

Consultation Questions

Consultation on Alcohol Misuse

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

The price of alcohol in off sales premises, including supermarkets, should not be cheaper than in Public Houses. I would ban promotions for all alcoholic drink. I answer this question as a 70 year old light drinker who indulged moderately as a younger man

Question 2: We invite views on whether a minimum pricing scheme should be based on the following principles

I agree with all these suggestions

<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>On-line, and/or a DVD showing cases of the liver damage caused by excessive drinking. The same visual and graphic information issued to schools, and taught as part of curriculum from age 9 or 10 upwards. Children don't take advice from elders, they need to see the result of misuse in as graphic a way as possible</p>
<p>Question 4: Do you think that the minimum age for off-sales purchases should be raised to 21 in Scotland?</p>	<p>yes, I don't hold with the protests from students and politicians who talk about "nanny state". When I was a student nearly 50 years ago we did our drinking in the Union and pubs close by. There were no off licenses selling booze cheaply then or we would undoubtedly have taken advantage of it. The culture then, as now, was one of over indulgence, but we drank what we could afford.</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>not clear about how to answer this one, but long drinking hours introduced some years ago was supposed to reduce "fast drinking up" before closing time. This doesn't seem to work.</p>
<p>Question 6: Should a fee be applied to Occasional Licences as well as Premises Licences?</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Question 7: Should a similar fee be applied to other premises licensed under separate legislation?</p>	<p>yes, I don't know</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>yes, Absolutely no advertising alcohol anywhere for a trial period of say 2 years</p>
<p>Question 9: Do you think that there should be separate checkouts for alcohol sales?</p>	<p>yes, Supermarkets above a certain size , as opposed to corner shops</p>
<p>Question 10: Should there should be a requirement for alcohol checkout staff to be at least 18 years old?</p>	<p>yes, In supermarkets, again as opposed to smaller corner shops, the checkout staff should be the same minimum age as the buyer, ie 21</p>
<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?</p>	

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