



Alcohol and the nation's health

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The context

- **Consumption increasing**
- **Alcohol is cheaper and more accessible**
- **We drink differently**



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Alcohol and health harm

- Alcohol causes a wide range of health harm
- Health harm is going up
- Large numbers are dying



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Costs to NHS

- Cost to NHS of £1.7 bn a year
- 7/10 A& E admissions at peak times
- 13 children a day are hospitalised
- 150,000 hospital admissions



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Beyond health

- Cost of crime and disorder = £7.3 bn
- 17 million working days lost
- Costs economy up to £2.1bn
- Third of domestic violence
- 65% of suicides



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What about treatment?

- Huge unmet need
- Treatment works
- Programme of Improvements



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Problems with sales

- Underage sales
- Selling to people who are drunk
- Cheap alcohol
- Imbalance between marketing and health promo spend



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Licensing changes

- Will it make the problem worse?
- What should be done next?



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