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It's been a busy month, and this newsletter is jam-packed with important updates. We share firstly an update on how COVID-19 is affecting the private security industry, and on critical-worker status.

In our public protection section, as it was International Women's Day this month, we're sharing stories of women who have shown bravery and acted quickly to protect the public. We also share the counter-terrorism app that NaCTSO has launched.

This month's enforcement update features the Lancashire man sentenced for working as an illegal security operative 93 times. We also feature two other prosecution stories about a security director pleading guilty to supplying unlicensed guards, and an on-the-run east London ID fraudster who is due to

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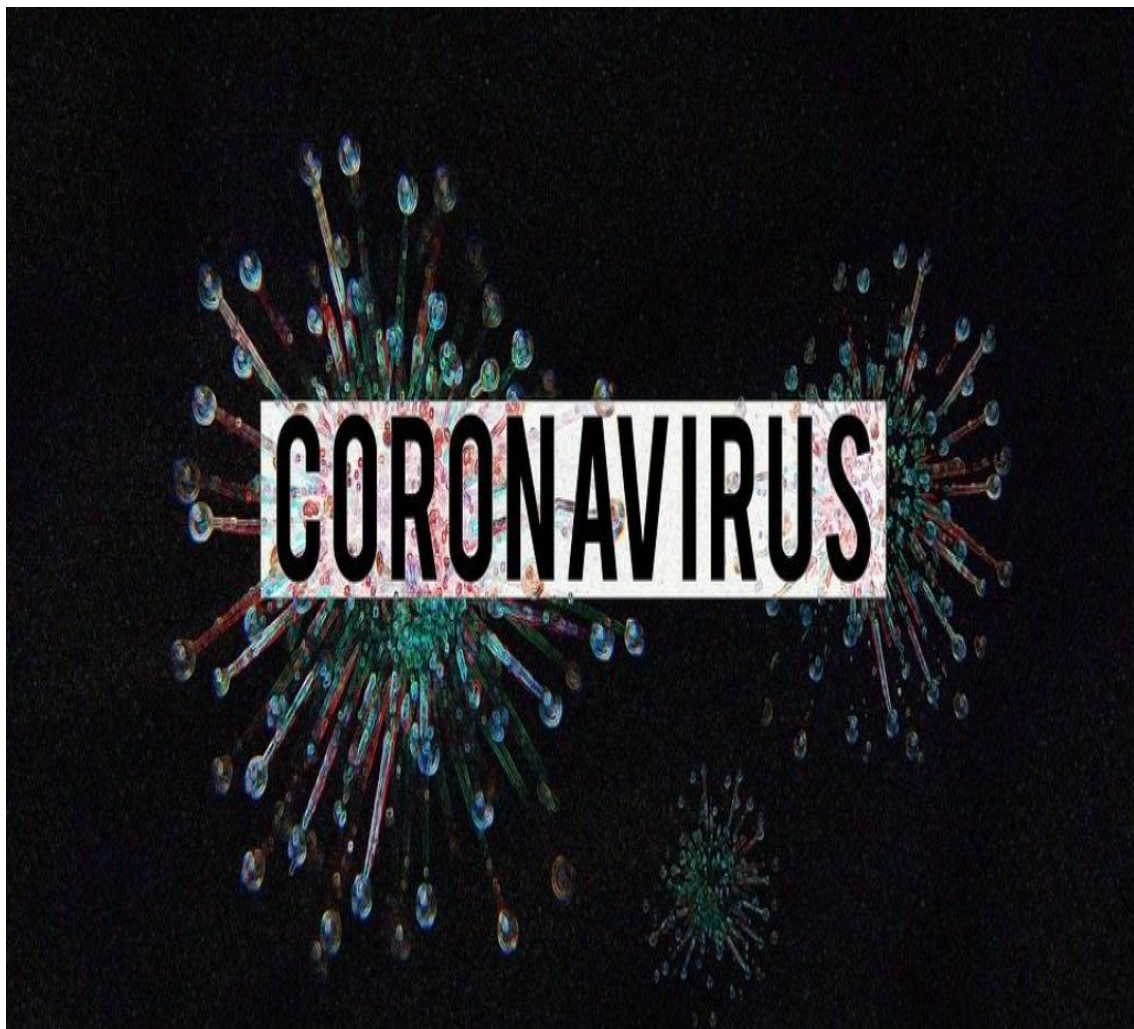
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In the 'Licensing Matters' section this month, we share the good news that the licence fee has been reduced further: from 01 April 2020 it will be £190. This is for new applications and renewals. In our 'Explaining the Licensing Process' article we look at renewing a licence, and when you can start the process.

SIA NEWS



COVID-19: Latest update and we answer your questions

In an update from our chief executive, Ian Todd, on Thursday 26 March, he confirmed that the current definition of critical worker **DOES** include regulated (licence holding) security professionals, essential to national infrastructure, operating in roles under the [8 broad headings listed](#).

