

# Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum and Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar

## Alcohol – a new approach to responsible drinking?

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Diane Abbott MP**, Shadow Minister for Public Health
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Alcohol-related problems in the UK: getting better or getting worse?**  
*With the latest figures showing a slight fall in alcohol consumption but an increase in alcohol-related hospital admissions in the UK, what is the scale of the alcohol misuse problem in the UK, and which groups are most at risk? What is the health burden associated with alcohol use in the UK, and how widespread are other effects of excessive drinking, such as anti-social behaviour or domestic violence? Do recent projections that up to 250,000 lives could be lost from liver disease in the next 20 years give new impetus to alcohol-related public health campaigns?*  
**Professor Alan Maryon-Davis**, Honorary Professor of Public Health, King's College London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 **Localism in alcohol policy – community involvement and localised decision making**  
*How is national alcohol policy being put into practice at the local level? Are there any gaps in legislation? With the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill – which aims to make licensing authorities more responsive to the concerns of local communities and businesses – passing through Parliament, what is the outlook for alcohol licensing? What are the opportunities for local authorities and communities to take a more proactive role in licensing decisions and dealing with alcohol-related problems, and are there any obstacles to their involvement, such as administrative costs? Do 'Payment by Results' schemes offer local partnerships an opportunity to develop their own financial models, and how might they be put into practice?*  
**David Clifton**, Managing Partner, Licensing and Gambling, Joelson Wilson  
**Rob Andrew**, Joint Project Manager, Newquay Safe  
**Alan Higgins**, Director of Public Health, NHS Oldham and Oldham Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.40 **The next steps: what more needs to be done to tackle harmful drinking in the UK**  
**Professor Sir Ian Gilmore**, Chair, UK Alcohol Health Alliance and former President, Royal College of Physicians  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Diane Abbott MP**, Shadow Minister for Public Health
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Tracey Crouch MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse
- 11.15 - 12.05 **Alcohol and the Responsibility Deal**  
*An update on the progress of the Responsibility Deal. How are pledges being put into practice, and how are they being monitored? What results have been seen so far? What are the benefits of partnership with industry through the deal, and what challenges does it create? How effective is 'nudging' consumers towards healthier behaviours, and what are the limitations of this approach?*  
**Seymour Fortescue**, Chairman, Portman Group  
**Alison Rogers**, Special Advisor, British Liver Trust  
**Brigid Simmonds**, Chief Executive, British Beer & Pub Association  
**Phil Mellows**, Freelance Journalist  
**Diane Goslar**, Member, Westminster Parliamentary Liaison Committee and Patients and Carers Liaison Group, Addictions Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.15 **The view from Scotland: towards minimum pricing?**  
**Donald Henderson**, Head of Public Health Division, Scottish Government
- 12.15 - 12.55 **Examining corporate responsibility: the effects of pricing and advertising**  
*Does more need to be done to tackle harmful drinking, for example through pricing, and if so, how should a minimum price be set? What would be the effects of a minimum price, for producers, retailers and consumers? As Scotland and Northern Ireland move closer to a policy of minimum pricing, what is the outlook for pricing policy in the rest of the UK? Following calls to limit the exposure of children to alcohol advertising, is further legislation needed to curb alcohol promotion through advertising and other promotions, such as sponsorship of festivals?*  
**Dr Ian Twinn**, Director of Public Affairs, ISBA  
**Dr John Holmes**, Research Fellow, School of Public Health and Related Research, University of Sheffield  
**Jonathan Mail**, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Donald Henderson**, Head of Public Health Division, Scottish Government
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's closing remarks and Westminster Health Forum and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
**Tracey Crouch MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse  
**Lizzie Sayer**, Senior Producer, Westminster Health Forum and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum