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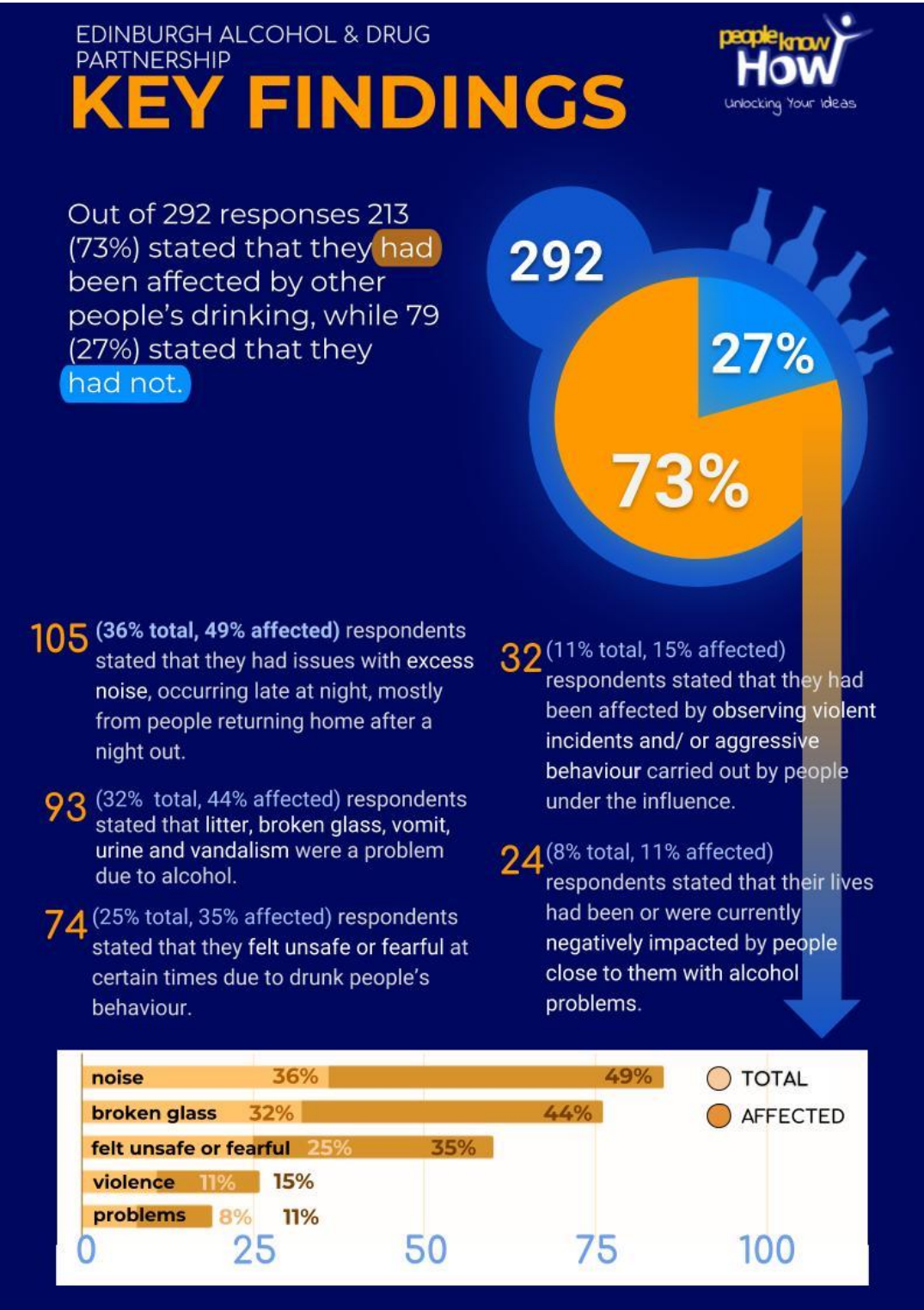
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Key Findings and Infographics



Findings based on 292 responses. After the analysis above the sample rose to over 400 with no significant change to the findings.

Introduction

Alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm has increased in Edinburgh over the past few decades. The City of Edinburgh Council, has set and implemented a strategy over recent years.

The Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership has researched and identified a link between increased alcohol consumption of its residents and an increase in alcohol-related harm. Now, the Scottish Government is bringing in minimum pricing.

People Know How (PKH)

Invite residents to take part in a consultation program looking at how the people in Edinburgh view the effects of alcohol consumption. This was a chance for the public to have their say and influence policy and planning around alcohol related issues, in the City. PKH conducted the consultation on behalf of the Edinburgh Alcohol & Drug Partnership, at no cost.

Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) oversees the development and implementation of an alcohol and drug strategy for the City. It is a partnership between the City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, Scottish Prison Service, the third sector, key strategic bodies and those with lived experience of addiction and recovery. It is the forum where these organisations work together to make Edinburgh a city that has a healthy attitude towards drinking and where recovery from problem alcohol or drug use is a reality.

The EADP strategy has three high level outcomes:



Children and young people's health and wellbeing are not damaged by alcohol and drugs.



Individuals and communities affected by alcohol and drugs are stronger and safer.



Fewer people develop problem drug/alcohol use and more people (and their families) are in recovery.

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Methodology

For this research, volunteers were recruited from the Social Innovation Academy at People Know How. Following the initial training period of 3 weeks, the volunteers were then referred to as 'community researchers'.

Methods of data collection were chosen in order to ensure participation in the research by anyone who wished to do so, removing barriers such as literacy difficulties. More traditional research methods, such as focus groups, were undertaken to explore some of the initial findings in more depth.

Online Survey:

This was used to gather data for the whole demographic of Edinburgh as well as people who have visited or live just outside Edinburgh. The survey consisted of 14 questions and was advertised through online resources such as Facebook, Twitter and the City of Edinburgh council. The survey link was also administered to one of the branches of Virgin Media. The data collected was then analysed quantitatively, however some questions required qualitative analysis.

Qualitative Research Results

Online Survey

Why did you rate alcohol as having a positive or negative affect?

Most people were concerned about the impact alcohol had on the following themes:

- Health and behaviour
- Littering, extra noise at night time
- Violence and crimes
- “No go’ areas

Health and behaviour:



“Alcohol is one of the most damaging drugs and is the most readily available”

“Health impacts of alcohol use are often hidden but cut far too many lives short. My father was addicted to alcohol but felt so ashamed of himself that he only sought help when it was far too late to reverse the damage to his heart and general health. I feel able to drink sensibly, but I am appalled at how many licensed premises are allowed to open in an area already over-supplied. I'm also appalled that the Licensing Board chose to accept the application to open a student bar selling cheap alcohol directly opposite the new Boroughmuir High School. I trust young people to make good decisions if they have access to good quality harm reduction information, however we need to remember that decisions like that one contribute to normalizing alcohol consumption without due regard to the serious health



“It contributes to ill health in the poorest communities”

“Most people I know are social alcoholics. I am an alcoholic because it gets me through. I no longer physically function without it, my body twitches and I cannot mentally function. This is true of many people. People are mostly self-medicating because of the stress, pressure and damage that they have incurred from the stuff they have to do to survive in society today. Poverty has a lot to do with this”





"It can be difficult for people to finish after just one or two drinks, and this leads to huge health and social problems'

"Alcoholism is a big problem in regard to people becoming addicted or binge drinking and the health problems that follow. I think a lot of people use alcohol to forget any pain or problems or they are facing. Only thing is, is that alcohol doesn't rid anyone of any problems and so this is where someone who cares enough about these people need to intervene"



"I've known a couple of local alcoholics who has now died as a result of their addiction.

"Alcohol is the root of some anti-social behavior and violence in the city Centre in particular."



"It can lead to dependence, antisocial behaviour and creates artificial connections between people when they should be connecting without artificial brain numbing harmful chemicals"

"Rubbish, empty bottles everywhere, antisocial behaviour, makes it boring as people go out for one purpose only... to drink'



"People drink too much and it affects their behaviour and health. We have had individuals drinking at the bus stop and driving when drunk."

"It makes people unhealthy. It causes crime. It makes people depressed"



"There are too many pubs and metro/express supermarkets which are glorified off licenses. Hen nights and stag nights are a feature of the city Centre - very few are not alcohol centric. The social impact of alcohol misuse and abuse is having an impact - liver disease, other alcohol related health issues and alcoholism are having a detrimental impact on the citizens of Edinburgh including children."

"I witness (often on a daily basis) the impact of inebriated people on those around them, and the harm they are doing to themselves."



Too many addicts on the streets begging. Also, anti-social behaviour is evident and on the increase. It is making the community feel threatened.



"I think as a whole it is good for Edinburgh, business, tourism etc. But in my area of Leith, there are some problems with people. You see them drunk during the day, just crazy"



"The atmosphere of rings like the festival pop ups on George street create a nice atmosphere of the city. However access to large quantities of cheaper alcohol for private consumption later in the evening means isolated drinking or group drinking and often contributes to anti-social behavior both in the home and on the streets."



"North Edinburgh is blighted by anti-social behavior, fueled by the easy availability of drink and drugs. Edinburgh, as a whole, benefits from an active social scene where most people drink responsibly"



Littering, extra noise at night time.

It's both positive and negative. Late night disturbances by people under the influence, broken bottles on street/in parks and people using on the streets and begging are negative effects. The social vibrancy that come along with responsible drinking is an obvious positive effect on the community.



"Yesterday I walked up the Waverly Steps and the stink of urine was overwhelming. In a major city with tourists it's just one example of the negative impact."





