

Licence suspended – Ingliston event cancelled tomorrow

DJ HARDWELL EVENT CANCELLED

The City of Edinburgh Council has suspended the licence for the DJ Hardwell Dance Event at the Royal Highland Showground, Ingliston, tomorrow night Saturday, 8 February. The event will not now go ahead.

The decision was taken after concerns were raised by Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service following an event involving the same DJ in Belfast last night and the tragic death of teenager, Regane MacColl, in Glasgow last weekend.

More than 100 young people had to be treated for the effects of alcohol, and in some cases drugs, at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast.

Cllr Gavin Barrie, Convener of the Regulatory Committee, said: "We have taken the difficult decision to suspend the licence on the grounds of a serious threat to public order and safety following advice from Police Scotland and health officials after what happened in Belfast and Glasgow.

"We appreciate the disappointment this will cause to those who were planning to attend the event but protecting public safety must be our priority. Ticket holders should be able to get a full refund."

Superintendent Matt Richards said: "In response to recent information Police Scotland has received relating to public safety at events held elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the Force has expressed its concerns to the City of Edinburgh Council ahead of a proposed concert at the Royal Highland Showground on Saturday 8th February.

“Working with Council colleagues several legal powers have been utilised to ensure that those considering attending the event and wider public are protected. As a result of this partnership approach to harm reduction a decision has been taken to cancel the event.”

Anyone who had a ticket for the event should contact the agent from whom they bought their tickets and ask for a full refund. You may be asked to put the request in writing, in which case you should use an email address supplied by the agent or write a letter. If you send a letter, remember to keep a copy and send it by recorded delivery.

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