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Incident 1: Saturday 11th December 2021 between midnight and 01:00 hours the following morning a female was in the venue with her friends when a man she did not know started hassling the group. The female asked him to leave them alone. Without warning the man has punched the female victim in the face. The female has sustained a large bruise on her face.

Incident 2: In the early hours of Sunday 19th December 2021 and around 00:04 hours, Cleveland Police received a report that there were six males fighting inside The Empire. On attending they found three victims of assault and one of the victims had also been the subject of a theft.

Incident 3: During the early hours of Friday 24th December 2021 at around 02:29 hours the victim contacted Cleveland Police stating that the door staff at The Empire had grabbed him and dragged him out of the venue where he was assaulted by an unknown male. The victim sustained a swollen face along with marks on his face sustained from dragging. His clothes were also ripped in the fracas.

Incident 4: On Saturday 8th January 2022 at 17:05 hours a report was made that at approximately 02:30 hours that morning the injured party entered the toilets in The Empire when he was attacked by a group of males. The injured party did seek medical attention and the cut above his eye was treated and closed with steri-strips. The victim also sustained bruising and a black eye as a result of the attack. He could not identify his attackers.

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Incident 5: On Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 16:42 hours a female victim reported to police that she had been hit over the head with a bottle, sustaining a cut above her eye which required medical attention. The victim was dancing with her friends in The Empire when she felt the bottle strike her. The cut had to be glued and closed with steri-strips by the hospital.

Incident 6: Late on Thursday 27th January 2022 at around 23:46 hours, staff at The Empire contacted police stating that they believed that a male in the smoking area had a knife on him. Staff had been having issues with the male for the past hour. It transpired that this was part of another incident where a male victim was on the dance-floor with friends when a male has barged in to him pulling on his shirt. The victim turned around to see who was pulling on his shirt when the assailant has head-butted him in the face causing severe pain and his nose to bleed and the victim has fallen to the floor. Police attended the venue and the assailant was pointed out by the victim and arrested by police. The victim sustained a broken nose as a result of the attack and was attended to at James Cook Hospital.

Incident 7: During the early hours of Sunday 6th February 2022, a female reported to the police at 03:23 hours that her boyfriend had been assaulted and was on the floor with ambulance in attendance. The female stated that the victim had been ejected from The Empire by door staff when a group of males have attacked him outside punching him in the head.

Incident 8: A female contacted the police at 14:07 hours on 6th February 2022 the following day after a night in The Empire. She reported that as she walked past the

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DJ booth a male started to be abusive to the caller's friend and pushed the caller.

The caller reacted and the male responded by hitting the female victim with a bottle on the head. The female victim fell to the floor and the male hit her again with the bottle and then again. The caller attended the hospital with **a head injury which was glued together at hospital.**

Incident 9: A report was received at 01:17 hours on Friday 11th February 2022 that there was a fight ongoing at The Empire between 4 door staff and a male. Middlesbrough CCTV reported that a male was bleeding from the head. The male kept going back to the door staff at The Empire gesticulating and taking his shirt off. Police attend and arrest the male for assault on the door staff.

Incident 10: Police received a call at 03:23 hours on Saturday 18th February 2022 reporting a fight at The Empire, reports that a male had been assaulted and the possible sighting of a knife. On arrival of police it was found that 3 to 4 males had been fighting. One male had sustained a broken nose but no knife was found.

Incident 11: On **Sunday 20th February 2022 at 03:25 hours** lead in on from a Saturday night, it was reported that a male had been assaulted and had sustained a head wound which was bleeding. The incident had happened outside The Empire, and **ambulance had also been contacted.** When police arrived they were directed to the suspects who were arrested at the scene. The victim sustained a head injury, a broken collar bone and had a foot print on his face.

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Incident 12: A call to the police was received on Saturday 26th February 2022 at 01:35 hours stating that his friend had been assaulted badly by one of the door staff and that he was bleeding from one of his eyes. One male was arrested for disorder and a crime was recorded for assault.

Incident 13: At 14:32 hours on Sunday 27th February 2022 a parent reported that her daughter had been assaulted at The Empire at around 23:30 hours on Saturday 26th February 2022. A female approached her daughter and threw a drink over her, the victim asked what she was doing and the assailant punched her in the nose which started to bleed immediately. The female victim attended hospital where the injury was glued and due to the swelling the hospital believed it could be broken.