"Mess in city - vomit, urine, etc."

"Littering, smashed glass, urine and vomit - doesn't get cleaned up properly by council either, if at all - makes going to work on a Monday more unpleasant! Violence, anti-social behavior."



"Loud people shouting outside pubs."

"The noise we experience at weekends from drunk people walking past the flat."



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"It's not nice and scary to meet drunk person at late evening time. There are a lot of bottles and other litters all around after weekends, then people drink mostly."



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"Edinburgh city Centre is a great place to socialize but you can see the people that live round here who are unwell or have a problem (e.g. drinking in the street during the day); there's noise at night; there's very little except pubs, off-sales and bookies open after 8pm."

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Violence and crimes



"Can see lots of hassle and fights brought on by alcohol use. Also see people lying about drunk in the street. I also know many people who are now struggling with alcohol misuse. In general there are too many alcohol outlets and the whole culture seems to revolve around alcohol consumption. "

"It's the main reason of most incidents during the weekend."



"People drink too much and behave badly. Leads to violence outside and in the

"Domestic violence often occurs as do neighbors disputes. And damage to cars



"Because it generates a lot of garbage and can cause violent episodes in certain neighborhoods."

"Edinburgh is made up of distinct pockets where alcohol contributes to significant problems - violence, crime, abuse etc. "





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"Drinking socially is a huge business and bars etc. create loads of jobs. It brings in tourism from hen/stag dos, not to mention whisky, brew dog etc. Plus, bars/clubs are fun. However, there is a big whom I know are addicted to drugs and alcohol. It can make walking around at night quite dangerous because you don't know what state of mind someone could be in due to being intoxicated. I'm also near the uni so every weekend you have tones of drunk young adults blocking paths and just generally being annoying, with accompanying piles of vomit dotted around on Sunday mornings"

"The great variety of restaurants for example are a great for the tourism industry however alcohol filled anti-social behaviour is a massive blight for our communities. Alcohol abuse causes major problems for the police and health services."





"There are many exciting bars and specialist beer pubs around Edinburgh that help to increase the public's understanding of quality alcohol, however specifically in the area of Gorgie there are problems with overconsumption of cheap alcohol leading to problems with vandalism and cleanliness of public

"No go" areas.





Drunken people in the town centre make visitors to the city nervous. The old town is overcome by drunken people at the weekend and therefore making it a no go area for some.
Centre "No go" areas Friday/Saturday evenings because of drunks

Whilst there are positives and negatives I feel they balance each other out, however on days of sporting events I do avoid public transport and city centre, particularly later on due to antisocial behaviour worsened by alcohol.


On a Friday & Saturday night in particular there are many unpleasant experiences of people in the city having drunk too much. It puts me off going up town in the evening during the weekend. Portobello is less like this.

Drunk people place a strain on the public services. They also make certain areas of the city "no go" areas.
Edinburgh City Centre has a reputation for people consuming too much alcohol to get drunk.

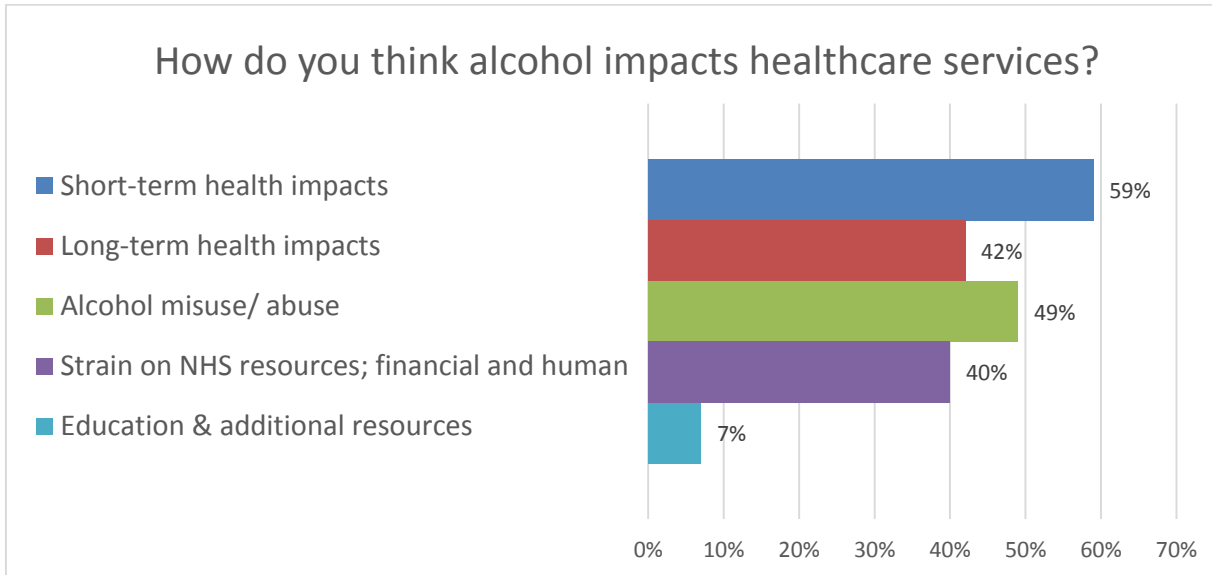
I have checked 'neither' but actually I think the answer is both. Positive because recently it has become easier to buy good/new/exciting drinks with the emphasis shifting from how much to drink to tasting new gins or beers but negative because of stag/hens etc. coming to Edinburgh to get wasted. I hate being in the city centre on a Friday night.

It's hard to give a clear positive/negative answer to this question! Obviously pubs and clubs that serve alcohol are part of Edinburgh's nightlife scene, and almost everyone benefits from a thriving night time economy. However, problematic use of alcohol and social problems caused by alcohol use are widespread. So I would say that places that serve alcohol generally contribute positively as long as they are well-run, but our sometimes unhealthy and problematic use of alcohol has a negative impact on the city.



How do you think alcohol impacts healthcare services?

Out of 281 responses to this question, 262 (93%) of respondents believed that alcohol impacted healthcare services in a negative way. Eleven (4%) of respondents did not know of any impacts and 8 (3%) of respondents thought that it did not impact at all.



Short-term health impacts

148 (59%) of respondents mentioned short term effects caused by injuries, accidents and violence resulting in A & E admissions.




"A & E on a Saturday night is a nightmare due to alcohol related injuries"


"Short term effects of misuse: such as accidents; alcohol poisoning/toxicity when mixed with other drugs or substances; correlation with violent & aggressive behaviour"




"Puts a strain on NHS especially at weekends when young people are up town - too many casualties of alcohol results in wasted police ambulance and NHS time"



"I frequently witness police, and paramedics called out to people drinking in the street. On occasion, they harm others, resulting in physical harm"




"Yes. The NHS on a Friday and Saturday night will be strained. I have witnessed A&E on a Friday night and it's like hell. People being sick, drunk. Hats off to the staff!"




"Most likely negatively through the large amount of short term health issues such as alcohol poisoning or injuries sustained when drunk"

Long-term health impacts


104 (42% of total) mentioned the long-term health implications of drinking, requiring on-going treatment, such as liver disease, cancer, weight issues, alcohol related brain damage (ARBD) and mental health issues.




"Very negatively. Very few people just have an alcohol problem without other physical and mental health problems"




"People also having conditions resulting from their regular consumption of alcohol, obesity, sclerosis of the liver, breast cancer along with other types of cancer"



"Long term effects of misuse such as the increase in risk in non-communicable disease such as heart disease, some cancers, liver problems, etc. All of which have treatment and care issues in relation to health services which requiring resourcing"



"Longer term alcohol damage, e.g. alcohol-related brain damage, liver disease, heart disease requires long term, expensive care - again, if alcohol wasn't so freely available, I wonder if people might not come to so much harm"



"On many levels, the one I see the most is working in health and social care I take a lot of referrals for ARBD which obviously is impacting health care"

"The GPs are then under pressure to provide further treatment to the injured, treat liver and other alcohol related illnesses and signpost alcoholics to recovery"



"Leads to mental illnesses being suppressed for too long as it is used as a mask or coping mechanism. Exaggerates aggressive or disturbing behaviour and hugely affected relationships"

Alcohol misuse/ abuse

121 (49% of total) respondents specifically mentioned the misuse of alcohol, either by being drunk, binge/ excessing drinking, or alcoholism, as the reason for alcohol negatively impacting healthcare.



"I think the misuse of alcohol impacts healthcare services. In particular the number of places to purchase alcohol (shops) and consume it (restaurants/pubs) is huge and makes it difficult to avoid. This can create an environment where drinking is the norm and in turn overconsumption as well. I feel this makes it difficult for health services to engage with people on their alcohol consumption, as what may be considered as too much alcohol (units/day or week) in other EU

"Alcohol has a negative impact on healthcare services. However, this only happens when people don't know how to drink alcohol responsibly (binge drinking or chronic alcoholism)"



"Obviously there are demands on services by 2 groups: alcoholics and young binge drinkers - we don't have a sensible drinking culture in our country. Other countries are much better at this"

"Hugely. Misuse of alcohol causes a lot of grief"



"Some people overuse alcohol and this leads to dire warnings for everyone, which in turn causes unnecessary worry and stress"

Strain on NHS resources; financial and human

113 (40% of total) respondents expressed concerns over the cost of providing care to people with alcohol related health issues and also the extra burden placed on staff leading to increased waiting times for other patients.



