

Leicester City Alcohol Summit December 2014

Presentation to Leicester City Licensing and Public Safety Committee

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Overview of Summit

- Approx. 60 delegates from a wide variety of organisations and stakeholders including health, police, PCC, licensees, local businesses
- Formal presentations to set the scene
- Workshops looking at different areas of the current alcohol harm reduction strategy
- Workshops asked participants to identify up to 3 key actions to take forward in 2015. These form the basis on an action plan for the year

Presentations - Summary

- 25% of people in Leicester are estimated to abstain from alcohol
- 19% (36,486) of adults are believed to be increasing risk drinkers
- 6% are higher risk drinkers
- 9000 people in Leicester are estimated to be alcohol dependant
- 765 people are currently in treatment
- Leicester has higher than the national average rate of; alcohol specific deaths in men, alcohol related admissions, alcohol related violent crime and sexual crime

Presentations: Summary

- Cost of alcohol related GP/nurse consultations in Leicester is £848,000 (2012/13 data)
- Total cost to local NHS (primary care, medicines, secondary care, ambulance) is estimated to be £21 million per year.
- Alcohol is a contributing factor to 11% of all City crime
- Average of 34 arrests per month in the city for drunk and disorderly behaviour
- 762 dispersal notices issued last year in the city
- In 2013 there were 1024 positive breath tests across the County

Workshop outcomes (relevant to licensing)

- Several groups mentioned importance of award schemes such as best bar none. An award scheme for off licences would be welcome
- Discussion around introduction of restriction of sale of high strength beers/cider/lager possibly linked to expedited licensing process, and/or community alcohol partnership
- Work with retailers to encourage them not to participate in promotions (e.g. loss leaders, double for the price of singles etc)
- Recognise that health is not a licensing objective but other areas have redrafted their licensing statement to include more of a health focus – can we do this?
- Make better use of health data (including ED data) to inform licensing decisions

Next steps

- An action plan of priorities identified has been drawn up
- The Alcohol Harm Reduction Delivery Group of the Safer Leicester Partnership is charged with monitoring progress against these actions.