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# Heddlu Police

# DYFED-POWYS

**FOI Reference: 201/2020**

**Request:**

- 1) Please provide information on your Bob scheme, behave or be Banned, how you come to your decisions of the vote
- 2) Is everything looked into before decisions.
- 3) How are the police involvement with it.
- 4) Do you get the right to go to a meeting when it's decided.

**Response 1:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

The Behave or Be Banned scheme (BOBB) is owned by the licensed trade. Its objective is to address criminal and disorderly behavior, which may adversely reflect on the quality of service offered by the licensed trade in the area. It is operated in partnership with Dyfed Powys Police.

Its objectives are

- a) To promote a safe and secure environment for customers within the night time economy on, or in the vicinity of or connected with licensed premises.
- b) To support the Licensing Objectives contained within the Licensing Act 2003
  - Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
  - Public Safety;
  - Public Nuisance;
  - The Protection of Children from harm.
- c) To reduce the use of controlled drugs.

The scheme has been developed to prevent the following persons from entering the premises of BOBB members:

*Persons having been given a Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND), a Caution (including youth or final caution), Adult Community Resolution (ACR), Formal Warning or Charged with offences involving: -*

- a) Acts of Violence - An offence under the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and Common Assault (Criminal Justice Act 1988).
- b) Causing criminal damage;
- c) An offence under the Public Order Act 1986;
- d) Possession or supply of a controlled substance;
- e) Possession of an offensive weapon.

It must be noted that the majority of offences will be committed by people who have consumed alcohol and drugs. However, this may not be the case and people committing such offences may be banned whether alcohol and drugs have been consumed or not.

**Response 2:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

An official member of the scheme may nominate a person to be banned for the subsequent consideration of the committee. The nomination should reflect the specific objectives above. There is an option for the member / committee to then submit a written request for data from the police, who will consider whether the release of the data is justified for the purpose of the prevention of crime and disorder. The police can also present information for consideration by the Licensees.

**Response 3:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

The BOBB scheme committee will oversee the scheme, consisting of at least four members who will decide on behalf of the whole membership whether to exclude those troublesome persons to achieve the stated objectives. The committee will meet when required and in decision making a simple majority vote will determine a decision. Should there be a split vote then the Chair person will have the final say.

The police will attend a BOBB Committee meeting to provide impartial guidance, advice, information and support as necessary. Police will neither influence nor take part in the voting process.

**Response 4:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

BOBB Scheme members and a Police representative are the only persons in attendance at the meetings.

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**It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.**

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 31/03/20)