This status is only directly relevant to the ability to access the school and childcare systems at this time. This critical worker definition does not affect whether or not you can travel to work - if you are not a critical worker, you may still travel to work where this absolutely cannot be done from home.

Ian explains that this is to prioritise pressure on the schools system, it does **NOT** extend to all licence holders. It is role dependent. The list may change over time.

Government advice is to stay at home whenever possible. It is to keep your children at home whenever possible - even if you are a critical worker. If, and only if, you are undertaking an essential role, supporting the nation's COVID-19 response, which you can only do by accessing the school or childcare systems, should you do so as a critical worker.

This definition covers, amongst other areas, security provision in hospitals; schools; social care; courts; government estate; supermarkets and the food supply chain; the transport network; national infrastructure and utilities. If you are providing essential security to a service which itself remains critical and functioning, which attracts critical worker status, then you are likely to be covered. If in doubt, check with whoever contracts for your services.

Roles essential to supporting law and order, with the potential to reduce demand on policing, also meet the critical worker definition. This would include, amongst other areas, the guarding of empty or closed commercial, retail or office premises; the monitoring of similar through CCTV or other

remote means; and the provision of alarm response centres including mobile units.

Read the full update online and get the latest updates and information on our website.

[Read our COVID-19 update here](#)

Your COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

To help you understand how COVID-19 may impact your work, licence application, enforcement and business we have created a list of Frequently Asked Questions. These are available to download from our website and clarify and signpost important information (document PDF, 196 KB).

[Download the COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)



Skills summit 2020

On Thursday 12 March, we hosted the inaugural Skills Summit at Friends House in London. The purpose of the summit was to outline a vision of how the industry could address the skills agenda in the private security industry. More than 120 delegates heard a number of thought-provoking presentations on a range of topics including:

- Explaining the need for a skills board led by industry
- The sharing of the skills strategy
- Career pathways for the industry
- Future proofing through continuous professional development
- How learning provisions can be used to raise standards

- The establishment of a Strategy and Skills Group

Our thanks go to those who presented and participated in the panel forum:

1. Neil Robertson, Chief Executive of National Skills Academy for Rail
2. John Rogers, Chief Executive of The Workforce Trust Development
3. Rick Mounfield, Chief Executive of the Security Institute
4. Andy Robbins of Incentive FM
5. Simon Ashworth of the Association of Employment and Learning Providers
6. David Scott, Managing Director of Skills for Security
7. Ian Pretty, Chief Executive of Collab Group
8. Abby Edmunds, Learning and Development Officer at FGH
9. Professor Martin Gill, Researcher and Director of Perpetuity Research

Delegates participated in various workshops and discussed:

- What an industry skills board would look like.
- How to develop commonly-recognised learning and development structures including continuous professional development (CPD), apprenticeships, and other learning frameworks.
- How defined career pathways for security professionals can help make the private security industry a career of choice.

Steve McCormick said:

“The event was a real success and I have never seen the industry so engaged on skills before Thursday’s event. It was really encouraging as real progress was made and we will be sharing the outcomes of the forum with the delegates in due course.”

Rollo Davies, Managing Editor, The Professional Security Officer magazine, said in his tweet:

“Truly excellent event held by the @SIAUK. Great to meet so many industry pros I normally interact with via social media. Lots of food for thought. Well done to all involved.” #SIASkills

Stuart Galloway, Business and Education Management, and Development and Quality Assurance Specialist said:

“A fantastic day with SIA and their #SIASkills with some of those who care passionately about developing the sector.”

The tangible outcomes were that 66 people have signed up to be part of the Strategy and Standards Group and we will be approaching each of them in due course to take this initiative forward. We will also publish a post-event pack that captures the day’s salient points and ideas put forward. You can watch the speaker highlight videos below:



Watch the speaker highlight videos from the SIA skills summit



Perpetuity wants your views for their current research

At our recent skills summit one of the presenters, Professor Martin Gill, introduced a new study to understand how security careers are perceived and how they can best be presented to attract and develop the next generation of talent.