“Having worked in the NHS alcohol related health problems have a huge financial impact on services”

“Alcohol use puts a strain on healthcare services, whether that is through increased wait times at weekend A&E's or through pressures on the social care system. I am aware of a number of instances of people with Alcohol Related Brain Damage, being admitted to hospital as a result of falls or similar who then remain in the hospital for months whilst waiting for an appropriate community care package”



“Impacts on primary and secondary care thereby causing huge strain on limited public sector budgets”

“It puts unnecessary pressure on health services and healthcare professionals”



“Those with an alcohol related problem demand too much NHS resources”

“A drain on resources and staff time in particular at weekends”



“It places a big strain on the hospitals and takes money away from other areas of the NHS”

“It's overloading the A & E department to the point where people with life threatening conditions can't get seen in time”





"It's a disaster. My daughter is a nurse and alcohol abuse is a huge drain on resources"

"Emergency calls out to people who have been drinking divert resources from other emergencies. Long term damage to health is expensive"



"It takes more money from government to pay for traumas and injuries which wouldn't happen if people won't use alcohol"

Education & additional resources



Finally, 19 (7% of total) respondents thought that there should be more education to prevent alcohol related health problems and/ or more services to help people with alcohol addictions.

Alcohol abuse is a serious issue in Scotland education and resources are fundamental.



There should be more education for young people about the negative effects of alcohol.

Cuts to organisations that help people address their alcohol misuse have faced huge cuts and can't provide these individuals with the support they need.



It stretches them! I think we have a lot of social problems to address, before we

Information and education is very important in tackling the problem of alcohol abuse and over consumption.



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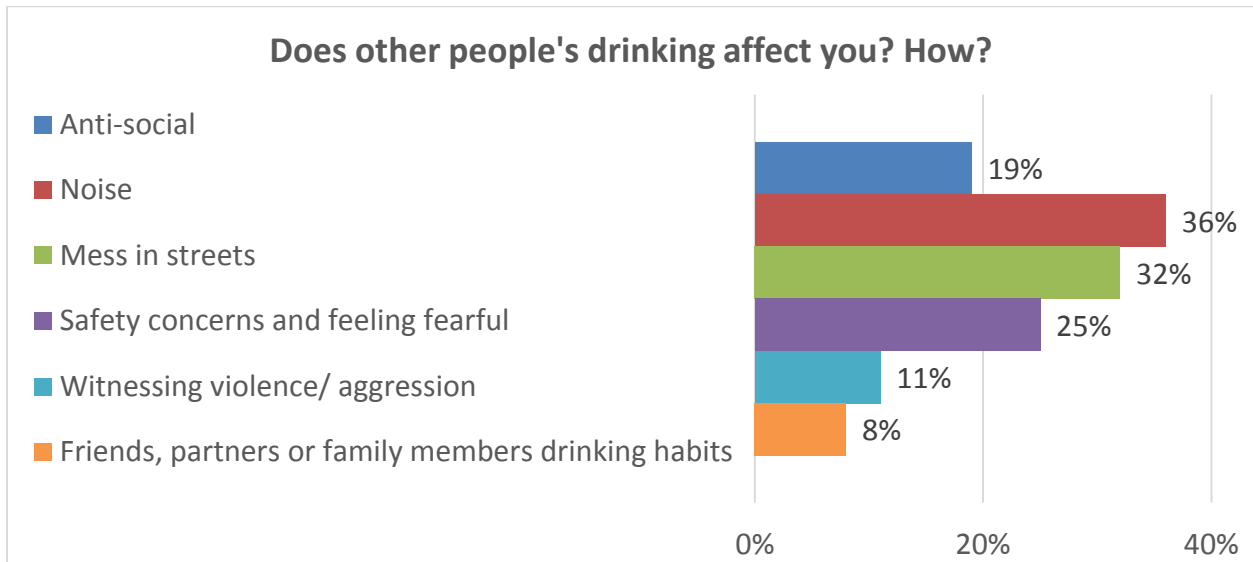
We could do more to educate and promote positive choices rather than belittling people. We need to offer more timely support to those asking for help with their alcohol use, rather than massive waiting lists for detox and recovery hubs with lengthy waiting lists and manipulated heat targets.

There aren't enough services that can provide the intense and ongoing help needed to overcome addiction so that we can prevent long term health problems. We need to spend money on prevention to prevent the long term health problems, such as liver disease. Obviously this is terrible for the patient, but from a pragmatic point of view it takes up money and resources, trying to treat disease that we shouldn't have allowed to happen



Does other people's drinking affect you? How?

Out of 292 responses to this question, 213 (73%) of respondents stated that they had been affected by other people's drinking, while 79 (27%) stated that they had not.



Anti-social

Of those affected, the majority cited the effects of antisocial behaviour, carried out by people under the influence alcohol, as the main reasons, with just over a quarter of respondents specifically mentioning either evenings, night time or weekends as problematic.

“Anti-social behaviour is a big one in my neighbourhood I actually had to resign from work because I don't get enough sleep”



“I don't have a problem with other people drinking, except when they become anti-social, for example shouting in the streets late at night. When people who are clearly intoxicated continue to be served alcohol to the extent that they become a nuisance and are then all kicked out onto the streets at the same time at closing, which creates problems of noise as well as sometimes making certain areas feel unsafe”

Noise

105 (36% of total, 49% of those affected) respondents stated that they had issues with excess noise, occurring late at night, mostly from people returning home after a night out.



"Only late at night when they can be heard screaming and shouting in the street"

"Late night noise is a common problem at the weekends. This is less to do with people smoking outside pubs, and more to do with drunken folks on their way"



"Drunk people are very loud. Particularly with regard to pub near my house, they leave the building too drunk, screaming and yelling and singing. Area very built up so an echo chamber and incredibly loud. I'm also near meadows where people walk by singing/yelling, but this is fine. It's the meadows so expected. Also, they are walking so they pass by quite quickly. Not like those smoking outside a pub. Pub was a restaurant when I moved here so was not something I "bought into" (as I did when choosing to live near meadows)"

"Yes, living on a popular route from the pub home frequently disturbed late at night after closing time"



"I live amidst student housing and a very popular area for living during the fringe but work a mostly 8-4pm job that includes Sunday mornings. I have lost significant amounts of sleep, particularly in the summer and around Christmas/new year time because of drunken chanting and screeching"

Mess in streets and parks due to litter, broken glass, vomit, urine and vandalism

93 (32% of total, 44% of those affected) respondents stated that litter, broken glass, vomit, urine and vandalism were a problem due to alcohol.



"There can often be litter left on the side of the road or on grass areas, especially if there has been sports or its been nice weather"

"The outdoor rivers of piss and vomit I could do without"



"Our car park is used as a toilet, we are constantly picking up beer cans and other litter... It is unsafe, noisy and messy"

"I hate how much litter there is! Empty beer bottles, chippy containers on Sunday mornings which were left from drunk students on Saturday night"



"I live amidst student housing and a very popular area for living during the fringe... There is a lot for glass, cans, vomit, and thrown about chippy on weekends in particular"



"Litter (there was a major problem when the council missed emptying the bottle bank one week); vomit on the pavements especially when heading towards the city centre"



...broken glass can sometimes be a problem in the park at weekends when I walk my dog.



Broken glass - mess in the park. Smashed up bus stops & phone boxes.



...broken glass can sometimes be a problem in the park at weekends when I walk my dog.



There are some street drinkers near me and I just wish they used the multitude of bins around rather than dumping their litter.



Yes, I've caught people peeing in my garden. Smashed bottles and glass are a safety issue for my children and my dog's feet. Forever litter picking around the outside of my house....



Litter is always bad at the weekend, there are discarded takeaways and little puddles of vomit everywhere.



...cars being vandalised, sick in the street, broken glass. Sometimes vehicles vandalised by groups passing by from nearby premises.



Safety concerns and feeling fearful

74 (25% of total, 35% of those affected) respondents stated that they felt unsafe or fearful at certain times due to drunk people's behaviour.



Certain parts of town e.g. Grassmarket, Forrest Road, George IV Bridge are unpleasant and feel a bit unsafe in the evenings and at weekends. This is worse when there are particular events/occasions e.g. Six Nations, St. Patrick's Day etc. Doesn't create a good impression of the city.

Rarely, though there are areas/routes within the city that I might avoid at certain times as they feel less safe or comfortable, which relates to the role of alcohol in, and the pattern of, the night time economy.



...in central Edinburgh, the atmosphere can be extremely edgy and you don't feel safe later at night.

Some drunk people might be abusive or overly friendly which makes you feel unsafe.



Yes, very much. Drunk people in the buses or streets make me sometimes uncomfortable when they start approaching me, also some of them are trying to pick up even a fight.

I guess the intimidation factor of being around drunk people if you get the "last" bus/train home. Young people want to fight when drunk.



Yes - it makes me feel extremely uncomfortable and frightened for my safety when I walk around the streets of Edinburgh.

Scary going out at night sometimes when faced with large amounts of drunk people in the streets.



Safety and security, peace of mind, sexual harassment been shouted at on the street, leud gestures, once was physically grabbed

It does. In neighbourhoods where there are plenty of bars and pubs I don't feel safe or comfortable. Drunk people seem more dangerous.





Concerns of being out / returning home. Anxiety in company of unpredictable drunks. Rubbish left by street / park drinking

I won't walk in certain areas of the city at night time on the weekends as I know there is a higher chance of bumping into groups of drunk men hanging outside



Drunk people can be irritating, creeps in bars being drunk and loud. I feel like as a young woman I feel slightly threatened at times.

