

Alcohol, health & licensing in Cardiff

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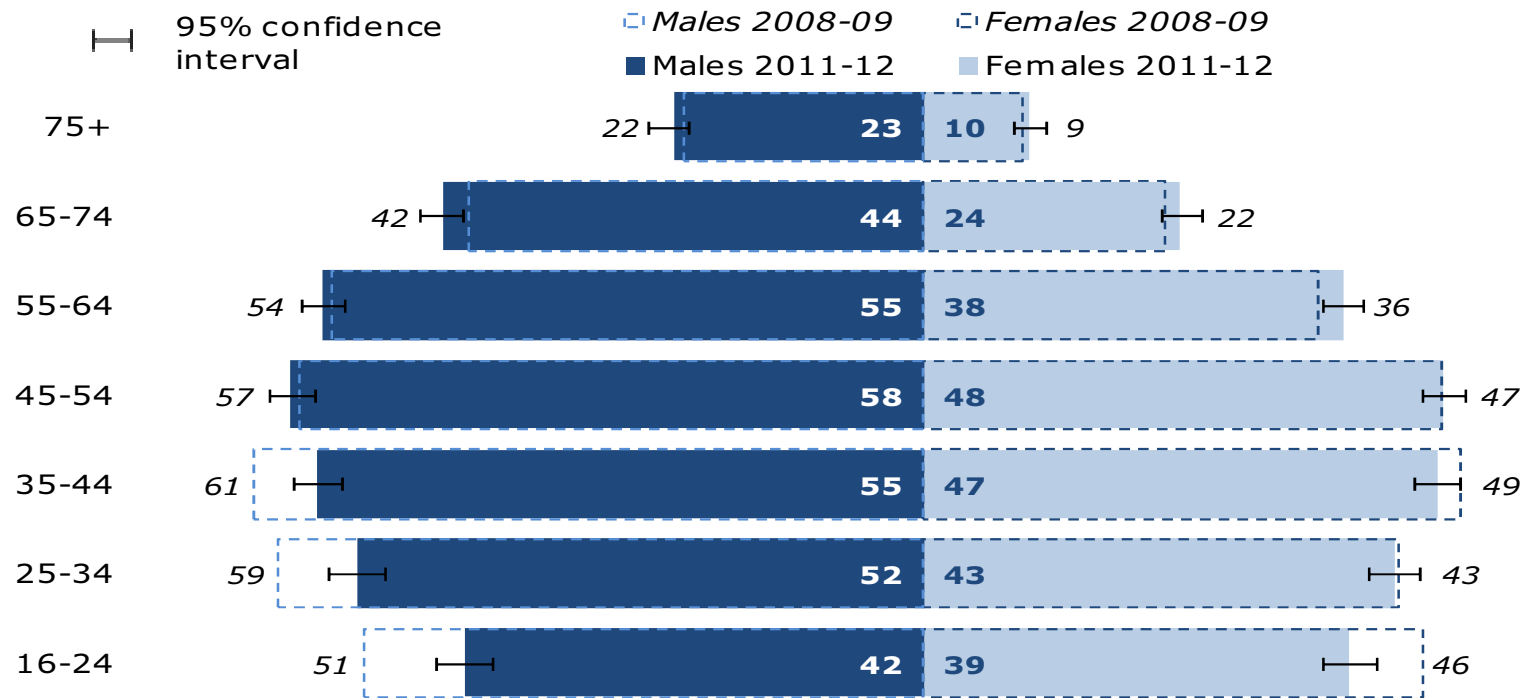
Is there a problem?



How much are we drinking?

Percentage of adults who reported drinking above guidelines, males and females aged 16+, Wales, 2008-09 and 2011-12

Produced by Public Health Wales Observatory, using Welsh Health Survey (WG)



The Money Context

In Wales alone, alcohol is estimated to cost the NHS between £70-85 million annually

But...