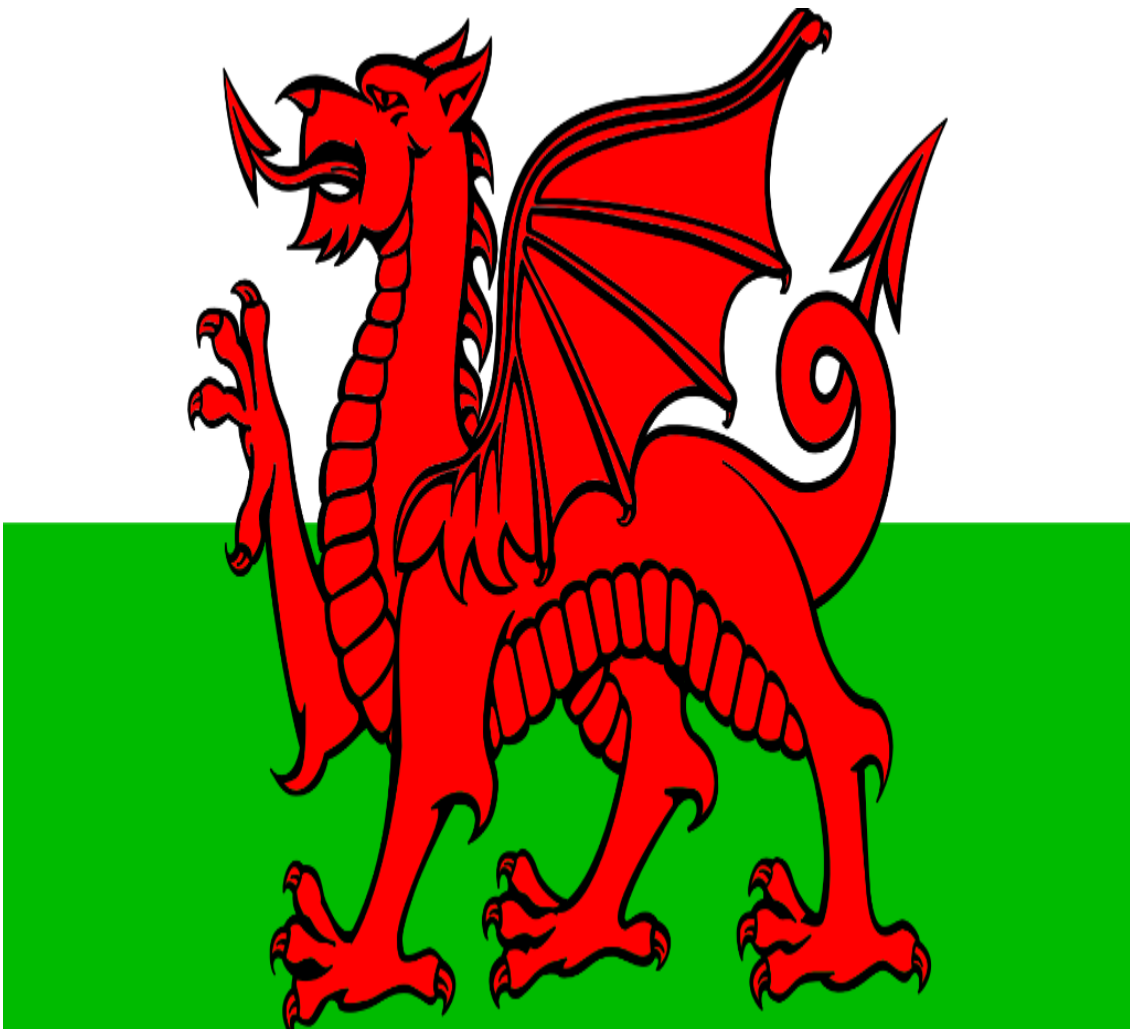
Perpetuity is carrying out a study to better understand how security as a career is viewed and what influences this. They are seeking the views of physical security professionals on a range of issues including:

- Aspects of security that make it attractive as a career

- Aspects of working in security that make it unattractive as a career
- What actions could make or highlight security as an attractive career

They want to hear from you. Please answer from your own point of view, from your personal experience of working in security. This survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

[Take part in the research here](#)



Welsh language scheme consultation

We're consulting on a Welsh language scheme. The scheme will set out how we'll communicate in future with Welsh language speakers.

The results of the consultation will help shape how we interact with Welsh language speakers. We've published a first draft of our scheme, and we're inviting you to let us know what you think of it. We want to make sure that we've got it right. Please share the consultation with anyone in your organisation who has an interest.

The consultation website includes our draft Welsh language scheme plus a survey.

The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 10 April 2020.

Following the consultation and a review of the feedback, we will submit the scheme to the Welsh Language Commissioner for approval.

We have sent an invitation to all licence-holders in Wales to contribute to the consultation. This includes the Welsh translation shown below:

Cyfle i ddweud eich dweud am ein Cynllun Iaith Gymraeg drafft

Rydym yn ymgynghori ar gynllun iaith Gymraeg. Bydd y cynllun yn nodi sut y byddwn yn cyfathrebu â siaradwyr Cymraeg.

Dyma eich cyfle i helpu wrth bennu'r ffordd y byddwn yn rhyngweithio â siaradwyr Cymraeg. Rydym wedi cyhoeddi drafft cyntaf o'n cynllun a byddem yn hoffi gwybod beth yw eich barn amdano. Rydym am sicrhau ei fod yn iawn.

Ewch i wefan yr ymgynghoriad i lawrlwytho'r cynllun iaith Gymraeg drafft a

dweud wrthym beth yw eich barn. Daw'r ymgynghoriad i ben am 5pm ar ddydd Gwener 10 Ebrill 2020.

