

FOI 116/2015

REQUEST

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request details of your Council's involvement with ID verification systems (for example, Patron Scan <http://www.patronscan.com/id-scanner-for-bars/>). Specifically I am asking for:

1. Whether or not the Council makes it a licensing requirement to install ID verification systems (e.g. in pubs, clubs, other venues)
2. The number of venues that have accepted such terms
3. Any official documentation relating to the operation of such systems.

I request that the information be correct as of 1st February 2015.

RESPONSE

When the Licensing Authority receive an application for a licence under the Licensing Act 2003, each premises application is looked at separately and sent to the responsible authorities for comments and any representations. Some premises may have a condition on their premises licence to ensure that an age verification policy is in place at the premises but at no time has a condition been put on a licence to ensure a ID Verification computer system has to be installed.

The Licensing Authority at Tendring District Council do not make it a requirement on licences to install such ID verification systems unless requested by the applicant or responsible authorities.