

Hi Stewart

Subsequent to Karen Smyth's email regarding issues with party buses, I can confirm that we have concluded our enquiries and consulted with our colleagues and counterparts across the province through the NI Licensing Forum to establish if other Council had experienced any difficulties with the operation of party buses.

We have received confirmation from four council districts, namely Newry, Mourne and Down District Council; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council; Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and Mid Ulster District Council. From the councils that responded, it would appear that none of them have experienced any issues with party buses specifically, other than the problems associated with preloading and consumption of alcohol on buses when enroute to events and concerts.

From a Belfast perspective, party buses are not something we have a particular issue with either but we would also have concerns with the consumption of alcohol on buses when travelling to events, such as Tennents Vital and Belsonic, etc. You may be aware that when planning for and dealing with events where the consumption of alcohol enroute to the event is likely, that we put additional measures in place to mitigate the potential for problems and we engage extensively with the relevant statutory authorities and respective event promoters to support us in the process.

Unfortunately no one else has come back to me to confirm anything else or different to what I've stated but if I receive any further comments I will send these on to you.

I trust that the information provided is what you are looking for but should you need any further details or information checked through the Licensing Forum, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards  
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