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Dear

Thank you for your letter dated 13 June 1995 and the possibility of you making a general statement regarding the use of strengthened glasses in our night clubs.

This initiative began in 1993 when I supported the Torbay Borough Council's decision to add a condition whereby all drinking glasses in use in night clubs should be of a type, when smashed would fragment and not leave jagged edges. Only one club in Torbay dissented and went to Law in objection. As a result the condition placed on all premises with the benefit of a Special Hours Certificate (those that stay open after normal permitted hours) was amended to say all glasses in which drinks are served shall be of strengthened glass and no drinks shall be served in a bottle from which it is intended that a customer will drink.

This condition became enforceable from December 1994 and to date the police have had no reported assaults involving the use of bottles and glasses. I would like to publicise this success. I feel added weight would be given if the Hospital felt that there had been a decrease in the amount of patients that you are dealing with who have injuries caused by a bottle or a glass that occurred in one of Torbay's night clubs.

A general enquiry to this effect has been made by one of my officers to Mr Hugh Walters' office. However, I am sorry to hear that Mr Walters is indisposed and we were not able to gain any information.

I look forward to hearing from you and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



J D Seaton
Chief Superintendent