

Consultation Questions

Consultation on Alcohol Misuse

Question 1: We invite views on our proposals to make regulations, under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The sale of alcohol as has been tried and varied in many different cultures the main problem is poverty and inequality. If you weigh up the social inclusion costs with the economic costs then there is no contest if legislation were put in place to better monitor off licences and proactively provide alternative lifestyles then maybe an impact will be made. If only the politicians would put resources where their mouth was, instead of following political rhetoric.

If you look at trying to control an essential part

<p>Question 2: We invite views on whether a minimum pricing scheme should be based on the following principles</p>	<p>of every day consumption for every day products then you miss the issue. Alcohol and its price is not the problem its the way in which communities accept that alcohol is part of everyday life and as long as a state of anomie exists and irresponsible profiteers then the problem will go on. Research around the world has shown that price control has little impact.</p>
<p>Question 3: What particular information do you think parents and carers would find helpful to enable them to support their children to make positive choices about alcohol?</p>	<p>None. If the burden is placed on families to take responsibility for this area then you will have the same problem as cigarettes. Being responsible is about being able to access the alternatives for free.</p>
<p>Question 4: Do you think that the minimum age for off-sales purchases should be raised to 21 in Scotland?</p>	<p>no, Why? Drugs are illegal yet with all the services and advertising in place the drug problem has escalated to epidemic proportions Glasgow city had a record number of deaths last year and this was with all the resources in place. This is because communities have no future and no safety. The policing of communities is done behind a desk.</p>
<p>Question 5: What criteria should be used to determine the types of premises (or specific premises) that should be subject to a 'social responsibility fee'? (e.g. late opening premises, or premises in a particular area)?</p>	
<p>Question 6: Should a fee be applied to Occasional Licences as well as Premises Licences?</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Question 7: Should a similar fee be applied to other premises licensed under separate legislation?</p>	<p>no,</p>
<p>Question 8: Do you agree that regulations should be made, under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, to extend the existing regulations to:</p>	<p>Again this has had little or no impact on the reduction of illicit drugs or alcohol. In fact the prohibition of tobacco smoking in public places has had the effect of people purchasing alcohol in greater amounts and staying at home consuming social measures of alcohol rather than industry controlled measures.</p>
<p>Question 9: Do you think that there should be separate checkouts for alcohol sales?</p>	<p>yes,</p>
<p>Question 10: Should there should be a requirement for alcohol checkout staff to be at least 18 years old?</p>	<p>yes,</p>

Question 11: Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on, or any addition to, the proposals set out in this consultation paper?

Stop wasting money on a problem that will not go away unless resources for better alternatives are put in place. Why look at the problem now it has always been here. Furthermore, it will be seen as another measure of the state intervening in peoples personal choices.