

Alcohol Focus Scotland – Licensing Publications

Alcohol Focus Scotland has developed a range of resources to support licensing stakeholders across Scotland. They can be downloaded from the Resources section of our website: www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/resources

Re-thinking Alcohol Licensing

This report was produced by Alcohol Focus Scotland and SHAAP in 2011. It makes recommendations to improve licensing policy and practice in Scotland and led to a series of Regional events at the start of 2012 to discuss the recommendations.



Licensing Toolkit

At the 2012 Regional licensing events stakeholders called for more help with developing policy statements and using evidence. Alcohol Focus Scotland developed the licensing toolkit aimed at supporting all those involved in the licensing process to develop good practice. This will be updated in the coming year.

Changing Times

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Changing Times: Why we need to change licensing practice looks at trends in alcohol licensing, drinking patterns and problems in Scotland, and how licensing can reduce levels of alcohol harm.

The Licensing Process - Who's involved? A leaflet providing brief descriptions of who is involved in the licensing process.

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Factsheet 1: Using evidence to support policy and decision making explains how licensing boards can make use of different sources of evidence to support policy and decision making.

Factsheet 2: Statements of licensing policy covers the main issues licensing stakeholders may wish to consider when drafting a statement of licensing policy. It includes the benefits of licensing policy, the legal basis for using policy to guide licensing decisions, and a suggested template for a policy statement.

Factsheet 3: Overprovision covers the main issues for licensing stakeholders to consider when assessing overprovision of licensed premises and making overprovision decisions.



Alcohol Focus Scotland shares good practice across the country.



Overprovision policy guide

Preparing an evidence based overprovision policy is a step-by-step guide written by former West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board Clerk, Andrew Fraser.

Review of Licensing Policy Statements

Alcohol Focus Scotland report analysing licensing boards' policy statements 2013-16, identifying examples of good practice and points for further discussion.



Alcohol Focus Scotland offers support at a local level.



Community Licensing Toolkit

Toolkit to help people raise concerns about the impact of alcohol in their local community. The toolkit explains how the licensing process works in Scotland and provides practical tips for people who want to get involved but aren't sure where to start.

Alcohol licensing contacts Scotland

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Local profiles

Alcohol Focus Scotland has produced factsheets for each local authority area providing a summary of the relationship between alcohol outlet availability and alcohol-related harm and of the estimated cost of alcohol-related harm.



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