

Research

[Association between stricter alcohol advertising regulations and lower hazardous drinking across European countries](#)

[International Alcohol Control Study: Pricing data and hours of purchase predict heavier drinking](#)

Events

National Licensing Conference
7 October 2014,
Edinburgh
Justice Secretary
Kenny MacAskill, Dr
James Nicholls and
Sir Crispin Agnew
QC confirmed as
speakers.
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Training

PLH and Refresher training
Extra dates for
refresher courses
have been added to
cope with demand.
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Alcohol Policy in Practice
22-25 September,
Edinburgh
Postgraduate CPD
course for
practitioners
provided by the UK
Centre for Tobacco
and Alcohol Studies.
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Resources

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Have a look at
the videos on our
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these booklets
aimed at parents and
carers. For free
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Minimum pricing referred to Europe

The implementation of minimum unit pricing in Scotland will be further delayed after judges at the Court of Session referred the case to the Court of Justice in Europe. Dr Evelyn Gillan, Alcohol Focus Scotland Chief Executive, said: "If the appeal judges feel that clarification is needed, we can only hope that this process does not drag on. Every week that minimum pricing is delayed, another twenty Scots lose their lives because of alcohol. It is frustrating to see a policy that has been agreed through the democratic process being held up by big business who care more about protecting profits than the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland."

[Watch this video](#) of Glasgow GP Dr Richard Watson talk about the impact of alcohol on his patients and the need for minimum pricing.

Beckham urged to rethink whisky deal

Alcohol campaigners have expressed disappointment that David Beckham has signed up to promote a new Diageo whisky. Given his other roles promoting sport and a healthy lifestyle to children, we believe this will send a confusing message to them about the dangers of alcohol and its impact on a healthy lifestyle, and we call on him to rethink his association with this product.

Cost of alcohol credited for drop in serious violence in England and Wales

Violent crime is continuing a long term fall in England and Wales according to annual figures from NHS hospitals. There was a 12% fall in injuries from violent incidents in 2013, according to data from almost a third of emergency departments examined by Cardiff University. Professor Jonathan Shepherd, the report's lead author, said: "After decades in which alcohol has become more affordable, since 2008 it has become less affordable. For people most prone to involvement in violence, those aged 18-30, falls in disposable income are probably an important factor."

Alcohol industry complaints over TV advert cancer link thrown out

Alcohol industry complaints that a [TV advert](#) linking drinking with an increased risk of cancer was misleading have been thrown out. The Advertising Standards Authority rejected the claim after being presented with evidence about alcohol and cancer risk. The British Beer and Pub Association and Campaign for Real Ale were among seven groups that alleged the advert by Balance NE breached the UK's code on broadcast advertising. [Read more](#)



Responsibility deal pledge to remove 1 billion units 'on track'

The Department of Health have published a [report](#) detailing interim findings on the Public Health Responsibility Deal Alcohol Network pledge to remove 1 billion units of alcohol from the market by the end of 2015. The report suggests that producers and retailers have removed 253 million units of alcohol from the UK market between 2011 and 2012, mainly from small ABV reductions in beer. An announcement is due from the Portman Group about progress towards the pledge that 80% of alcoholic drink labels contain health information.

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