



Prevention & Support

Law Enforcement Support

Alternative Sanctions

We provide a means to take shop workers and bar staff out of the criminal justice system if they fail test purchases by providing a process for training and community resolution. In a similar approach to speed awareness training for drivers, our training provision can be tailored to provide an improvement scheme that enables swift resolution without the need for prosecutions or formal enforcement action.

Our alternative sanctions process is **FREE-OF-CHARGE** to the enforcing authority. The costs are met by a fee paid by the offender.



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OUR APPROACH:



*Low cost solutions
Free for Authority*



*Can be completed in-store -
no need for staff release*



*Achieves positive outcomes
for communities*



*Ideal for first time
offenders*

2 HOW IT WORKS:

Test purchase is completed and the seller is identified. A decision is taken to deal with the matter by an alternative resolution. At this stage no penalty notice for disorder or community resolution notices is issued.



The offender makes contact with UAS and pays the training fee. It is not a penalty. They are issued with the relevant work book and an appointment is made at a mutually convenient time for a face-to-face assessment. They then have a few weeks to work through the exercises and during the assessment undertake a knowledge test and ID verification.



This process is available using any of our five Awards in Preventing Under Age Sales (whichever is the most relevant to the offence):

- Award in Preventing Under Age Sales for Retailers**
Incorporating BTEC Level 2 Unit Credit in Under Age Sales Prevention
- Award in Preventing Under Age Sales for Licensed Hospitality**
Incorporating BTEC Level 2 Unit Credit in Under Age Sales Prevention
- Award in Preventing Under Age Gambling**
Incorporating BTEC Level 2 Unit Credit in Under Age Sales Prevention
- Award in Preventing Under Age Body Modification**
Incorporating BTEC Level 2 Unit Credit in Under Age Sales Prevention
- Award in Preventing Under Age Access to Restricted Entertainment**
Incorporating BTEC Level 2 Unit Credit in Under Age Sales Prevention

All of our training courses are BTEC accredited by Edexcel and provide one unit credit.



1 TEST PURCHASE COMPLETED...

2 ISSUE OF IMPROVEMENT NOTICE...

3 COURSE COMPLETED...

4 AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED OF OUTCOME

5 AWARDS IN PREVENTING UNDER AGE SALES



Issue an 'Improvement Notice', provided by UAS (see back page for an example of this). This notifies the offender that they have committed the offence and also discharges the notification responsibilities in the BRDO Code of Practice. The notice contains a conditional offer to allow the offender to improve by way of additional training. The issue of an 'improvement notice' does not bind the authority as to a decision made on how to dispose of the offence – that decision comes at a later date. There is (theoretically) up to 12 months within which the decision can be made (s.186(3) of the 2003 Act).



The authority is notified of the outcome of the training.

IF THE OFFENDER COMPLETES THE COURSE AND PASSES, the authority may issue them with a community resolution notice and no further action is required.

IF THE OFFENDER FAILS OR DOESN'T COMPLETE THE COURSE, the authority may make a decision about how to dispose of the case – either a community resolution notice (perhaps with other conditions), a penalty notice for disorder, a conditional caution, a summons or perhaps further investigation or a further test purchase.



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AN EXAMPLE OF OUR IMPROVEMENT NOTICE:

We provide your enforcement officers with a triplicate pad of 'Improvement Notices' that are fully compliant with the community resolution process.



RELATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

- **Law Enforcement Support - Test Purchasing**

The management and coordination of test purchasing can be very challenging, time and resource intensive. Under Age Sales can help with that by supporting your existing local enforcement officers.

Take a look at our leaflet for more information.



- **Training & Qualifications - For Front Line Staff**

- **Training & Qualifications - Law Enforcement Officers**

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