

RESOURCE 1



Evidence considered by licensing boards to develop policy

Licensing boards have a statutory duty to ensure that the measures included in their policy statements seek to promote the licensing objectives. It is therefore incumbent on them to gather sufficient information to ensure that the policy measures they adopt serve to promote the objectives. Sources of evidence can include consultation responses, surveys of the local population, and a broad range of statistical information available at national and local levels. The below table outlines some of the information and sources cited by boards as being used to develop their most recent policy statements.

Source	Description	Details
Scottish Government	The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation	An official tool to identify areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland. It allows targeting of policies where the aim is to wholly or partly take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation. Includes data pertaining to employment, income, health, crime, housing, education, and access.
	Scottish Crime and Justice Survey	A large-scale social survey which asks people about their experiences and perceptions of crime. The findings are used by policy makers across the public sector in Scotland to help understand the nature of crime in Scotland, target resources and monitor the impact of initiatives to target crime.
	Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics	Annual statistics on premises and personal licences in force, licence applications and reviews/proceedings.
	The Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey	A series of national surveys on smoking, drinking and drug use. Includes data pertaining to levels of alcohol use, the availability of alcohol, attitudes to alcohol, and risk and protective factors for alcohol use.
Alcohol Focus Scotland	Licensing Resource Pack	A pack designed for licensing stakeholders. It provides resources to support the collection of evidence on local alcohol-related harm, and the development of licensing board policy statements.
Centre for Research on Environment, Society and Health (CRESH)	WebMap	A WebMap enabling stakeholders to view/download statistics on alcohol availability and related harm at neighbourhood (data zone) level. Includes data pertaining to the numbers and types of alcohol outlets, health, crime, and inequalities.
	Scotland Profile	A Scotland Profile to present the key findings from the WebMap (above), with sections explaining the methodology and how to interpret the findings.

	Local Authority Profiles	Thirty Local Authority Profiles , containing similar information as the Scotland profile (above) but using data at local authority level.
Alcohol and Drug Partnerships	Local Area Alcohol Profiles	Reports pulling together a broad range of data, including: number of people engaged in ADP alcohol related services, alcohol related hospital admissions, alcohol related death rate, alcohol related mental health, alcohol related brain damage, police incidents (including assaults, domestic incidents, disorder and alcohol specific crimes), and relevant fire statistics. Many include statistical information for each Intermediate Data Zones (IDZ) showing alcohol-related health harms and alcohol-related crime to be above the local authority average. Some set out recommendations to licensing boards on the levels of provision, and possible overprovision, of alcohol licences based on analysis of available data including from local data sources (in some cases, for on-licences, including the maximum licensed capacity).
Local Councils	Local Authority Profiles	Documents produced by Council Planning departments, including data pertaining to the local population (e.g. employment, earnings), housing, business, economy and infrastructure.
	Environmental Health Service data	Public nuisance information Noise complaints against premises (public houses and members clubs) Alcohol sales area for off-licensed premises, in square metres of sales area
Police Scotland	Various	Data pertaining to alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour on licensed premises Police incidents including assaults, domestic incidents, and disorder Alcohol-related police incidents and crimes, including road traffic incidents Numbers of inspections of premises Research into glassing and bottling incidents Incidents within Neighbourhood Areas Advice about identifiable “hot spots” Incidents of disorder per 10,000 population Details of disorder and crimes linked to the night time economy
The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)	Various	Fires and alcohol-related incidents Percentage of dwelling fires where impairment due to alcohol or drugs is suspected

NHS	Various	Alcohol-related hospital admissions Drug and alcohol treatment waiting times Percentage of alcohol misuse clients starting treatment within 3 weeks Number of Alcohol Brief Interventions
	Information Services Division (ISD) data	Provides policy makers and practitioners with information about alcohol and drug misuse, includes information about acute hospital admissions (general acute and psychiatric), and prescribing data, criminal justice data And information from various population surveys.
NHS Health Scotland	Assessing the availability of and need for specialist alcohol treatment services in Scotland	Report including data pertaining to the proportion of the population estimated to be drinking at harmful or possibly dependant levels.
	Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland's Alcohol Strategy (MESAS) reports	Series of reports published as part of a programme to evaluate Scotland's alcohol strategy. This brings together data on alcohol sales, alcohol price, self-reported consumption, alcohol specific deaths, alcohol related hospitalisations and social harms.
Glasgow Centre for Population Health	Mental Health in Focus	Report providing a description of mental health in GG&C, using over 51 indicators of mental health, wellbeing and related contextual factors. Inequalities in mental health are explored, specifically across area deprivation, age and sex. It includes details of mental health-related alcohol deaths
National Records of Scotland	The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends	The Annual Review contains an overview of Scotland's population. It includes statistics on births, deaths, life expectancy, migration, marriage and civil partnership, adoption, households and housing, and statutory registration.
	Mid-Year Population Estimates	Annual mid-year population estimates for Scotland and its constituent NHS Board and council areas.
The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	Various reports created using the ScotPHO website (which provides online tools that allow users to look at local health indicators), and health and wellbeing profiles.	Does not normally publish new data but rather signposts to the most appropriate data sources. Provides access to information about the range of data sources available to help those working to improve population health in Scotland. The site includes topic summaries for a range of health problems, behavioural issues such as the use of alcohol, environmental issues, social determinants of health, and the needs of specific population groups. The site also includes a wide range of public health reports and a range of other resources including overviews of policy relevant to population health.