

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES - SAFETY

As part of the GBG's focus on raising standards and protecting consumers, we will be signposting members to various broader corporate social responsibility initiatives, which are unrelated to the LCCP requirements, but demonstrate good business practices which members may wish to consider getting involved with.

- **Ask for Angela**

Ask for Angela is an initiative designed to give people who are in a vulnerable position a way to ask for help in businesses. This can be by asking a member of staff, scanning a QR code, ordering a special item from the online ordering app, etc. A key part of Ask For Angela is that members of staff know what to do in these situations and there are a number of free resources that can support venues to put Ask for Angela in place, including staff workbooks, downloadable posters, and advice for managers.

- **Women's Night Time Safety Charter – London**

Any organisations that operate at night in London can sign-up to the [Night Time Safety Charter's pledges](#). The Charter is part of the Lord Mayor of London's Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and London's commitment to the UN Women Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces global initiative.

- **Night Safety in Westminster**

[Westminster's Night Safety programme](#) comprises on street presence (Night Stars), safe havens, behavioural change interventions and on-street presence (Night Stars),

Safe Havens, behavioural change interventions and engagement and training with businesses to improve night safety in the West End.

- As part of this Night Safety programme, night time management specialists [Six Till Six](#) have been appointed by Westminster City Council to develop a **self-assessment Business Accreditation Scheme**, helping businesses analyse whether they are meeting best practices in their approach to women's safety and how they can improve. They are running a pilot of the accreditation scheme – please contact davidrandall@sixtillsix.com if you are interested in getting involved in this accreditation scheme. (Note: their definition of evening is being open at least one day per week for any length of time between 6pm and 6am)

DCMS SELECT COMMITTEE - GAMBLING REGULATION

The Select Committee has [published](#) the written evidence submissions for this inquiry. The Committee's clerk has advised that the original timetable for oral evidence and publication has been impacted by the continued delays to the White Paper publication. They are now looking at starting oral evidence sessions at the end of April, with hearings with industry representatives not expected before late May/early June, a couple of months later than originally indicated.

MEMBERS' AREA OF THE GBG WEBSITE

We now have a number of sections within the Members' area of the website for minutes of GBG Group meetings, Industry Standards, GBG submissions to consultations and other strategic documents. We will continue to populate these folders and going forward will advise when information has been added. If you have yet to register for the GBG's Members' Area – click on [the website](#), click on the "Members Area" box in the top right hand corner and follow the instructions to register, which is sent to Amanda to approve your access.

KEY MEETINGS IN THE RUN UP TO EASTER

22 March – GBG Exec meeting with Gordon Moody

24 March – GBG Exec meeting with WalkSafe

27 March – Peter is attending the DCMS Ministerial Round Table

30 March – GBG Exec meeting with the Institute of Licensing

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