



South Yorkshire

POLICE

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Cllr E Goodman,
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Dear Cllr Goodman,

Thank you for your letter that I received today, with regard to your concerns over an article in the Daily Sport newspaper that implies that South Yorkshire Police operate an inconsistent policy in respect of Prostitution.

In my capacity as Staff Officer I open all the Chief Constable's mail and ensure each item is dealt with by the most appropriate person, and as quickly as possible. On this occasion I am able to answer your enquiry myself.

South Yorkshire Police operate a consistent policy of enforcement of sexual offences and do not have a policy of non-prosecution. The article you refer to has selected different issues in an attempt through sensational journalism to create a story rather than accurate reporting of the facts.

Local authorities have licensed premises as 'places of entertainment', not 'Brothels'. It is an offence to keep a brothel. The advantage of the licence is that it affords the Police access to detect and prosecute sexual offences.

I hope that this explanation clarifies the misunderstanding created by the inaccuracies of the Newspaper article.

Yours sincerely,

Police Sergeant 1986 Pat Casserly
Assistant Staff Officer to the Chief Constable.



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