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HSA CLARIFIES ON ALLEGATIONS AGAINST INVESTIGATION OFFICERS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is aware of an online post making allegations about the actions of HSA's investigation officers. We wish to clarify that the accusations are false. HSA officers had carried their duties professionally, without any harassment or threats made as alleged.

2 The accusations were made by an individual whose tobacco retail licence was suspended because his shop was found selling tobacco to an underage minor. This individual and relevant parties are currently assisting HSA in investigations with regard to further violations to the Tobacco Control of Advertisements and Sale Act (TCASA).

3 The individual was informed to assist in investigations and asked to attend an interview at HSA's office on 29 September 2017. The HSA officer had provided the individual with drinks during his interview. HSA's CCTV footage records also showed that the individual had also freely left the unlocked interview room several times to attend to personal matters.

4 On the evening of 7 October 2017 and the morning of 8 October 2017, HSA authorised officers had visited the homes of the relevant parties to serve them a notice to attend another interview, due to new evidence uncovered during the ongoing investigations. HSA's investigation officers had performed their duties professionally by knocking on the door briefly and left when no one was home.

5 HSA would like to assure members of the public that our authorised officers will continue to dutifully conduct themselves professionally and as empowered by the law. We take a serious view on persons who make unfounded accusations against our authorised officers.

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