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<p>unable to gain access to the venue. There were times when I felt that we were struggling to apprehend all of those with alcohol and deal with other issues due to us being a team of three and there being a huge number of people in the area.</p> <p>At 2000 hours, the venue opened and people started to make their way inside but it was clear that there were still a large number of people waiting to get into the party even by 2030 hours. A young female was brought out of THE GRANGE by door staff, having drunk so much that she was unable to stand up. Sgt KIRTON dealt with her whilst PCSO CUSICK and I helped to police the queue at the venue and to assist door staff who were having to eject other persons due to intoxication. Many people who had queued were being turned away as the venue was already at maximum capacity which resulted in groups of annoyed and frustrated people hanging around the area hoping that they would get in.</p> <p>At around 2100 hours, the staff at THE GRANGE took the decision to close the party due to ongoing issues inside. We were asked to assist with this and I made my way to the entrance gates where 500+ people were starting to leave with many others attempting to get back in to the venue and others being abusive to door staff. As the crowd left the venue, they remained static on GRANGE ROAD which resulted in a mass of persons congregated on the pavements and the road. We attempted to keep the crowd moving away from the venue but due to the sheer numbers, we were completely outnumbered and this only worked to a point. I heard via Airwaves that Sgt KIRTON had requested other resources to assist and shortly after, a few officers arrived. There were several scuffles which broke out on GRANGE ROAD and one male was arrested for public order. In my time on the town beat team and having dealt with other under 18 parties, I have never seen the volume of people that were present at this event, especially on what would otherwise be a quiet weekday night.</p> <p>The crowd slowly started to move and the crowd dispersed in different directions. It was then clear from CCTV operators that a large group had headed towards MCDONALDS, NORTHGATE and we made our way to this location. On arrival, the restaurant was overflowing with people and only three members of staff were working. PCSO CUSICK went inside the restaurant to assist staff with the queue whilst Sgt KIRTON and I remained outside dealing with other issues until midnight when the premises closed.</p>	
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<p>It is my belief that if we had not been on duty on this evening, there would have been carnage in the town centre due to this event alone. The sheer number of underage young people converging on one venue and having consumed alcohol before arriving was a recipe for disaster.</p>		
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Statement of		Andrew CUSICK
Age if under 18 + 18 <small>(if over 18 insert 'over 18')</small>		Occupation: PCSO 7355
<p>This statement (consisting of one page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.</p>		
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 15/02/2012
<p>I am the above the above named Police Community Support Officer of Darlington Police station. I currently work in the Darlington Town Centre BeatTeam. About six weeks ago I received a call from a concerned teacher at a Darlington School who told me that the Grange Bar in Grange Road, Darlington were planning on hosting an under eighteen party. The teacher was quite concerned because at a previous event at the Grange a year 9 pupil had been found drunk and incapable and was subsequently hospitalised. The venue had been booked by a sixteen year male [REDACTED] who had previously held a successful birthday party at the venue. [REDACTED] would be responsible for promoting the event and selling the tickets. The party billed as "Atmosphere" had its own face book page managed by [REDACTED], with details on how to obtain tickets from the various representatives based in the town's comprehensive schools. The face book page indicated that these tickets were being sold quickly. I had concerns for the event as at previous events there had been some violent disorder with youths becoming intoxicated before attending the premises and also sneaking alcohol inside. Previously a coloured band system had been in place to enable over 18s to purchase alcohol. Some of the over 18s had then subsequently complained to me that they had put their drinks down and they had then been stolen. I was also concerned as when I viewed the invitation list there was a number of names on it who are well known to Police and whom I expected to cause disorder. Also I had received reports that children as young as 14 had acquired tickets. The event was scheduled to take place on Wednesday the 15th of February 2012. My concerns were such that I brought it to the attention of Sgt 690 KIRTON and agreed to work over time to police the event with Sgt KIRTON and PCSO 7440 HEINZMAN. The event was due to commence at 2000hrs and at 1800hrs we commenced mobile patrol in the town centre with my colleagues in order to proactively seize alcohol in an attempt to prevent youths becoming excessively drunk. By 1930hrs we had recovered seized or disposed of approximately forty litres of alcohol hidden in bushes near to the venue and from youths making there way to the venue. At 2000hrs the venue opened and several hundred young people entered the venue I was still engaged in stopping youths with alcohol and preventing youths who could barely stand up straight from being able to get into the venue. I have worked in the town centre since May 2011 and have never witnessed this volume of people out in the same location on a Friday and Saturday night never mind a Wednesday. This was out of the ordinary and I was aware that some of the youths who were attending would be there for the purpose of causing</p>		
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trouble and if they did so that the potential for disorder would outstrip our resources to Police it. At approximately 2020hrs door staff appeared with a young 14year old female who was unconscious due to alcohol. I helped Sgt KIRTON carry her to a nearby bench where we could put her in the recovery position. The female was pale had no motor control and her eyes were rolling back in her head. If door staff had got her to the gate and we had moved off to deal with an incident I am interested to know what they intended to do with her as this was not a drunken adult, this was a child in a vulnerable state. Sgt Kirton requested an ambulance via Comms and was given an arrival time of 26 minutes. I left Sgt KIRTON to care for the female while PCSO HEINZMAN and my self carried on seizing alcohol and dealing with other intoxicated youths including one who had attempted to pour alcohol into a Royal Mail Post Box. By now young people were wondering about outside the venue that had either been turned away or ejected who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The venue had been oversold and the doorstaff had closed the outer gates and were only letting people in on a one out one in basis. This resulted in a large group of youths pushing forward into a confined space against a gate. I moved in several times to move the group back to prevent a crush. Just after 2100hrs the manager came out of the venue and informed us he was closing down due to problems inside. Shortly after that door staff contacted us on the link radio requesting assistance to clear the premises as there were fights breaking out inside. We assisted with clearing the venue, I tried to clear the youths who were still trying to get into the venue away from the gate in order to allow those leaving to get out. We kept the young people moving as they exited out onto Grange Road. Within about five minutes we had approximately five hundred young people stood on Grange Road. I moved onto Grange Road where I broke up several fights at the pushing and shoving stage. Youth were walking in front of cars and as members of the public in nearby restaurants saw the masses they were rushing to their parked cars as they were anticipating damage. For their safety I had to close the road at the junction with Victoria Road where I stood in order to prevent anyone being run over. Several officers eventually arrived and we managed to disperse the young people from the area. Another fight was reported in Skinnergate but I was unable to attend as the organiser of the event [REDACTED] had come out on to the street to await a lift and various youth were threatening him that they wanted their money back. For his safety I remained with him until his lift arrived while my colleagues went to Skinnergate. When we did eventually get the youths to move on the main group moved through the town centre to McDonalds Restaurant in North Gate. We parked up outside the restaurant and with a few minutes the manager came out and requested assistance inside, due to problems with customers. The restaurant was full to capacity and the manager only had three members of staff on duty. I had to enter the restaurant and assist in organising orderly queues to avoid any further confrontation where I stayed until 11 pm when the restaurant closed. Macdonalds had been trashed there was food drink and rubbish all over some youths were forcibly removed due to their aggression and behaviour and the sink in the downstairs WC was