Witnessing violence/ aggression

32 (11% of total, 15% of those affected) respondents stated that they had been affected by observing violent incidents and/ or aggressive behaviour carried out by people under the influence.



I live in the city centre so vomit on pavements, unpleasant drunk atmosphere in the streets in the evening, and violent alcohol related incidents around top of Leith walk

Usually stay in on weekend nights get upset seeing people fighting and sometimes innocent people get hurt, wouldn't want to be waiting on bus home at night



When I lived on High Riggs, a big problem of noise from fights when pubs and clubs emptied.

I remember being accosted by people who'd had too much to drink in the past



Friends, partners or family members drinking habits

24 (8% of total, 11% of those affected) respondents stated that their lives had been or were currently negatively impacted by people close to them with alcohol problems.



I have a neighbour with significant mental health problems and his behaviour becomes frightening when he is under the influence of alcohol - to the extent where I have to regularly contact the police - when he is sober and taking his medication he is fine - when he is drinking he is invasive (tries to get in my home, stands outside my window shouting etc.) - alcohol exacerbates his mental health - I don't know if he can access support for this.

Not so much on a personal level now but my friend was an alcoholic, lost her home, family and friends. I spent 20 years trying to help her, attend hospitals and AA etc. but unfortunately nothing worked for her. I have since lost contact with her and lost a good friend.



I don't enjoy being in the company the really drunk people, it makes me feel uncomfortable. Seeing an intelligent and healthy person reduced to rock bottom through alcohol addiction is horrendous to watch.

I was married to an alcoholic and this had a huge impact on my life and the lives of my children. We lost our home and it has left a mark on all of us.



A culture that promotes alcohol has affected our family life. We have a family member who is a high functioning alcohol dependent.

All of the above, it has also impacted on me directly with family members, one of whom died from cirrhosis of the liver

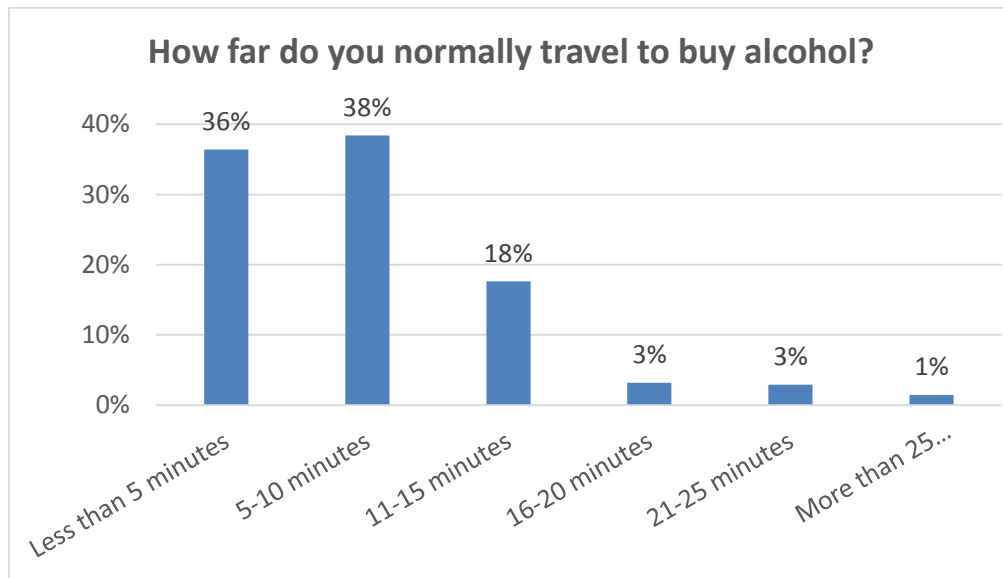


Yes. My mother has been an alcoholic since I was born - I wasn't aware of it though until I was roughly 9 years old. I have lost friends due to their drinking habits and I gave my other half an ultimatum when I first met him that he wasn't

Quantitative Research Results

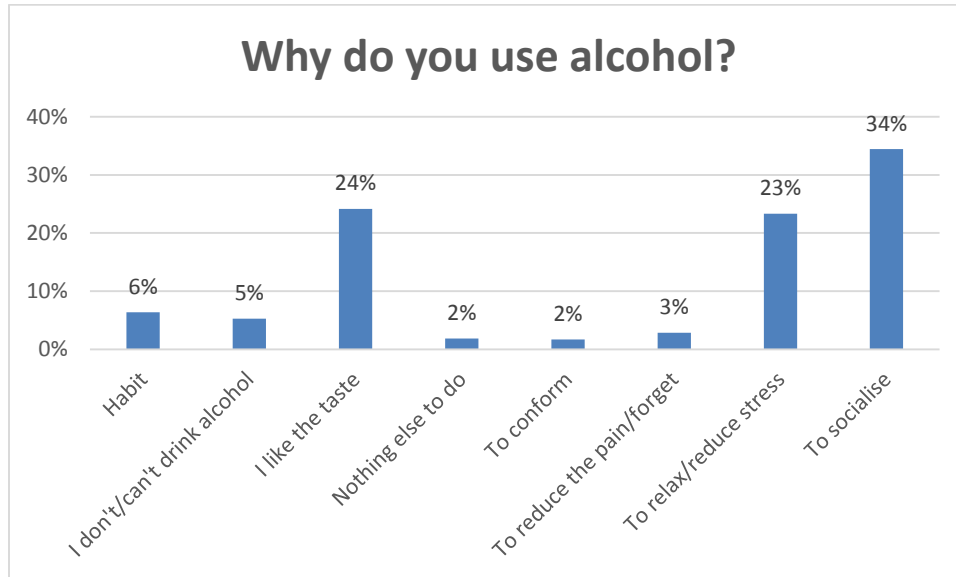
Overall Results

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol?



Travel time to buy alcohol	Count	Percent
Less than 5 minutes	126	36%
5-10 minutes	133	38%
11-15 minutes	61	18%
16-20 minutes	11	3%
21-25 minutes	10	3%
More than 25 minutes	5	1%
Grand Total	346	100%

Why do you use alcohol?



Reason for alcohol use	Count	Percent
Habit	45	6%
I don't/can't drink alcohol	37	5%
I like the taste	170	24%
Nothing else to do	13	2%
To conform	12	2%
To reduce the pain/forget	20	3%
To relax/reduce stress	164	23%
To socialise	242	34%
Grand Total	703	100%

Does alcohol contribute positively or negatively to Edinburgh / the area you live in?

In Edinburgh as a whole, what do you think about the number of the following types of places that sell alcohol?

In your area, what do you think about the number of the following types of places that sell alcohol?

Results by Location

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol? Analysed by percentage.

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
EH1	60%	0%	0%	20%	0%	20%
EH3	38%	46%	13%	4%	0%	0%
EH4	25%	38%	31%	6%	0%	0%
EH5	21%	43%	14%	7%	7%	7%
EH6	38%	30%	24%	3%	3%	2%
EH7	35%	50%	12%	0%	3%	0%
EH8	43%	38%	19%	0%	0%	0%
EH9	41%	32%	23%	0%	0%	5%
EH10	47%	47%	7%	0%	0%	0%
EH11	67%	27%	7%	0%	0%	0%
EH12	20%	60%	20%	0%	0%	0%
EH13	25%	50%	0%	0%	25%	0%
EH14	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%	0%
EH15	26%	47%	21%	2%	2%	2%
EH16	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%	0%
EH17	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	0%
EH19	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	0%	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%
Outside of Edinburgh	28%	45%	17%	0%	10%	0%
Grand Total	37%	39%	18%	2%	3%	2%

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol? Analysed by numbers.

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
EH1	3	0	0	1	0	1
EH3	9	11	3	1	0	0
EH4	4	6	5	1	0	0
EH5	3	6	2	1	1	1
EH6	24	19	15	2	2	1
EH7	12	17	4	0	1	0
EH8	9	8	4	0	0	0
EH9	9	7	5	0	0	1
EH10	7	7	1	0	0	0
EH11	10	4	1	0	0	0
EH12	1	3	1	0	0	0
EH13	1	2	0	0	1	0
EH14	2	1	1	0	0	0
EH15	11	20	9	1	1	1
EH16	4	2	2	0	0	0
EH17	3	2	0	0	0	0
EH19	2	0	1	0	0	0
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	0	2	0	1	0	0
Outside of Edinburgh	8	13	5	0	3	0
Grand Total	122	130	59	8	9	5

Why do you use alcohol? Analysed by percentage.

Area code	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
EH1	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	40%	40%
EH3	2%	7%	24%	4%	2%	2%	24%	33%
EH4	3%	10%	23%	0%	0%	0%	26%	39%
EH5	4%	7%	18%	4%	4%	11%	25%	29%
EH6	9%	4%	28%	1%	1%	2%	19%	35%
EH7	7%	4%	20%	3%	1%	4%	29%	32%
EH8	0%	6%	31%	3%	0%	0%	22%	38%
EH9	3%	3%	26%	0%	0%	3%	26%	39%
EH10	6%	6%	19%	3%	0%	3%	28%	36%
EH11	3%	3%	34%	0%	0%	0%	25%	34%
EH12	13%	0%	38%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
EH13	10%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	30%	40%
EH14	8%	0%	31%	0%	0%	8%	23%	31%
EH15	6%	6%	25%	0%	3%	3%	22%	35%
EH16	11%	0%	22%	0%	0%	0%	28%	39%
EH17	0%	20%	10%	0%	0%	10%	20%	40%
EH19	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%	13%	38%	38%
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	17%	50%
Outside of Edinburgh	8%	10%	20%	2%	2%	0%	24%	34%
Grand Total	6%	5%	24%	2%	1%	3%	24%	35%

Why do you use alcohol? Analysed by numbers.

