

ANON: Testimony by a former lap dancer given to Sheffield City Council 2018

This testimony (along with 144 others) can be read at p 739 in the Sheffield City Council's Report pack on the licensing of Spearmint Rhino strip club (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser in order for it to work):

<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/documents/g6975/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2019-Jun-2018%2010.00%20Licensing%20Sub-Committee.pdf?T=10>

"I was 27 when I started lap dancing. I was introduced to it by my husband at the time. After the first dance I was physically sick. I rang my husband and told him I wanted to come home but he said I needed to make money before I came home, it is a degrading job.

You think your in control but that's not true. I was then introduced to cocaine when I worked at Rhinos it blocked out the reality of what I was actually doing. The more I worked the more cocaine I took.

These clubs are aware of the drug taking that goes on and they turn a blind eye, I was introduced to a lot of nasty people while I was dancing because these clubs allow drug dealers and gang members to come in. This is because of the money they spend. I am now 45 and would be devastated If my daughters were to choose this job. It ruins lives and I am proof of this."

Former Lap Dancer, [REDACTED]