Yn dilyn yr ymgynghoriad ac adolygiad o'ch adborth, byddwn yn cyflwyno'r cynllun i Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg i'w gymeradwyo.

Edrychwn ymlaen at dderbyn eich sylwadau.
Yn gywir

[Share your views in the Welsh Language consultation here](#)

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**Women
in Security
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Nominations open for the Women in Security Awards

Professional Security magazine's Women in Security Awards scheme 2020 is now open for entries. The closing date for entries is 07 August 2020. The awards are scheduled to be presented on 17 September at a black tie event at London's Globe Theatre.

The outstanding work of women can be submitted into the following categories:

- Security Manager
- Front line
- Business Manager
- Technical
- Contribution to the private security industry

The judging panel will include our Chair, Elizabeth France.

[Find out about the Women in Security Awards 2020](#)

PUBLIC PROTECTION



International Women's Day #SIAHeroes

We are championing security operatives who go above and beyond to protect the public. We want to share these stories with the private security industry and the general public.

As it was International Women's Day on 08 March, this month we are highlighting stories from women who work in the industry.

We are publishing stories featuring recent acts of heroism on social media to maximise their reach, using the hashtag [#SIAHeroes](#). Please keep an eye on these stories and share them, as well as sending us any of your stories of acts of heroism too.

If you have a story please send us:

- the name of the person,
- their date of birth
- their licence number(s).

Please send them to us via email by using the button below.

[Email us your #SIAHeroes stories](#)



Preventing a car pile-up after a hard day's security shift

In December 2019, Lowri Williams-Jarvis had just finished duty as a front line security guard at the Amazon Warehouse in Swansea, when she heard an explosion.

She saw a car come to a screeching halt, with one of its wheel arches completely bent and the hubcap sending sparks across the road, followed by an eerie silence. On investigation, she discovered it was a three-way road traffic collision, with two cars demolished and another further up the road. Seven people were involved. Miraculously, no one was badly hurt, though a few were in shock.

Lowri reacted quickly and focused her efforts on securing the area, as well as diverting on-coming traffic to another car park nearby, until Amazon's Operations and Health and Safety Teams arrived. She used her own mobile phone to update contacts. Once Amazon colleagues arrived, she assisted them in taking the details of what had happened and who was involved. According to eye witnesses,

one of the vehicles (which had five people inside it) had decided to reverse out suddenly into an already busy road, which caused the collision.

At this point the emergency services arrived to assess the situation, while the Amazon Operations and Health and Safety Teams focused their efforts on getting back to business as usual, as the incident had caused major disruption. Lowri decided to assist further by diverting traffic to ensure no other vehicles went up the main road.

Eventually the road was cleared and operations went back to normal. Following the incident, Lowri was approached by the Amazon Operations Manager, as well as the Loss Prevention Team and was awarded for her assistance. She was also awarded ICTS Employee of The Month for the Corporate Sector for December 2019 and the ICTS Going The Extra Mile Award.



Security operative saves a life during Trump protests

Adina Ochert of Milton Keynes provided first aid to an accident during protests against President Trump in Westminster in July 2018, and saved a life.

Adina was working as 'back-watch' security to a film crew covering the protests in Westminster against President Trump's visit to the UK. During her shift, she witnessed an accident where an elderly lady crossing the road was struck by a motorbike. She is a licensed close protection officer and her instinct was to go over immediately and provide first aid. She continued providing assistance when the police liaison officers arrived and worked with them to keep the woman alive.

Adina is a trained laboratory scientist. She spent a short time in the police before

working in the private security industry. She also served as a reserve soldier in the Royal Army Medical Corps, where she was a qualified medical assistant, so she did not think she had done anything out of the ordinary but her quick thinking saved this women's life.



Security supervisor prevents a gang war

Wendy Tomlinson, a security supervisor from Woodford Green in Essex, used her quick-thinking skills to prevent a major fight escalating between two young women.

In May 2019, Wendy witnessed an incident involving two young women which could have ended in tragedy, if hadn't been for her. They were shouting at each other and it all kicked off after another young lady called her friends, to come and get involved.

As soon as Wendy realised that this would result in a large fight and pose an emergency, Wendy called a Duty Manager to help with the situation. Unfortunately she couldn't get hold of him, so she decided to put her officers on standby and intervene herself. At that moment, a fight started in the canteen and Wendy immediately got between the combatants and shielded one of the young women.

The attacker then picked up chairs and started to throw them at Wendy and the young woman, before running outside to the front of the building and down the road. Knowing that things weren't over, Wendy had managed to call the police just before deciding to keep the other young lady inside the building and gather all her security to the front barriers. That was when the attacker came back with other people, including members of an Albanian gang.

They were looking for the young woman, who Wendy had put in her security room for her own safety, guarded by two of Wendy's security officers. Under Wendy's skilled supervision and guidance, they were able to contain the whole situation and keep it under control before police arrived. This is despite security being stretched to the limit trying to protect the young woman from continuous attempts to attack her.

