

## **Licensed Premises Gaming Machines** **JD Wetherspoon Policy and Procedure Overview**

We understand when considering this application that the Licensing Authority will consider the 3 objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 and therefore have set out below the policies and procedures JD Wetherspoon undertakes in its pubs to promote this objectives. In addition the Gambling Commission's "Gaming Machine Permits Code of Practice is complied with.

### **1. Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling;**

To ensure that no persons under the age of 18 are permitted to play on our gaming machines, we abide by a Challenge 21 policy in all of our premises. Under this policy, all of our employees are trained to ask any customer who appears to be under the age of 21 years to provide valid proof of age that they are over the age of 18. When in use, Door Supervisors are also fully briefed on our policy and what is expected of them in the implementation of the same.

J D Wetherspoon has adopted the industry standards and the recommendations of the Gambling Commission and recognises only the following forms of identification as valid forms of proof of age:

- National passport
- Photographic Drivers' Licence
- United Kingdom 'PASS' accredited age identification card with photograph.

In certain circumstances, other forms of ID are accepted at the discretion of the manager on duty such as international ID cards or military ID cards.

We apply this policy to all age restricted activities on our premises.

All employees receive induction training on our Challenge 21 policy when they commence employment with the Company and then receive regular refresher training. All employees complete video training, quizzes and sign a letter to confirm that they have had this training and understand their responsibilities. All training records are retained on personnel files and these files are regularly reviewed by the pub management team and members of our Retail Audit department to ensure that the training system is being satisfactorily completed.

Staff compliance with our Challenge 21 policy is tested by a number of means:

1. Management review of a 'refusals log' which records when and how often bar staff are recording when a sale has been refused.
2. Independent mystery visitors who are aged 18 and 19 years are sent into our pubs to test compliance with our Challenge 21 policy.

Our Challenge 21 policy is also actively promoted within the premises using self-adhesive signs at every entrance, staff wearing 'It's my job to ask' badges and posters throughout the premises.

All front of house staff are aware of their responsibility for preventing underage gambling.

All machines are situated in a place where their use can be supervised.

**2. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime; and**

The power to all gaming machines is turned off after the pub has closed to ensure potential thieves are not attracted by the lights in the pub.

JD Wetherspoon pubs also have two types of alarm systems, the panic alarm and intruder alarm, which cover the majority of the pub including the customer area where gaming machines are located.

The monitored intruder alarm covers the main entry points when the pub is closed. It is mainly activated by a forced entry into the pub triggering the door contacts or motion detectors. This pub is internally described as having a 'level 1 response' to its alarm system, meaning police response. This is an automated system which feeds through to Secom central station, our alarm consultants, who notify the police and the registered key holders of the pub.

JD Wetherspoon prides itself on provide safe, well run premises for all people to enjoy themselves in. Over our estate of 780 pubs we spend considerable time and resources ensuring they are all well equipped with adequate and appropriate CCTV coverage.

**3. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.**

All of our AWP machines are located in well supervised areas fully open to the public at large and are provided by reputable companies.

**JD Wetherspoon PLC  
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