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<p>ripped from the wall forcing the only disabled access toilet to be put out of action. Wednesday is not usually very busy in Darlington Town Centre and we were not due to be on duty had I not been on duty with my colleagues I believe the event could have been very much worse. This event failed because young people had consumed alcohol prior to event that took effect once inside. The venue had no control over the ticket sales and it is believed tickets were duplicated resulting in the restricted capacity being breached. Some youths who attended were well known trouble causers and it was them that started the fights inside. Alcohol was served to over 18s on a one drink at a time only basis but there was no control on where the drink went after that. [REDACTED]</p>		
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<p>Statement of [REDACTED]</p> <p>Age if under 18 0/18 <small>(if over 18 insert 'over 18')</small> Occupation: [REDACTED]</p> <p>This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.</p> <p>Signature [REDACTED] Date: 7th March 2012</p> <p>Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> (supply details on rear)</p> <p>I am employed in the above capacity at McDonalds in Northgate, Darlington. Although I have worked for McDonalds for about nine years, I have spent the last three and a half years at the above outlet.</p> <p>On Wednesday 15th February 2012, I started work at 3.30 p.m. The outlet closes at 11 p.m. each night. In my experience, Wednesday nights are among the quieter nights, occasionally an Orange Wednesday cinema event can increase footfall.</p> <p>On the 15th February, by 8 p.m., the staff had reduced to four in total, including myself, this is a normal deployment for a Wednesday. A further staff member from the four was due to finish at 9 p.m.</p> <p>At about 9.10p.m., there was a sudden influx of males and females, I would guess aged anywhere between 13 and 17 years, some were a little older. Within 10-15 minutes, so many had entered the premises they filled the dining area, and filled across the serving counter. I saw a large number outside who were trying to get in.</p> <p>Those at the counter were all shouting for food, and verbal arguments began to break out. My staff member who was to go off duty remained, but I quickly became concerned as to being unable to control the situation. One male who was drunk, I would say was 15-16 years, was refused service and became abusive, but he left the counter. It was after this incident I was concerned enough to call the police to help us control a potentially volatile situation.</p> <p>The police attended very quickly, and three officers tried to control the large group outside. One of the officers then came inside and stood by the counter to prevent a breach of the peace. All the officers were needed until about 10.30 p.m., and the officer inside was needed until we closed at 11 p.m.</p> <p>In my experience at this restaurant, I have never known the premises to be so busy on a Wednesday night or indeed on any other night not a pre-planned event, such as Halloween and Bonfire Night.</p> <p>Signature: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">43.</p>	
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I became aware during the time the premises were full that the vast majority had come from an event at "The Grange", called Atmosphere. I was serving for a period of time behind the counter and as such was close to those I served. In my opinion, at least half smelled of alcohol or appeared under the influence of alcohol.

I am in no doubt that it was the prompt presence of the police which prevented a larger public order problem.

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