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To whom it may concern

This is a representation in support of the Police in their recommendations that Mutiny in the Park festival be limited to over 18s in support of the licensing objective, the protection of children from harm.

I have attended every Mutiny festival in the City with my daughters including this year's event in Cosham. At this year's event I was shocked by the amount of drug use taking place, In the Big Top tent on Saturday I personally witnessed groups selling and consuming laughing gas with no shame and was disappointed by the securities response when I pointed it out to them. On Sunday I once again witnessed extensive dealing by two men that I had seen Saturday dealing, this time at the main stage. The two men were dealing laughing gas, pills and white powder in small bags. Once again I went to security that were stood up on a platform and explained what I had witnessed. I was then told to go and stand by these two men and stick my arm up in the air to identify them, despite the fact that they were openly inflating and passing balloons around. I was shocked that the security was prepared to put me at that level of risk.

I attend many festivals with my children and really believe that they can learn how to have a good time in a responsible way - sadly it did not feel like this was possible at Mutiny and the young people who were there were probably learning all the wrong lessons about festivals and going out, I would not take my children again and I am concerned for the safety of other peoples who would attend the event in the future.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Sandra Patterson