either intoxicated or playacting (she loves performance and art). I made a mental note to keep an eye on her, and went inside

to cook dinner for us all. After about an hour or so, I called out to both children that dinner was ready. But I couldn't find C anywhere, and eventually her brother called out that C was lying behind the bed on the floor.

When I went in, she was there, completely unresponsive, and despite my loud communication her eyes opened briefly but remained closed. It was then that I started to panic and assumed she had taken some drugs and this was an overdose, so called the ambulance and followed instructions, putting her in the recovery position. The paramedics arrived shortly afterwards and flushed her system with IV (anti-opiates plus saline), after a failed attempt to insert a canula they finally managed this in her foot. This was rather disturbing to watch. The paramedics were also very worried about her, wondering about an overdose or maybe encephalitis given some of the behaviour she previously exhibited.

At no stage did we think this was alcohol: one of the first things I did when I discovered her in that state was to smell her breath, and the paramedics did the same shortly after they arrived. There was no smell (of course, in retrospect this would be the case with vodka). C spent that night and the following night in hospital, in the Intensive Care Unit, and put under heavy sedation to stop seizures. She was finally discharged on 18 July. After waking the morning after admission, she explained to her mother about the vodka, and told her where it was being kept. I then retrieved it from her wardrobe, and there was only a fifth of a bottle remaining.

This event has had a very disturbing effect on the family, with her 10 year-old brother finding her on the floor unresponsive in the first place, the panic for my wife and I, and for all of us witness to the visit by the paramedics and her being placed in the ambulance and taken to hospital. C has also been disturbed by this, hence the redacted copies of letters from her GP at Bruntsfield Medical Practice and her psychiatrist Dr. Evans from Edinburgh Psychiatry (see appendices 2 & 3).

C does look young for her age. In addition, she has a history of mental health issues that have disturbed her schooling, and exhibits anxiety in unfamiliar and especially public settings. She is extremely unconfident, unlike some other teenagers. Therefore I, for one, am amazed that anyone could believe she was of an age where it was legal to sell her alcohol.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Ref:
04 August 2025

To whom it may concern,

Re: Miss [REDACTED]

Tel: / [REDACTED]

I am writing to confirm that this patient experienced a severe outcome after ingesting alcohol on 15/07/2025.

She was found unresponsive after ingesting approximately 500ml of vodka, resulting in an ambulance being called, emergency attendance at the Accident and Emergency department (Royal Infirmary Edinburgh), and subsequent intubation and intensive care stay.

This is on a background of psychiatry input, low mood and regular fluoxetine (antidepressant) prescribing.

It has been alleged that the alcohol was provided to her by a retailer outwith their licensing permit (the patient is 16 years old and not legally permitted to purchase alcohol) – I would be grateful if you could take in to consideration the severity of the outcome above in regards to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Dr Kiran Jayaprakash
GP



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Date written: 01/08/2025

Date typed: 08/08/2025

Admin: JC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
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Re: [REDACTED]
DOB: 29/06/2009
Address: [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter in my capacity as the treating psychiatrist for [REDACTED] who is a patient under my care.

This letter is to confirm that [REDACTED] is a vulnerable 16-year-old with pre-existing mental health conditions. She recently required hospitalisation following an acute episode. The sale of alcohol to a vulnerable minor with these underlying conditions poses a significant risk to her health and wellbeing.

I wholeheartedly support the case being brought against the establishment that sold her alcohol. Enforcing the law in this instance is crucial for protecting vulnerable young people in our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Kind regards

Dr Franciske Evans
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