In this incident, not only did Wendy save the young woman from being seriously injured, but she was also mindful of her security officers. In such a challenging situation, Wendy went well beyond her duty by selflessly putting herself in the front line and skilfully coordinating her team in what was turning into a gang war. For her bravery, Wendy was nominated by Professional Security Magazine for a Women in Security award in 2019.



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NaCTSO ACT app developed for business

The NaCTSO (National Counter Terrorism Security Office) has launched a new ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) app for your smart phone. The app is free for businesses and can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#). Download the Urim app in Google Play or App Store.

The app provides access to:

- Practical advice and guidance to help you protect a business, plus information on how to respond in the event of an attack
- Information on the police's counter terrorism suite of products, plus access to the online e-Learning package

- Suite of NaCTSO guidance videos
- Latest reference documents and publications
- ACT online reporting form and confidential hotline
- Emergency response and post-incident guidance
- Live-time news updates from UK Protect

Our colleagues were part of the testing group. Our Chief Executive Ian Todd, said:

“Everything you might need is there on your phone, ready to access at a time that suits you – day or night. Our verdict is that the ACT app could be a vital tool in helping prevent or mitigate against a terrorist incident. We will be encouraging all security businesses to sign up.”

The app is for business/professional use only. How to sign up: after you have downloaded the app then request from [Highfield Learning](#) a user name and password.

[Read the NaCTSO article here](#)

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE



Shrewsbury security boss ordered to pay £1800 and disqualified from being a director

A Shrewsbury security boss, whose former business partner has already been jailed for supplying unlicensed security guards, has been served with a confiscation order and disqualification in relation to the same offence.

Maria Francis, of Shrewsbury was ordered to pay £1800 within three months by Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday 09 March. If Ms Francis fails to pay the [Proceeds of Crime Act \(POCA\)](#) confiscation order she could face a jail sentence. She was also forbidden to hold a directorship for the next two years, and now has a criminal record.

This court order brings to an end a series of court appearances by Ms Francis following a successful prosecution we brought against her. In June 2018 Maria Francis pleaded guilty at Shrewsbury Crown Court to supplying unlicensed security guards, which is an offence under the Private Security Industry Act (PSIA). In July 2018 she was sentenced to a 12 month conditional discharge and the company was fined £2,700 and ordered to pay £500 in costs.

Francis was the director of Showtime Security Guarding Ltd, a business she shared with her former partner, Matthew Davies, who was jailed for perverting the course of justice.

Pete Easterbrook, one of our Criminal Investigation Managers, said:

“Maria Francis put the public at risk and profited from her criminality.

The court has ordered her to pay £1800 which is the amount that she benefited from her unlawful activities. She must remember that if she refuses to pay the order she will be jailed, and the amount will still need to be paid. She has also got a criminal record and will not be able to work in the private security industry again.

The recent court proceedings bring to an end our prosecution of Showtime Security Guarding Ltd who sent unlicensed guards to “protect” vulnerable people. The business chose profit over keeping the public safe.”



Lancashire man sentenced for working as illegal security operative 93 times

We recently prosecuted a Lancashire man for working as an unlicensed security operative on 93 separate occasions.

Neil Reddington, of Fleetwood, was sentenced at Blackpool Magistrates' Court on 28 February 2020 to 15 weeks' imprisonment for each of two offences against the Private Security Industry Act, to run concurrently. The first offence was working unlicensed as a door supervisor on 12 occasions; the second offence was working unlicensed as a security guard on 81 occasions. The sentence has been suspended for a year, with a requirement to complete a 25 day rehabilitation activity with the National

Probation

Service.

Reddington, who was employed by Evolution Security, had worked illegally at the Wyre Light pub in Fleetwood, Baines School in Poulton, and at the Poulton Industrial Estate.

The court additionally ordered Reddington to pay costs of £1,500, plus a victim surcharge of £115.

Pete Easterbrook, one of our Criminal Investigation Team, said:

“Neil Reddington knew perfectly well that he was working illegally. He had previously held a valid licence, so he was aware of the licensing regime that we operate to protect the public. He chose to ignore the law, and as a consequence he now has a criminal record. His deception took place over a lengthy period, and included work at a school. He will not work in the security industry again, and his case should be a warning to anyone who seeks to flout the law. We will always prosecute in the face of serious wrongdoing.”

Reddington had originally been found working at the Wyre Light in May 2019 by a licensing officer from Lancashire Constabulary who was following up on reports of unlicensed operatives at the venue. Our further investigation revealed that he had been working without a licence since at least August 2018.

We formally interviewed Reddington in July 2019. He claimed that he suffered from memory loss, and was unable to recall when he had been working. We saw signing-in sheets that had been completed with false licence numbers in order to aid Reddington’s deception.