Incident 14: During the early hours of Sunday 6th March 2022 between 01:30 hours and 02:00 hours the male victim was in the licensed premises. While he was on the dance floor a glass bottle was thrown across hitting the male victim on the head knocking the victim unconscious and causing a cut to his head. The male victim required hospital treatment.

Incident 15: On Thursday 17th March 2022 between 23:30 and 00:00 hours, the male victim was in The Empire with a group of friends. The male was on the dance floor dancing when he was approached by a member of door staff made comment about his dancing and his sexuality offending the male. The door staff also made threats to the male grabbing hold of the victim on three occasions. The victim spoke to the manager after the incident but the venue did not report the incident to police. The victim reported the incident himself later that day.

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Incident 16: This incident also happened between Thursday 17th March 2022 and the early hours of Friday 18th March 2022. The male victim was out with friends and was in The Empire, he has had a lot to drink and his friends have placed him on a sofa to the right of the entrance, at this time he has had no injuries. When they returned they saw door staff dragging the male out of the venue. When they catch up to the male he has sustained injuries, a badly swollen and blood shot eye, two cuts above his eyebrow, a two inch scratch on the skin over his collar bone and bruising under his arms.

Incident 17: During the early hours of Saturday 19th March 2022 at around 02:25 hours the venue has contacted police regarding a group of males who have been refused entry and are becoming aggressive with door staff. The males are becoming more aggressive. They have walked away but come back to confront door staff again. Police attend and arrest one of the males for being drunk and disorderly.

Incident 18: A report was made to the police on Saturday 2nd April 2022 10:26 hours stating that a male had been assaulted by the door staff, he was treated at the time by ambulance who also reported the incident earlier that morning 03:18 hours. Both reports allude to an attack on the male by door staff. The victim sustained a swollen and cut lip, and bruising/soreness around the rib area.

Incident 19: A concerned parent contacted Cleveland Police on 3rd April 2022 at 12:50 hours to state that her 15 and 16 year old children had both managed to get

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in to the venue (The Empire). The caller stated she is aware of 7 underage children who have managed to get in to The Empire. The caller stated that her children presented as extremely drunk when they returned home.

Incident 20: A parent contacted Cleveland Police to report her 16 year old son has been assaulted while he had been out on Saturday 3rd April 2022 at around 11:30 hours. At first her 16 year old son told her it was a house party, when challenged he has admitted he had gained entry to The Empire where he had been at 03:30 hours on Sunday 3rd April 2022, and was assaulted when he was outside the premises. The victim has had one of his top teeth dislodged and a split lip. The victim has clearly stated in his report to police that he has gained access to The Empire without being asked for ID and then later in night left The Empire and has then been involved in a fight.

Incident 21: On 5th April 2022 Intelligence has been received from a source that The Empire is allowing underage drinkers in to the venue without asking for ID to be produced.

Incident 22: The caller was at The Empire night club during the early hours of Friday 8th April 2022 with friends. A member of door staff has tried to eject the male caller and has used a homophobic slur against the male. Another member of door staff has tried to diffuse the situation but the original member of door staff has grabbed the male victim pinning him to the floor and hitting him.

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Incident 23: Middlesbrough CCTV centre have contacted police during the early hours of **Sunday 10th April 2022 at around 03:48 hours**, advising there were females fighting outside The Empire. Ambulance have attended and found an injured male, the side of his face is swollen. **Ambulance have identified that the male has a broken nose and take him to Accident and Emergency**. On leaving The Empire the male has been attacked by unknown males, one has hit the male to the face causing the resulting injuries.

Incident 24: Middlesbrough Council CCTV have contacted the police on **Friday 22nd April 2022 at 03:35 hours**, there is a male laid out who has been in a fight and have requested ambulance to attend for the male. The male has allegedly been attacked by door staff at The Empire causing injury to him. The male **refused assistance from the ambulance but was persuaded to go to hospital and taken there by police**.