Area code	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
EH1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
EH3	1	3	11	2	1	1	11	15
EH4	1	3	7	0	0	0	8	12
EH5	1	2	5	1	1	3	7	8
EH6	12	6	38	2	2	3	26	47
EH7	5	3	15	2	1	3	22	24
EH8	0	2	10	1	0	0	7	12
EH9	1	1	8	0	0	1	8	12
EH10	2	2	7	1	0	1	10	13
EH11	1	1	11	0	0	0	8	11
EH12	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
EH13	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	4
EH14	1	0	4	0	0	1	3	4
EH15	5	5	19	0	2	2	17	27
EH16	2	0	4	0	0	0	5	7
EH17	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	4
EH19	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	3
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Outside of Edinburgh	5	6	12	1	1	0	14	20
Grand Total	39	36	161	10	8	17	157	232

Does alcohol contribute positively or negatively to Edinburgh / the area you live in?

Legend				
Very Positive	Positive	Neither positive or negative	Negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5

Area code	Average of Effect on Edinburgh	Average of Effect on the area that you live in	Count of Effect on Edinburgh	Count of Effect on the area that you live in
EH1	2.67	2.67	3	3
EH3	3.38	3.10	21	20
EH4	3.13	2.88	16	17
EH5	3.31	3.29	13	14
EH6	2.73	2.92	60	62
EH7	2.69	2.97	32	32
EH8	3.61	3.17	18	18
EH9	2.87	2.86	15	14
EH10	2.80	2.47	15	15
EH11	2.86	3.50	14	14
EH12	2.40	2.60	5	5
EH13	3.50	3.25	4	4
EH14	2.50	2.50	4	4
EH15	3.37	3.07	43	42
EH16	3.14	3.14	7	7
EH17	3.17	3.25	6	4
EH19	3.00	3.50	4	4
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	3.00	3.00	2	2
Outside of Edinburgh	3.21	3.16	29	31
Grand Total	3.04	3.02	311	312

In Edinburgh as a whole, what do you think about the number of the following types of places that sell alcohol?

What do you think about the number of alcohol retailers in Edinburgh				
Area code	Supermarkets	Small grocers / corner shops	Off licenses	Restaurants
EH1	3.20	3.40	3.00	2.50
EH3	4.00	3.30	3.09	3.24
EH4	3.59	3.59	3.00	3.06
EH5	4.07	4.00	3.36	3.08
EH6	3.45	3.28	2.84	3.06
EH7	3.59	3.50	3.00	3.16
EH8	3.38	3.48	3.10	3.20
EH9	3.45	3.14	2.82	3.11
EH10	3.38	3.00	2.94	3.07
EH11	3.47	3.60	2.87	3.21
EH12	3.40	4.00	3.00	3.00
EH13	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.33
EH14	3.25	3.00	2.75	2.75
EH15	3.79	3.50	3.10	3.14
EH16	3.88	4.13	3.25	3.14
EH17	3.67	3.67	3.33	3.33
EH19	3.00	3.00	2.75	3.00
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	3.33	2.67	2.33	3.00
Outside of Edinburgh	3.24	3.41	2.89	3.00
Grand Total	3.56	3.43	2.99	3.10

Results by Age

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol?

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Under 18	0%	33%	33%	0%	0%	33%
18-24	49%	34%	14%	3%	0%	0%
25-34	35%	41%	17%	3%	2%	1%
35-44	44%	39%	13%	2%	2%	0%
45-54	33%	42%	16%	3%	3%	3%
55-64	38%	32%	20%	4%	5%	2%
65 +	18%	41%	41%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to say	20%	40%	20%	0%	20%	0%
Grand Total	37%	39%	18%	3%	3%	2%

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Under 18	0	1	1	0	0	1
18-24	17	12	5	1	0	0
25-34	33	39	16	3	2	1
35-44	24	21	7	1	1	0
45-54	23	29	11	2	2	2
55-64	21	18	11	2	3	1
65 +	3	7	7	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	1	2	1	0	1	0
Grand Total	122	129	59	9	9	5

Why do you use alcohol?

Age	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Under 18	13%	6%	13%	13%	13%	6%	19%	19%
18-24	4%	4%	26%	2%	0%	0%	17%	47%
25-34	7%	2%	27%	2%	1%	3%	23%	35%
35-44	4%	8%	24%	2%	1%	3%	25%	33%
45-54	4%	4%	21%	2%	2%	4%	27%	36%
55-64	10%	10%	21%	0%	1%	3%	25%	30%
65+	7%	7%	33%	0%	0%	0%	20%	33%
Prefer not to say	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	17%	0%	50%
Grand Total	6%	5%	24%	2%	1%	3%	23%	35%

Age	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Under 18	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	3
18-24	2	2	14	1	0	0	9	25
25-34	16	5	58	4	3	6	49	75
35-44	4	8	25	2	1	3	26	34
45-54	5	6	29	3	3	5	37	50
55-64	11	11	23	0	1	3	27	32
65+	2	2	10	0	0	0	6	10
Prefer not to say	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Grand Total	42	35	163	12	10	19	157	232

Does alcohol contribute positively or negatively to Edinburgh / the area you live in?

Legend				
Very Positive	Positive	Neither positive or negative	Negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5
Age	Average of Effect on Edinburgh	Average of Effect on the area that you live in	Count of Effect on Edinburgh	Count of Effect on the area that you live in
Under 18	2.50	2.00	2	3
18-24	2.96	2.93	27	28
25-34	2.74	2.89	88	88
35-44	3.06	3.00	52	51
45-54	3.26	3.35	66	66
55-64	3.25	3.09	55	55
65+	3.29	3.06	17	16
Prefer not to say	3.00	2.20	4	5
Grand Total	3.05	3.03	311	312

Results by Gender

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol?

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Female	40%	36%	16%	3%	2%	2%
Male	31%	45%	18%	2%	4%	0%
Other	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to say	38%	13%	25%	0%	13%	13%
Grand Total	37%	39%	17%	3%	3%	2%

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Female	85	78	35	7	5	4
Male	34	49	20	2	4	0
Other	0	1	1	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	3	1	2	0	1	1
Grand Total	122	129	58	9	10	5

Why do you use alcohol?

Gender	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Female	6%	5%	24%	1%	0%	2%	26%	35%
Male	8%	5%	25%	2%	3%	3%	21%	34%
Other	0%	25%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	14%	10%	10%	14%	14%	29%
Grand Total	6%	5%	24%	2%	1%	3%	24%	35%

Gender	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Female	23	21	99	6	2	10	107	145
Male	18	12	59	4	6	6	48	80
Other	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Prefer not to say	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	6
Grand Total	42	35	162	12	10	19	158	233

Does alcohol contribute positively or negatively to Edinburgh / the area you live in?

Legend				
Very Positive	Positive	Neither positive or negative	Negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5
Gender	Average of Affect on Edinburgh	Average of Affect on the area that you live in	Count of Affect on Edinburgh	Count of Affect on the area that you live in
Female	3.19	3.16	198	197
Male	2.81	2.86	104	106
Other	3.00	2.50	2	2
Prefer not to say	2.43	2.14	7	7
Grand Total	3.05	3.03	311	312

Results by Employment status

How far do you normally travel to buy alcohol?

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Employed	33%	42%	18%	3%	3%	0%
Prefer not to say	45%	32%	9%	0%	5%	9%
Retired	34%	34%	22%	3%	3%	3%
Student	47%	33%	17%	0%	3%	0%
Unemployed	50%	27%	9%	9%	0%	5%
Grand Total	37%	39%	17%	3%	3%	1%

Area code	Less than 5 minutes	5-10 minutes	11-15 minutes	16-20 minutes	21-25 minutes	More than 25 minutes
Employed	74	94	41	6	7	1
Prefer not to say	10	7	2	0	1	2
Retired	11	11	7	1	1	1
Student	17	12	6	0	1	0
Unemployed	11	6	2	2	0	1
Grand Total	123	130	58	9	10	5

Why do you use alcohol?