We are also prosecuting Martin Coe, the director of Evolution Security, for providing unlicensed security services.



Whiston security director pleads guilty to supplying unlicensed guards

On Monday (09 March), Paul Bettaney, an unlicensed director of the now dissolved [security company Bett 5 Ltd](#), pleaded guilty at North Staffordshire Magistrates' Court for supplying an unlicensed door supervisor to a hotel in Stoke-on-Trent.

Our criminal investigations team began investigating Bettaney in March 2019 following reports that a door supervisor employed by Bett 5 Ltd, had worked at a hotel in Stoke-on-Trent without a licence from December 2017 until January 2019. The door supervisor was [prosecuted](#) and fined £200. He also had to pay costs of £300 and a victim surcharge of £30.

Our investigators checked whether Bettaney, as the director of Bett 5 Ltd, was properly licensed, and discovered that his licence had expired in 2014. Bettaney required a licence to operate legally in the private security industry.

Our investigation team made several attempts to interview Bettaney about his deployment of unlicensed security operatives. However, he failed to attend these interviews or engage with our investigators at any time.

As a result, the criminal investigation team took the matter to court, but Bettaney did not attend the hearings. The criminal investigation team then sought a warrant for his arrest and posted on social media to ask the private security industry to help to find Bettaney.

Following this call out Bettaney surrendered to the warrant and came to court. One of our criminal investigation managers, Pete Easterbrook said:

“By supplying unlicensed security operatives, Paul Bettaney, put the public at risk and prioritised profit. He then tried to avoid contact with our investigator and ended up in a worse situation.

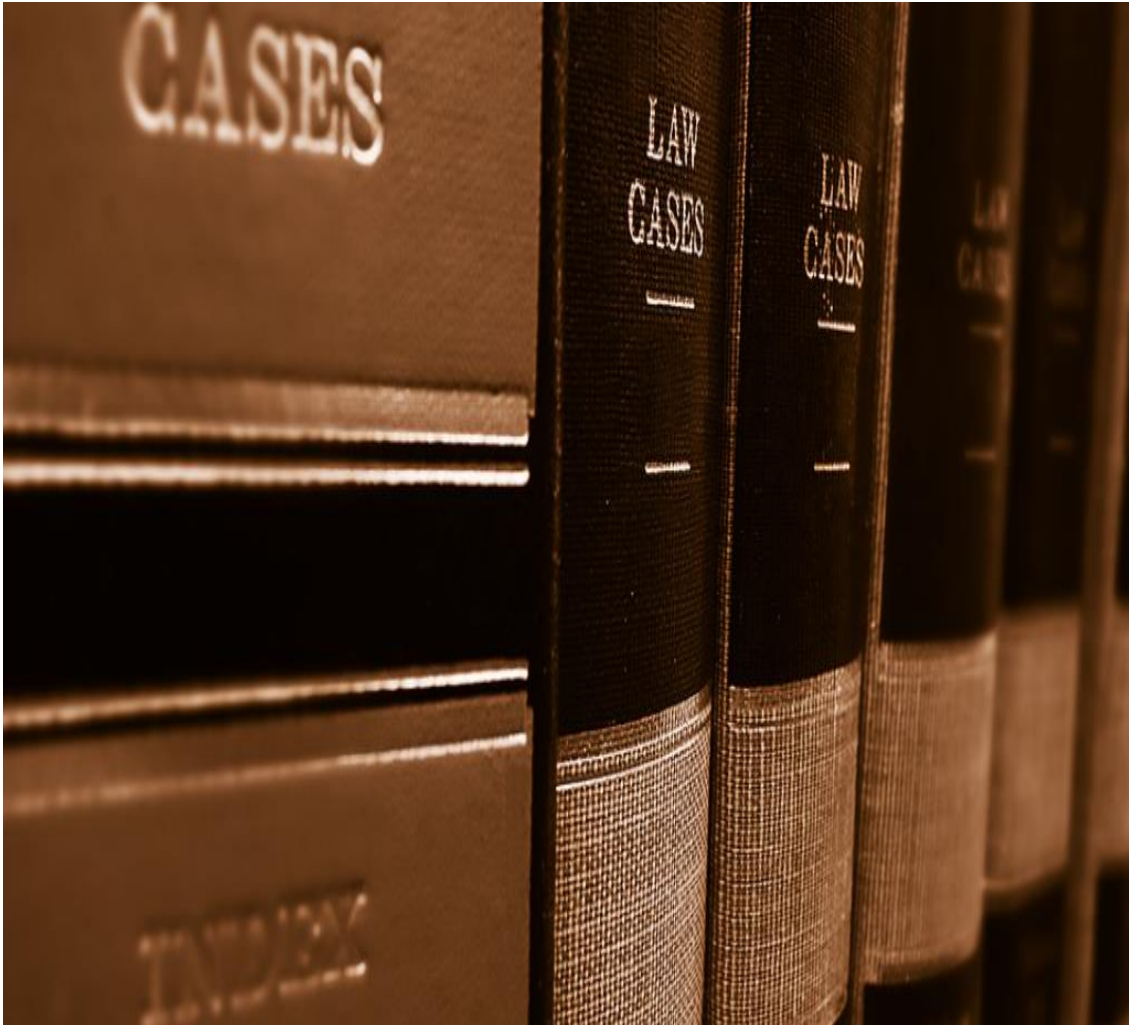
His guilty plea will mean he can no longer operate in the private security industry. This case should be a warning to other security companies who do not take the long-term consequences of supplying unlicensed security seriously.”

