

Resources

[ScotPHO website](#)

Alcohol data and publications have now been moved from the Alcohol Information Scotland site to ScotPHO.

[Alcohol misuse and minimum unit pricing briefing](#)

Briefing aimed at MEPs produced by the British Medical Association (Scotland), AFS and SHAAP.

[Understanding Glasgow website](#)

Describes the city and its people with a wide range of indicators, including health.

Events

The Recovery Summit

Scotland's Road to Recovery from Drug and Alcohol Addiction
18 October 2013, Glasgow
[More info](#)

AFS news

[AFS Annual Report 2012-13](#)

Our latest annual report summarises our activities and achievements in the year to 31 March 2013.

National Licensing Conference

Around 180 delegates attended our annual conference on 9 September on the theme '[over-provision](#)'. Look out for a summary on the [AFS website](#).

Alcohol Policy



1 in 4 men and 1 in 5 women 'hazardous or harmful drinkers'

The latest [Scottish Health Survey](#) reveals 25% of men drink on average more than 21 units and 18% of women drink more than 14 units of alcohol a week. While the proportion of adults drinking at hazardous or harmful levels has fallen

over the past decade, the 2012 figures are the same as those published in 2011. One in five adults in Scotland (19%) exhibited signs of a possible alcohol use disorder, according to their scores on the AUDIT screening tool.

Glasgow consults on licensing policy

Glasgow Licensing Board's [draft policy statement](#), which is out for consultation until 31 October, includes allowing city centre pubs to open until 1am, scrapping early morning licensed hours, and relaxing the 10pm curfew for outside drinking at venues where the impact on residential properties is not a major factor. The statement places more emphasis on the promotion of the five licensing objectives and a separate draft overprovision assessment document has also been prepared.

Alcohol marketing in TV football should be restricted

Researchers have called for much tighter government restrictions or even a ban on the marketing of alcohol during televised football matches, arguing that the messages are seen by and affect millions of children. The research, published in the journal *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, suggests football fans see around two references to alcohol brands every minute when they watch a match on TV - in addition to the formal advertising during commercial breaks.
[Read more](#)

Alcohol charities fear conflict of interest

Alcohol Focus Scotland and [SHAAP](#) have expressed surprise that a senior civil servant in a key department dealing with the implementation of minimum unit pricing has been confirmed as the incoming chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association. Part of the SWA's campaign against minimum pricing has been focused on the trade implications for Europe. The appointment of Mr Frost, the senior official responsible for the UK government's trade policy with the EU, raises questions about potential conflict of interest.
[Read more](#)

'Last drink' data suggests premises breaking law in Cardiff

Between September 2012 and March 2013, 306 night-time revellers were admitted to Cardiff's Alcohol Treatment Centre with severe alcohol intoxication. Testimony received from patients - and their friends - named 76 of the city's licensed venues as having served them their last drink. One in ten people who required treatment for intoxication had their last drink at a private residence. Cardiff University's Violence and Society Research Group who analysed the data, said it offered new insights into potential breaches of licence conditions. The 'last drink' data is passed to South Wales Police and Cardiff County Council licensing department.
[Read more](#)



Police call for debate on use of 'drunk tanks' in Scotland

A senior Scottish police officer has called for a debate on drunk tanks being introduced north of the border after [proposals](#) made in England. David Hamilton, the Scottish Police Federation's north area chairman, expressed concern about privately-run facilities being used to deal with people who have had too much to drink but suggested the Scottish Prison Service may be the best vehicle.
[Read more](#)

Funding for family support

Families affected by substance misuse will be offered further support thanks to Scottish Government funding for [Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs](#). The organisation has already seen an increase in people joining local

family support groups since the inclusion of alcohol in its remit. The Scottish Families helpline (08080 10 10 11) offers support for families and friends affected by an individual's alcohol or drug use.

Ipswich super-strength alcohol campaign a success

A campaign by Suffolk Police to stop shops in Ipswich selling super-strength beer and cider has helped cut crime. The Reducing the Strength campaign had signed up two thirds of the town's shops to the project. Officers said the number of identified street drinkers had dropped from 78 to 38 since last September, and in the first six months of the scheme, the number of anti-social 'incidents of concern' dropped from 191 to 94 compared with the same period the previous year. [Read more](#)

Binge drinking increases risk of underweight baby

Mother's-to-be who binge drink even once a month when they are between four and six months pregnant are greatly increasing their risk of giving birth to an underweight baby, doctors warn. Drinking five units of alcohol during the second trimester of pregnancy is enough to raise a woman's risk of having a child who is small for its gestational age by 68%. The research examined the alcohol consumption of 10,851 women in Bradford who gave birth between 2007 and 2010. [Read more](#)

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