Row Labels	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Employed	6%	4%	26%	0%	1%	2%	25%	36%
Prefer not to say	5%	9%	13%	13%	9%	14%	16%	21%
Retired	3%	12%	26%	0%	2%	0%	22%	34%
Student	4%	3%	23%	3%	1%	1%	24%	41%
Unemployed	16%	7%	19%	2%	0%	5%	21%	30%
Grand Total	6%	5%	24%	2%	1%	3%	24%	35%

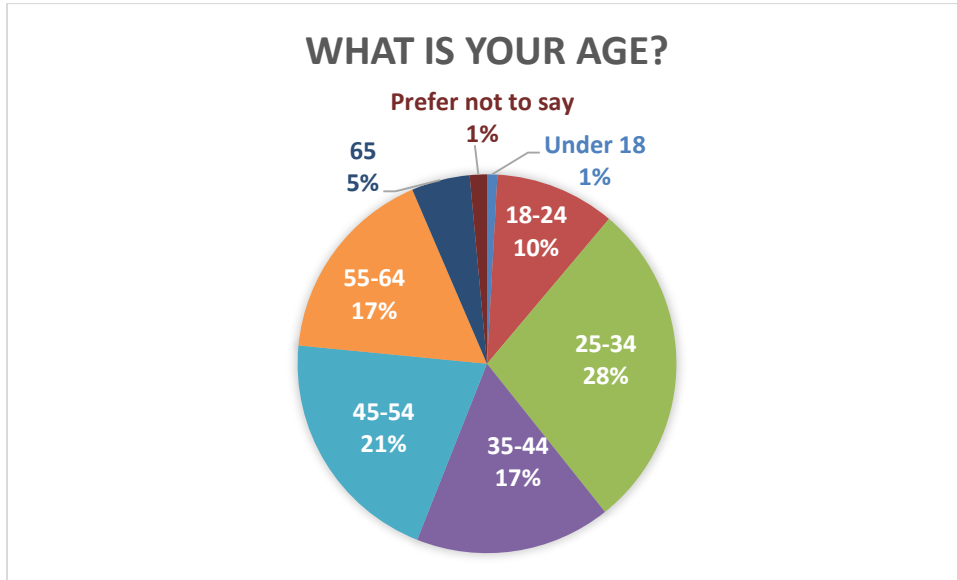
Does alcohol contribute positively or negatively to Edinburgh / the area you live in?

Row Labels	Habit	I don't / can't drink alcohol	I like the taste	Nothing else to do	To conform	To reduce the pain / forget	To relax / reduce stress	To socialise
Employed	27	19	117	2	3	8	111	160
Prefer not to say	3	5	7	7	5	8	9	12
Retired	2	7	15	0	1	0	13	20
Student	3	2	16	2	1	1	17	29
Unemployed	7	3	8	1	0	2	9	13
Grand Total	42	36	163	12	10	19	159	234

Legend				
Very Positive	Positive	Neither positive or negative	Negative	Very negative
1	2	3	4	5
Employment status	Average of Effect on Edinburgh	Average of Effect on the area that you live in	Count of Effect on Edinburgh	Count of Effect on the area that you live in
Employed	2.97	3.00	213	215
Prefer not to say	3.33	3.45	21	20
Retired	3.34	3.03	32	30
Student	2.97	2.84	29	31
Unemployed	3.17	3.28	18	18

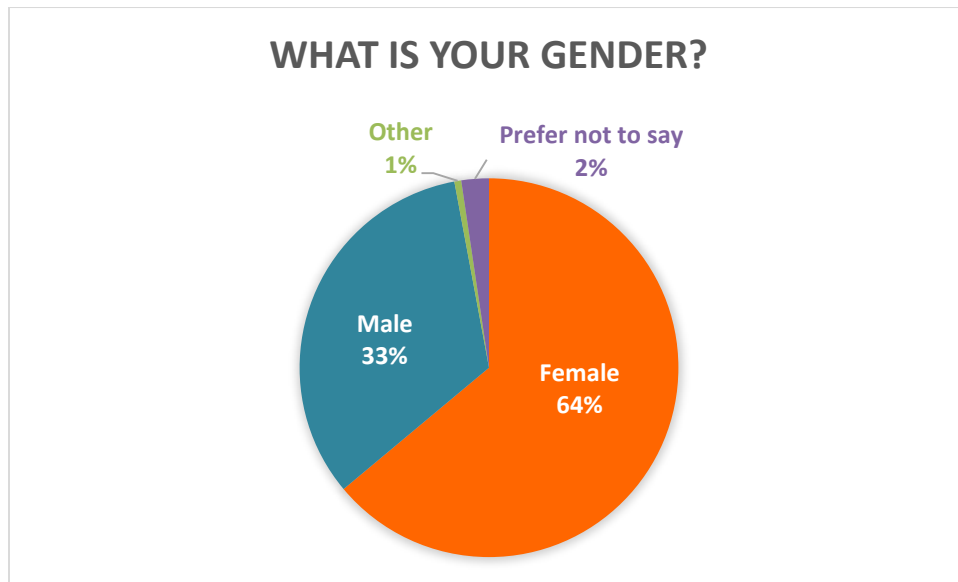
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What is your age?



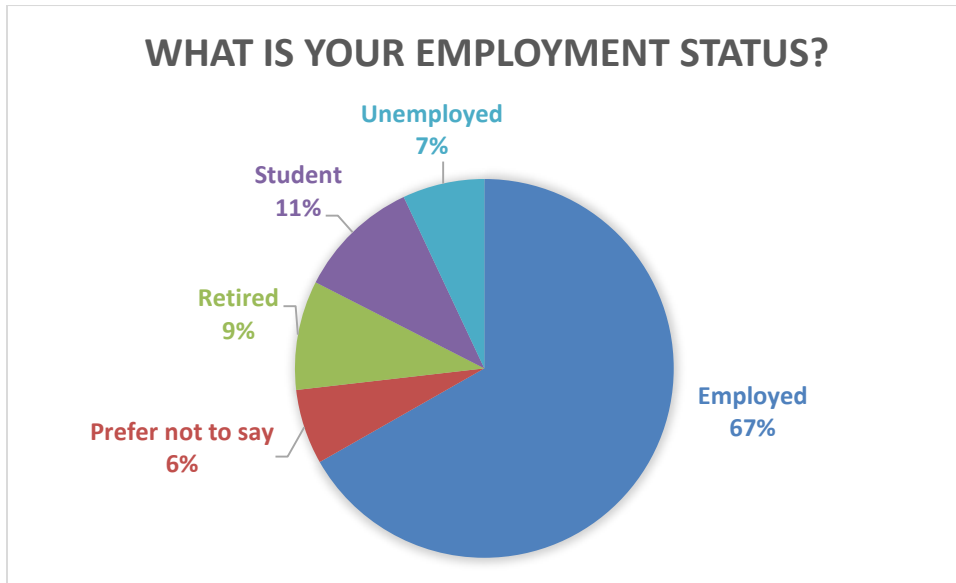
What is your age?		
Age	Count	Percent
Under 18	3	1%
18-24	35	11%
25-34	90	28%
35-44	54	17%
45-54	66	21%
55-64	53	17%
65	15	5%
Prefer not to say	4	1%
Grand Total	320	100%

What is your gender?



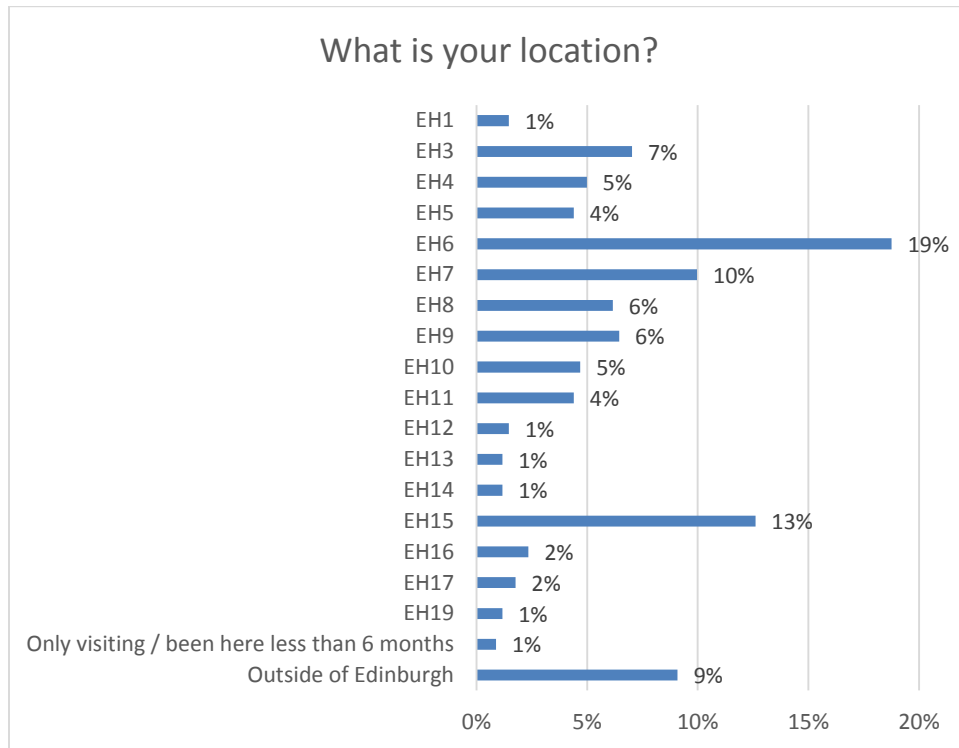
What is your gender?		
Gender	Count	Percent
Female	205	64%
Male	106	33%
Other	2	1%
Prefer not to say	7	2%
Grand Total	320	100%

What is your employment status?



What is your employment status?		
Employment status	Count	Percent
Employed	218	68%
Prefer not to say	19	6%
Retired	29	9%
Student	35	11%
Unemployed	21	7%
Grand Total	322	100%

What is your location?



What is your location?		
Location	Count	Percent
EH1	5	2%
EH3	23	7%
EH4	13	4%
EH5	12	4%
EH6	62	19%
EH7	31	10%
EH8	21	7%
EH9	22	7%
EH10	15	5%
EH11	15	5%
EH12	5	2%
EH13	4	1%
EH14	3	1%
EH15	42	13%
EH16	8	3%
EH17	5	2%
EH19	4	1%
Only visiting / been here less than 6 months	3	1%
Outside of Edinburgh	27	8%
Grand Total	320	100%

Appendix

Q4. How do you think alcohol affects Edinburgh and your community?