The case has been adjourned to later this year at Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court, where Paul Bettaney will be sentenced for supplying unlicensed security operatives. At this point the profits from his illegal activity will be considered under the [Proceeds of Crime Act \(2002\)](#).

The offence relating to the [Private Security Industry Act \(2001\)](#) mentioned in the above news release is Section 5: deploying unlicensed security operatives.

The [Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \("POCA"\)](#) sets out the legislative scheme for the recovery of criminal assets with criminal confiscation being the most commonly used power. Confiscation occurs after a conviction has taken place.

If a person has a POCA Order against them they have to pay it regardless if they serve a jail sentence.



On-the-run east London ID fraudster sought to start jail sentence

A fugitive from justice from east London who has repeatedly failed to appear in court on charges of using fake identity documents is being sought by the police in order to start a nine-month jail sentence.

On Wednesday, 26 February 2020, at Wood Green Crown Court, Emmanuel Forson was sentenced in his absence to nine months in prison. There is now a warrant out for his imprisonment. Last July a jury at Blackfriars Crown Court unanimously found him guilty in absentia of two counts of possessing documents for an improper purpose, contrary to the Identity Documents Act 2010.

Forson is a Ghanaian national who applied for a door supervision licence in September 2017. Part of the application process involves verifying an applicant's identity and their right to work in the UK. Forson sent us a counterfeit UK biometric residence permit, which was detected by our decision officers in conjunction with the National Document Fraud Unit.

Our investigators contacted the Home Office, who revealed that Mr Forson is in the UK illegally having overstayed his 2007 visa. Despite several attempts by our investigators to contact Forson, he failed to attend interviews or cooperate.

As a result, we proceeded to prosecution.

Forson then failed to engage with the judicial process, and missed a hearing at Thames Magistrates' Court in September 2018. The Metropolitan Police Service arrested him for a further count of fraud when he tried to open a Metro Bank account in London on 01 February 2019. His arrest was also in relation to our prosecution.

Nathan Salmon, one of our Criminal Investigations Managers, said:

"Forson was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, and now has a criminal record. He is currently evading justice which will make it problematic for him to live legitimately in the UK.

Forson has been found to behave in a way that is not fit and proper. He is a convicted fraudster who would be unsuitable for the private security industry.

By his actions he thought he could cheat the system and has repeatedly tried to use fake documents to appear legitimate.

We work with all government agencies and in this case with the Metropolitan Police Service, the Home Office, the National Document Fraud Unit, HM Visa and Immigration, and the Crown Prosecution Service. We will report back once Forson has been incarcerated.”

Forson has been known to reside in both the London and Luton areas. Anyone with information on his whereabouts can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

All first-time applicants must produce in person either their passport, UK driving licence, original UK birth certificate or UK biometric resident permit card for a face-to-face check.

Our digital checks also result in some documents being subject to further inspection using a verification scanner. In addition, in order to apply for a front line licence you must obtain an approved training qualification which also requires production of identity documents in person.

The offences were committed under Section 4 and Section 6 of the Identity Documents Act 2010.

[Find out about our completed prosecutions](#)

LICENSING MATTERS



Licence fee will be reduced from 01 April

To ensure that we do not hold unnecessary reserves, we will be making a further reduction to the fee we charge for individual licence applications.

From 01 April 2020 individual licences for all sectors will be reduced from £210 to £190.

The reduction applies to both new applicants and those renewing existing licences.

Licence holders applying for an additional licence after this date will pay 50% of the new reduced fee.

We are committed to ensuring value for money. This further reduction will be applied over a number of years, during which time we will continue to work hard to improve efficiency. This will enable us to hold the licence application fee at the lowest level possible.

Our Chair Elizabeth France said:

"Our aim is to be as efficient as possible and provide the best value for money for those we regulate. I am pleased to announce this reduction, which brings the fee down to the level it was at 16 years ago when licensing was first introduced."

[Read this on our website](#)



Explain the licensing process

Licence renewals

You can't renew a licence unless you currently hold an active licence in that sector. This is because the legal permission granted by the licence ceases to exist when the licence expires.

If your licence has expired and you wish to work in a licensable role, you need to apply for a new licence. The process is the same: we use the same application form, require the same documents and charge the same application fee.

