

And may the best team win!

Suzanne Davies, director of Clifton Davies Consultancy Limited, passes on tips if you are going to be screening UEFA Euro 2016 matches

Parliament has approved a two-hour extension of hours for licensed premises, beginning at 11pm on both Friday 10 June and Saturday 11 June 2016, for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. There is therefore no need to give a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) to stay open until 1am on those nights.

That is great news, because these are the first two dates of UEFA Euro 2016, with Wales v Slovakia and England v Russia scheduled for the evening of Saturday 11 June at 5pm and 8pm respectively.

A helpful guide for those planning to show live matches in their pubs and bars has been produced by the BBPA in partnership with the Local Government Association and the National Police Chiefs' Council. Its stated aim is to "encourage police, licensing authorities and the licensed trade to work together to ensure a safe and successful tournament".

The full guide is available on the BBPA website (beerandpub.com). It recommends that licensees carry out risk assessments and record any decisions made, and it also includes the following advice:

- Check your Premises Licence conditions, as time is very short if a TEN is needed (for evenings other than 10 and 11 June)
- Contact your licensing officer for any information on local requirements and ensure that any local police concerns are addressed and contact them so they know in advance your plans for screening UEFA Euro 2016 matches
- Review access to your premises and consider restricting the number of entrances (should fire regulations permit)
- Check that all fire exits are completely clear and unobstructed and re-view your fire risk assessment
- Ensure there is sufficient room available

for the expected level of customers, and that there are contingency plans in place if this is exceeded

- Ensure sufficient staff numbers are in place and if you feel admission and control could be an issue, consider the use of door supervisors and/or tickets to control admission
- In addition to matches involving the home nations, be aware of games where the national team playing may also attract a large following from the local community and plan accordingly
- Check whether there is a public outdoor large screen event in the immediate area, because in the past problems have been caused by people spilling out of such events into local pubs
- Make taxi numbers/late night public transport/train information readily available to assist customers in leaving the venue safely after evening games
- Consider using plastic glassware such as polycarbonate to avoid unnecessary waiting for service and/or to lessen the risk of injury
- Think carefully about where TV screens are situated so as to avoid potential congestion
- If you have CCTV, ensure that it is fully operational with all cameras recording
- Monitor and control smoking areas, especially at half-time and at the end of the match
- In the event of trouble (a) outside your premises, keep customers inside and (b) inside your premises, call the police immediately and stop serving alcohol
- Make sure that the DPS/duty manager holds the keys for the front doors and can secure them at any stage
 - Pass on any concerns or reports of disorder to local police (and other premises if you are in a Pubwatch).

Have a great UEFA Euro 2016 and may the best team win! 🍀

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Questions & Answers



Q: I have heard that data protection laws are going to be tightened up. Will this affect my business?

A: You are right. Big change is coming. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force in mid-2018, replacing the current EU Data Protection Directive. It will be directly applicable in all EU Member States, without the need for any domestic legislation to implement it. Designed to give individuals within the EU more enhanced data protection rights and to introduce a stricter data protection compliance regime, it will affect all businesses that collect personal data, for example on their customers and staff, because they will have to obtain more explicit consent to use that data. The Information Commissioner's Office has published guidance on its website www.ico.org.uk on preparing for the GDPR that is worth reading now.

Q: Are we going to have to display our food hygiene rating in future?

A: At the moment, if your pub is in England you don't have to, but that may yet change in the future. I wrote about this topic in Pub & Bar in January (issue 109), but it has hit the headlines again recently with calls by the Local Government Association and the Food Standards Agency for compulsory ratings displays across England (in the same way as is currently required in Wales and Northern Ireland).

Pubs Code update:

In the last edition of Pub & Bar, David Clifton wrote about the Pubs Code that was intended to come into immediate effect on 26 May 2016 without any initial transition period. Since David wrote that article, the government has postponed implementation of the Code in order to correct "a small number of technical drafting errors" with the consequence that amended regulations are to be laid before parliament "as soon as possible, minimising the delay bringing the Code into force".

Tipping update:

A Q&A in the last edition said that nothing had happened with the government's investigation into tipping. It has now! A consultation is running until 27 June; see the gov.uk website.