Response ID	Why do you think alcohol is
6126064884	- Edinburgh's nightlife attracts people from all over the country. - Edinburgh is unique in the way venues are presented - there are pubs in the city that can be dated back to the 1600's. These venues are part of the fabric of the city and hold great social and cultural significance. - venues such as the Waverley Bar (now sadly closed) / the Worlds End are historically and socially relevant and attract tourists - Alcohol is arguably part of Edinburgh's culture, almost 300,000 tourists visit the Scottish Whisky Centre annually. Alcohol is not only intrinsic to Edinburgh's culture, but Scottish culture in general. It is often employed as a method of cultural exploration- there are venues all over the city offering whisky tastings and whisky "tours" which use whisky and it's production as a way of exploring other aspects of Scottish culture
6148904147	A lot of pubs in Edinburgh don't allow children in them, even during the day, which creates a certain atmosphere.
6166365618	A small percentage of people misuse alcohol & some have a tendency to rely on alcohol. I think in our area, generally, people are quite sensible with drink, although I know there are alcoholics in every area & I know the misery it can cause.
6174468647	Alcohol functions as a socially acceptable coping strategy for difficult emotions and experiences
6135611635	Alcohol has an overall negative impact as we culturally rely too heavily on it. If the culture was different, as well as the education standards associated with the use of alcohol, then perhaps it would not be so negative as I have outlined.
6169016107	Alcohol in the city centre does cause problems relating to crime and anti-social behaviour but without our restaurants and bars it would be such a destination city. In Leith, where I live, there are no more problems caused by drunk people than experienced by those in the average high student area. It is drugs that are the problem, and the unpleasant experience being around addicts at any time of day or night. My two nearest pharmacies are methadone dispensaries so I just don't use them.
6159419899	Alcohol is a social lubricant, social drinking helps keep communities together.
6136049245	Alcohol is always stigmatised. Whenever you see someone drinking on the street/in public/buying alcohol there's always the perception to ask why.
6159468373	Alcohol is one of the most damaging drugs and is the most readily available.
6147356662	Alcohol is the root of some anti-social behaviour and violence in the city centre in particular.
6164507576	Alcohol outlets are pleasant and useful. Socialising with friends is enhanced by alcohol. Alcohol is an interesting topic of conversation.
6173822480	Alcohol reduces social inhibitions and is one of the few ways of maintaining communities in an age of ever-increasing social isolation. It breaks down barriers of age in particular and it should be remembered isolation is one of the biggest health threats in our communities right now, particularly for the elderly.
6165007483	Alcoholism is a big problem in regard to people becoming addicted or binge drinking and the health problems that follow. I think a lot of people use alcohol to forget any

Response ID	Why do you think alcohol is
	pain or problems or they are facing. Only thing is, is that alcohol doesn't rid anyone of any problems and so this is where someone who cares enough about these people need to intervene.
6161308253	Anti-social behaviour.
6168301961	Antisocial behaviour
6158262585	Area has concentrated number of pubs with obvious drinking hour's extended and regular customers with alcohol and behaviour issues.
6167843108	As a resident in Leith - I find it archaic / odd that some pubs still operate under the dockers licensing where they open at 6am / 8am. Often on my commute to work around 9am there always seems to be police or an ambulance outside these pubs - it must have an exceptional strain on emergency services. Since the working hours have changed at the docks, these operational hours aren't really for people to go for a drink at the end of their shift - instead it's servicing people with alcohol problems or people still out from the night before. Because of the levels of intoxication at these places, it tends to lead to fights, aggressive behaviour or public disorder / urinating in public and people passing out in the street
6158029825	As a whole in Edinburgh alcohol seems to mostly be used socially and I do not encounter much trouble within the city centre. However, the area I live in is more deprived and I think alcohol probably contributes to crime, littering and other issues in the area.
6133640128	As in every city, Edinburgh has a great amount of varied places where you can drink socially and that cater to different groups, and offering different experiences, most of which are positive. I have also seen a lot of alcohol abuse in Edinburgh. However, I think these are non-related.
6167919448	at the weekends in Leith a lot of assholes when mixed with drugs spoil it for people wanting just a good night out
6148437565	Because it generates a lot of garbage and can cause violent episodes in certain neighbourhoods.
6169558824	Because it is positive for the tourism but negative for alcohol violence.
6158969905	Because it is the only socially accepted behavioural change agent.
6167859041	Because it makes it a sociable area, where people come to spend their money and keep businesses in our area going.
6129083640	Because of the lack of inhibition alcohol promotes.
6174666175	Because there are a lot of students in Edinburgh drinking to excess and this can lead to negative effects such as fighting, depression etc. The area I live in has an older population that are more responsible with alcohol and so it doesn't have such a negative affect
6127684695	Binge rather than social drinking
6153043780	Brings people together.
6133703988	Business, just some people are stupid with it
6168146889	Business in local area
6152976490	Can see lots of hassle and fights brought on by alcohol use. Also see people laying about drunk in the street. I also know many people who are now struggling with alcohol misuse. In general there are too many alcohol outlets and the whole culture seems to revolve around alcohol consumption.

Response ID	Why do you think alcohol is
6158516965	Centre "No go" areas Friday/Saturday evenings because of drunks
6148905902	Cheap alcohol and socio-economic status resulting in poor stress relief/coping and access to better forms of coping
6171702190	Cheap to buy
6158022607	City attracts a lot of students and weekend party visitors
6162342660	City centre clubs pubs etc. are concentrated in a relatively small area therefore the impact is greater
6169308140	City centre during weekends tends to have a lot of drunk folk with associated litter and noise problems. In our area it's mainly discarded bottles and cans.
6125594098	Clubs being open till 3am compared to the UKs 5am is 100% better for students and Edinburgh as a whole making alcohol in my opinion have more positive impacts than the rest of the UK, but I live near a club (silk) and can hear when people arrive and leave the club shouting/screaming but this is only once/twice a week
6150938423	Community of homeless in the city centre tend to connect around the various support centres i.e. Hostels, access points, busking and begging places, need more safe support venues where people can go for help
6153380723	contributes to cultural and social life
6171686614	Crime and anti-social behaviour
6175926461	Culture of over drinking in Edinburgh/Scotland
6175888189	Damage is made re evident in my area due to levels of poverty and large numbers of students the negative effects are more visible
6152969215	Domestic violence often occurs as do neighbours disputes. And damage to cars and property by people who are intoxicated
6125509875	Drinking as a whole is a sociable activity, and in the area I live in this is true.
6125513168	Drinking socially is a huge business and bars etc. create loads of jobs. It brings in tourism from hen/stag dos, not to mention whisky, brew dog etc. etc. Plus, bars/clubs are fun. However, there is a big whom I know are addicted to drugs and alcohol. It can make walking around at night quite dangerous because you don't know what state of mind someone could be in due to being intoxicated. I'm also near the uni so every weekend you have tonnes of drunk young adults blocking paths and just generally being annoying, with accompanying piles of vomit dotted around on Sunday mornings
6125663158	Drunk people can be annoying and health issues.
6125512373	drunk people causing issues
6174906673	Drunk people make a racket at night and litter
6158055434	Drunk people place a strain on the public services. They also make certain areas of the city "no go" areas.
6124938404	Drunk young and old people, let public areas around the pubs really dirty, and create a sense of unsafety.
6169681919	drunken behaviour is threatening
6149147371	Drunken people in the town centre make visitors to the city nervous. The old town is overcome by drunken people at the weekend and therefore making it a no go area for some.
6169582110	Edinburgh and the particular area I live in has plenty of bars, and shops where alcohol is available, that allow for a great deal of choice when it comes to spending time sociably amongst our community.

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6148590890	Edinburgh as a city is not largely affected by drinking culture as it exists, due to being a large student base, so there are a lot of safeguards in place (10 O'clock restriction) but my local area is affected by the numbers of pubs, more rowdiness at weekends.
6125395645	Edinburgh as a whole is positive because of all the events/parties that happen so it's a happy atmosphere. Whereas in my area too many underage's are sold alcohol
6169512596	Edinburgh being a university city provides good service for its citizens
6165034511	Edinburgh city centre has a lot of events and festivals where beer gardens and pubs often gives a place for people to gather which in turn stimulates the economy. In my area, Leith, it's a bit different since I find that there are great gathering places that are pubs, but due to the largely (although less so now) deprived population it also has a detrimental effect on the community.
6127114354	Edinburgh City Centre has a reputation for people consuming too much alcohol to get drunk.
6145932539	Edinburgh city centre is a great place to socialise but you can see the people that live round here who are unwell or have a problem (eg drinking in the street during the day); there's noise at night; there's very little except pubs, off-sales and bookies open after 8pm.
6167766157	Edinburgh has a long history of 'pub culture'. That goes hand in hand with the local music scene, and other cultural events. Leith has a few reprobates - often begging to support their habit - but the numbers are likely less than 0.1% of the population. The only time readily available alcohol becomes a problem is when certain West Coast football teams have matches at Easter Road.
6165594748	Edinburgh is made up if distinct pockets where alcohol contributes to significant problems - violence, crime, abuse etc.
6154497463	Everyone is self-medicating due to trauma.
6159475360	Everyone likes how it tastes.
6125594419	Evidence
6170051253	Far too much outdoor drinking which is causing antisocial behaviour and creating an unsafe environment for those who do not have an alcohol problem. Children see people staggering about under the influence of alcohol all day, people are harassed as they go about their day. Most doorways stink of urine. Broken bottles and beer cans litter every green space making play areas unsuitable for children to play in. Most small grocers are constantly breaking licensing laws by selling to underage or obviously drunk customers and not observing the selling hour's restrictions. I have witnessed this on many occasions. Not enough regulation of small traders. Very disheartening
6167962726	Fights, pubs that you don't want to walk past. Feeling unsafe walking alone after dark.
6161345100	Friday/Saturday night drunks
6156067926	Gives pleasure/ damages health and society
6148947850	Good for economy
6128952960	Good places for people to socialise but at other end of the scale there are lots of issues arising from problematic use.
6149448762	Hard to decide. Alcohol brings finance in to centre and restaurant and pubs. But in my areas some folks abuse and have alcohol issues.
6165302780	Haven't ever really thought about it- has different reasons- thriving nightlife/ festival scene vs street drinking/ binge drinking culture