Incident 25: On Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 00:39 hours a caller reported that there was a disturbance ongoing. A further report from the victim on 27th April 2022 stated he had spent two days in hospital, and that he believed he was assaulted by a member of door staff from the Empire and a further 7 persons. He sustained a deep cut to the chin which required stitches and sustained injuries to his legs. The group the victim was with have all been ejected by the door staff. The group have tried to get back in and there has been a confrontation between the door staff and the group, resulting in the male sustaining injuries.

Incident 26: During the early hours of Sunday 24th April 2022 at around 01:37 hours the victim contacted Cleveland Police to advise that he had been assaulted by a

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male known to him inside The Empire. The aggressor had struck the victim in the side of the face resulting in a cut above the victims left eye which required treatment.

Incident 27: An adult female victim contacted Cleveland Police during the early hours of Friday 29th April 2022 at around 03:10 hours stating that while she was in the queue for the Empire a male groped her bottom. Once inside The Empire a group of males started to hassle her and her friends, the group included the male she believed had groped. The door staff have ejected the female victim and her group and have ignored her complaint when she has tried to give her account. The female victim has made a complaint of sexual assault by touching to the police and expressed her disappointment at how the door staff dealt with the issue.

Incident 28: During the early hours of Saturday 30th April 2022 at approximately 01:50 hours a caller reported a male being aggressive with the door staff and requested CCTV coverage. Further reports indicate that there is fighting inside the premise when police arrive at the venue. Officers report that a male has been punched and knocked unconscious but is breathing. Other males causing issues resulted in one male being arrested for public disorder offences.

Incident 29: After a busy Saturday night into Sunday morning Police received an urgent call on **Sunday 1st May 2022 at 02:17 hours** from a male whose friend had been stabbed while inside The Empire. The male victim had a puncture wound to his back and was bleeding and **had to be taken to hospital for urgent treatment. The victim sustained internal bleeding with blood on his lungs.** The victim had a verbal altercation with a group of young males inside The Empire and when he walked

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away he had felt a sharp pain to his back. Three of the males arrested and interviewed by police are underage, two were 16 years old and one was 15 years old, they were inside The Empire and had been drinking alcohol. This is an ongoing investigation in to a serious assault.

Incident 30: Late on Saturday 28th May 2022 at around 23:57 hours the police control room received a call stating that a male was being violent with the door staff who have ejected him for issues inside the venue. He had been ejected half an hour before and was still causing issues with the door staff trying to fight them. The male left prior to police arriving.

Incident 31: In the early hours of Sunday 29th May 2022 at around 03:50 hours leading on from a busy Saturday night, the police received a report of a male with a possible machete at the side of The Empire. When police arrive they speak to the victim who was attacked inside the venue by an unknown male who had punched him in the back of the head. When the victim left the venue the same male has been outside and has again punched him in the back of the head. Fortunately the victim did not sustain any serious injuries. The male was arrested and interviewed

Incident 32: A report was made to the police on the morning of 2nd June 2022 at 09:32 hours, detailing that he had been in The Empire on the Wednesday night (1st June 2022). He had been upstairs with his girlfriend when a bouncer had come up to them and asked the male for his wristband without explanation. The male refused and the member of door staff got the male to the floor and started to punch him in the face. The male sustained a cut to his cheek and a black eye as a result of the

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incident. The male stated that the manager of The Empire had intervened, apologised and paid for the male's taxi home. He also stated the manager contacted him later and told him that the member of door staff had been sacked.

Incident 33: This incident again was reported on 2nd June 2022 and took place on the Wednesday night (1st June 2022) leading in to the Thursday morning (2nd June 2022) and was reported by a third party. The third party reported seeing a member of door staff confront a male and female on the upper dance floor shining a torch on the male. They saw the door staff asking the male to leave and the male and female ask the door staff what they have done. The member of door staff grabs the male and drags him down the stairs off the dance floor, then dragged bodily down another two flights of stairs, ripping the males t-shirt in the process and the male also lost a shoe. The reporting person notes that the male had bruising and red scratches to the right side of his cheek.

Incident 34: In the early hours of Sunday 12th June 2022 at around 01:59 hours a report came in to police of 2 females fighting with staff at The Empire. The two females had been ejected for their drunkenness and had tried to get back under the barriers when they were stopped by door staff. The females have become aggressive both verbally and physically.