The UK drinks market generates £30bn and one million jobs per year

A Profile of Alcohol in Wales

- Responsible for 1000 deaths in Wales annually
- Only smoking and raised blood pressure are higher health risk factors
- Linked to over 60 disease conditions, from mouth cancers to liver disease
- Estimated cost to the NHS in Wales is £70-85 million annually
- Welsh Health Survey may only represent 50-60% of actual consumption
- High numbers of alcohol related attendances at Emergency Units



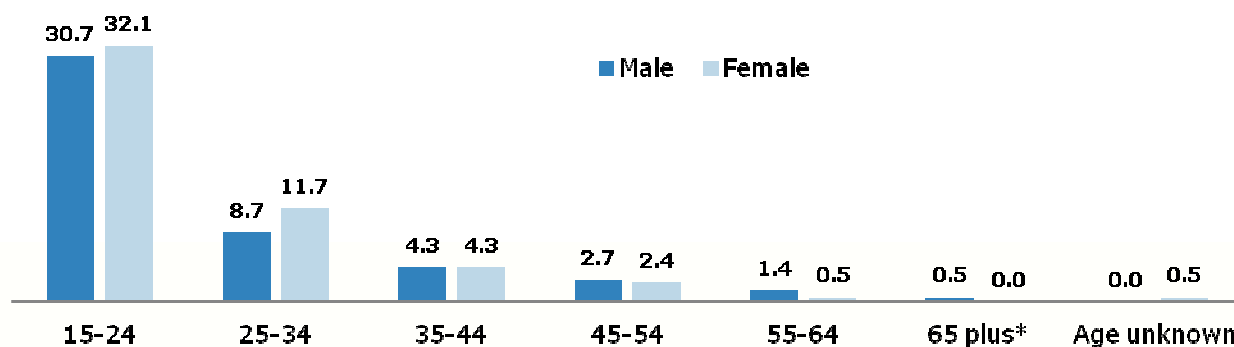
Alcohol in Cardiff & Vale

- 2,540 attendances at EU in 2014/15
- 944 attendances at Alcohol Treatment Centre
- 2,023 alcohol specific admissions
- 1,407 alcohol related crimes



Attendances to the Alcohol Treatment Centre, Cardiff and Vale UHB residents, percentages, all persons, age 15+, April 2014 - March 2015

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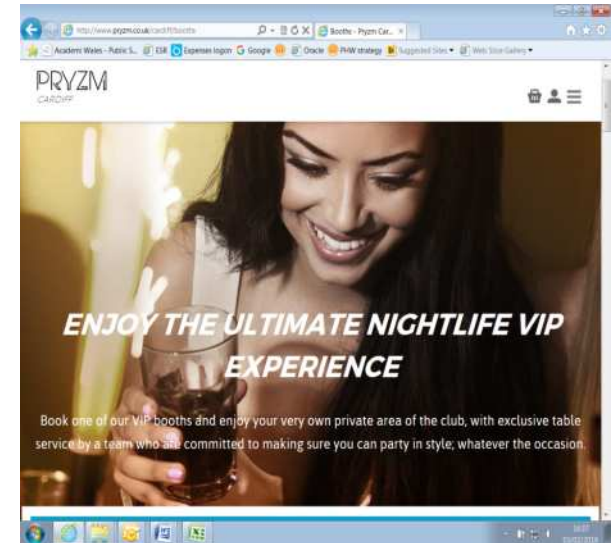
Why does licensing matter for health?

- Opening hours and density of alcohol sales outlets influence alcohol consumption, drinking patterns and damage due to alcohol
- Restricting the availability of alcohol is an effective way of reducing alcohol related harm
- The number of alcohol outlets is strongly linked to alcohol related hospital admissions
- Significant link between the density of pubs and clubs and numbers of assaults and crime rates
- Extensions to opening hours are most often used by problem drinkers to increase their access to alcohol



So what are we doing?

- Regular liaison with licensing teams in Local Authority and Police
- Attendance at informal meetings with license holders
- Attendance at licensing committee hearings
- Provision of health data, impact on NHS services, and raising awareness of increased risks



What else?

Education for
young people

Brief Intervention
training



Any questions?

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