You won't usually need to take the licence-linked training again; we will still accept the qualification you achieved when you applied for your original licence unless it has been longer than three years since you last held a licence.

We will accept your renewal application up to four months in advance of when your current licence expires. You will see a 'Renew Licence' button on your account Home page (you can see what this looks like [here](#)). You will also see that the 'Actions' button under 'My Licences' will include the option to 'Renew' (you can see what this looks like [here](#)).

If we have your email address on file we will send you a reminder that your licence is about to expire and explain what you need to do to renew it. However, we would like to remind you that:

1. Your licence expiry date is quoted in the letter we sent you when we granted it; it is also printed on the licence card and is featured in your entry on our public register of licence holders.
2. You are responsible for ensuring that you apply for your new licence in good time. We cannot be held responsible if you apply late and are unable to work as a result.

We strongly recommend that you renew your licence as soon as you can. Remember: **there is no standard timescale for licence applications.** The time taken to process your application will be affected by many different factors and so each application will be processed according to its own individual timescale.

[Read more about renewing your licence](#)



PASS consultation on digital proof of age

The UK's national proof of age accreditation scheme (PASS) is endorsed by us, the Home Office and the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC). [PASS](#) is currently leading a [consultation](#) to find a common solution to acceptance of digital proof of age in physical retail outlets including shops, pubs, clubs and cinemas.

PASS said:

“A growing number of people want to prove their age through a digital system on their phone as well as, or instead of having a physical proof of age card, and this consultation aims to help

them to do that by finding the best way for that proof of age to be verified.”

How will it work?

When a young person produces any card with the PASS hologram, the recipient only needs to check the image and the holder's date of birth.

PASS has published a consultation paper and it is open to anyone who has a view on this important topic. It is particularly aimed at digital proof of age providers, retailers, publicans, entertainment venues, users of digital proof of age, technology and data experts, public sector and enforcement bodies, and groups working with young people.

The key elements of the proposed solution are:

Verification of a valid digital proof of age through a retailer scanning a QR code on the customer's phone;

- A retailer being able to programme a common code into their till systems, or as a minimum, download a free app to use on their own phone;
- No exchange of data from the customer to the retailer;
- A defined focus on using digital proof of age in a physical retail environment, not online;
- Mirroring of the same PASS standards for verifying the age of an applicant before a physical card is issued, for digital proof of age companies.

What are the benefits to traders?

With the hologram in place there will be peace of mind that the information is correct, and the recipient can be confident that the card is a trusted form of identity. It should also make the identification process quicker and more efficient for every operator.

The consultation will run until 30 April 2020, and PASS welcomes views from all interested parties.

[Read the consultation and take the survey here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rescheduled security TWENTY 20 conferences and exhibitions

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unfolding, and the following industry events have been rescheduled to later in the year. Please note that at the time of the writing the information is correct.

Please find the new dates for Professional Security's Security TWENTY 20 Conferences and Exhibitions.

We will be hosting stands at the following events:

- 14 July 2020 - Manchester
- 05 November 2020 - London
- 24 November 2020 - Glasgow

Other Security TWENTY 20 events are

- 29 September 2020 - Belfast
- 01 October 2020 - Dublin

[Find out more information here](#)

Rescheduled IFSEC International 2020

We previously promoted our stand at IFSEC's annual conference and exhibition which was scheduled for May. This event will now take place:

Dates: 08-10 September
Location: ExCel Exhibition Centre, London

IFSEC 2020 is an opportunity to network and do business with the entire security buying chain. Meet government, private sector, critical national infrastructure, military, law enforcement, transport security, border security, security services, major events and emergency services visitors. This year it is running alongside the Counter Terror Expo (details below).

[Apply for your free place here](#)

Rescheduled counter terror expo 2020

CTX is the UK's leading networking event for security professionals from industry, infrastructure, government and policing. Its relationship with the Home Office, UK policing and industry makes it the market-leading event featuring suppliers of high-end security and counter-terror products, services and solutions.

Delivering a programme of thought-provoking content in the World Counter Terror Congress and in its three free theatres, CTX will feature a line-up of world-class speakers.

The programme will focus on the core themes of protecting people, critical infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response. Alongside our free theatres, we have the internationally-renowned World Counter Terror Congress, a closed door, paid for conference.

Dates: 08-10 September

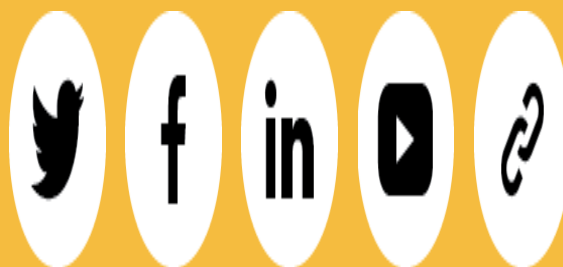
Venue: ExCeL Exhibition Centre, London

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