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6174697405	Having nice bars to go to is good for socialising and tourism, as well as jobs for people. However I know there are people who struggle with alcohol and antisocial/youth drinking which has a negative impact.
6161603957	Having quality shops, bars, restaurants and venues enhances life in the city and provides locals and tourists with choice.
6134899535	Health impacts of alcohol use are often hidden but cut far too many lives short. My father was addicted to alcohol but felt so ashamed of himself that he only sought help when it was far too late to reverse the damage to his heart and general health. I feel able to drink sensibly, but I am appalled at how many licensed premises are allowed to open in an area already over-supplied. I'm also appalled that the Licensing Board chose to accept the application to open a student bar selling cheap alcohol directly opposite the new Boroughmuir High School. I trust young people to make good decisions if they have access to good quality harm reduction information, however we need to remember that decisions like that one contribute to normalising alcohol consumption without due regard to the serious health impacts.
6159446142	Hibs fans
6158173790	I am aware across Edinburgh that there are many people whose lives are blighted by use of excess alcohol and that alcoholism is not uncommon. I do not know within my own area what the statistics are like.
6168647288	I do not see any negative/positive impacts on Edinburgh apart from people who had too much alcohol. In the area where I live I can sometimes see drunk people acting unsociable near bars or in the area around Lidl and Tesco (Leith). It makes me feel uncomfortable and unsafe.
6134163818	I don't have enough evidence to make a judgement
6171593773	I don't know how alcohol influences the environment in Edinburgh or the part I live in. I don't see any positives or negatives in these areas as a result of alcohol.
6169701275	I don't see alcohol use as any less or greater an issue than elsewhere I have visited
6148908444	I don't think that I see anything specifically good or bad.
6125539055	I have a lovely local off-licence, with friendly staff and an interesting selection of novel drinks.
6125613831	I have a lovely local that I like to go to, and I like having a choice of nice bars to visit as I choose.
6158792659	I have checked 'neither' but actually I think the answer is both. Positive because recently it has become easier to buy good/new/exciting drinks with the emphasis shifting from how much to drink to tasting new gins or beers but negative because of stag/hens etc. coming to Edinburgh to get wasted. I hate being in the city centre on a Friday night.
6171289496	I have no issue with people enjoying alcohol. I do think though that it has become escapism for many people and as such although not always destructive does lead people into a sense of denial
6163557233	I haven't seen any evidence that proves conclusively one way or the other.
6156361942	I live beside Murray field and alcohol is present but it's not really adding to or taking anything away.
6165741083	I live in a deprived area. Children are exposed to adults getting drunk.
6138071502	I live in a quiet residential area

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6163017497	I live in a student area, students tend to drink a lot in Social gatherings.
6169517782	I live in an area with several pubs so it's brining trade and work. Often see groups of people having fun/socialising. Only down side is after football matches when people are sick and often men Pee in the flat doorway despite there being a pub with a toilet next door :/ men seem to like to Pee outside (behind the bins and cars too)
6168675558	I live in Marchmont and depending on who is in the flat above me I can be stuck with noisy drunk posh students for a year! When they are drunk there is no reasoning with them.
6164609474	I live in the leafy suburbs. If drinking to excess goes on it is usually behind closed doors I guess.
6168676960	I mean yesterday I saw some guy spewing in a gutter at 4 pm with a bottle of Buckfast in his hand...
6162491622	I see many drunk people, even with small kids, abusive and rude etc. People lose their minds and do things they are sorry when they sober up.
6170070407	I see the effect that alcohol can have on vulnerable and homeless people and the lack of choice about their lives that it causes.
6125622193	I think as a whole it is good for Edinburgh, business, tourism etc. But in my area of Leith, there are some problems with people. You see them drunk during the day, just crazy
6127138066	I think bars etc. attract a lot of customers and makes for a good night life
6174883319	I think that pubs/clubs offer opportunities to socialise/dance etc. but alcohol can be problematic for lots of folk in terms of addiction, health and offending.
6125536023	I think the pros of alcohol, the nightlife of Edinburgh are equal to the cons of alcohol abide within Edinburgh
6168555178	I think there are too many places selling alcohol in close proximity to each other on the shore / Leith
6153123882	I witness (often on a daily basis) the impact of inebriated people on those around them, and the harm they are doing to themselves.
6169680792	if people are out having a good time it can create a good atmosphere but I think bad behaviour should be dealt with in a tough way and I don't think people should be allowed to consume alcohol anywhere before lunchtime each day.
6134678856	If the drink if consumed in pubs it can have positive aspects for community bonding.
6149116112	If we compare cities where alcohol is banned to Edinburgh where it is not: people are more relaxed and friendly, it's fun to talk to them in a pub and get to know your colleagues better.
6154528069	If you can drink socially without being out of control it is fine but when people have problems with alcohol it is destructive
6165725294	I'm in a 'nice' area (Morningside). Lots of restaurants and cafes sell alcohol and their business relies on it.
6134678880	In my area there are a few very nice establishments - nice bars or restaurants where you can enjoy a glass of wine over a meal or just socialise with friends. Nothing gets out of control and the neighbourhood feels very safe. On the other hand there are many places in Edinburgh where I wouldn't like to live or even socialise as due to a high consumption of alcohol and subsequently inappropriate behaviour I wouldn't feel safe or comfortable. It's all about moderation and balance when it comes to alcohol.

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6151482701	In particular areas (rose street, George street etc.) it's embarrassing seeing people drunk. The binge attitude in the UK to alcohol is very different to other countries and really sad to see.
6173017972	increased violence and accidents, physical and mental illness in some people, money could usually be better spent
6168342931	Increases sociability, often makes areas more lively and fun (especially in summer). However, in the early hours of the morning, I occasionally come across disruptive people (near Cowgate or the nightclubs for instance). Nowhere near as bad as other cities I have lived, so positive on a whole.
6165364481	Info in press and young kids drinking in street
6169905742	It bring people out of their houses to socialise and mix. This area becomes much more friendly in the summer when people are outside - often drinking
6162472056	It can be difficult for people to finish after just one or two drinks, and this leads to huge health and social problems
6167463274	It can lead to dependence, antisocial behaviour and creates artificial connections between people when they should be connecting without artificial brain numbing harmful chemicals
6165324139	It contributes positively to the economy of Edinburgh (hospitality sector) but has a negative impact in the health/social care costs of the city.
6158655616	It contributes to ill health in the poorest communities.
6127056207	It enables people to be social and encourages tourists to go into the huge number of local pubs & restaurants. Locally I've not seen any direct impact.
6135747560	It encourages socialising
6168069950	It has both positive and negative effects, very hard to categorise.
6135982741	It helps people socialise. Pub culture is a big draw for tourists to Edinburgh. It provides employment. It tastes good.
6169703177	It impacts both negatively and positively. Lots of brilliant pubs and opportunities for people to get together, socialise and have a good time. There is also real problems with alcoholism and issues with alcohol related violence, abuse and neglect.
6134999144	It is a drug at the end of the day and people that abuse it, for whatever reason, never benefit themselves or the community.
6125690563	It is a reason/way for people to gather in pubs to socialise however it can end in antisocial behaviour and a lot of sick on the streets
6168735024	It is an affluent area and likely has fewer people of lower socioeconomic status along with relatively better informed residents about the risks of alcohol consumption and relatively strong/stable social bonds.
6150211075	It is fine in moderation but when used to excess can cause problems
6126027857	It makes people unhealthy. It is hard for the environment. It causes crime. It makes people depressed.
6165923067	It should be a personal choice and nothing to do with politicians
6126173080	It's a bit of a B&W question? it contributes to the local economy but is also responsible for many health and social problems
6158048109	It's a complex issue - hard to summarise in a few words, but as 'drugs' go, it is more of a nuisance substance than some illegal drugs. I'm thinking of weekend nights in the city centre. IN my local area I'm not too adversely affected by noisy / threatening drunks. Obviously there's a positive economic contribution from alcohol to the

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	economy - but at a high price in terms of health and wellbeing. I would LOVE to see licensing rules changed so that more young people could participate in evening events, such as seeing live music. IN my opinion this would help reduce the kind of generational segregation we suffer form in the UK. It's a complicated issue - but in general I'd like to see more people learning how to have a good time (live music, family activities, and inter-generational events) with very little or no alcohol involved...
6169702176	It's a good thing overall. .
6137481780	It's both positive and negative. Late night disturbances by people under the influence, broken bottles on street/in parks and people using on the streets and begging are negative effects. The social vibrancy that come along with responsible drinking is an obvious positive effect on the community.
6155836428	It's good for tourism and good for residents
6140374211	It's hard to give a clear positive/negative answer to this question! Obviously pubs and clubs that serve alcohol are part of Edinburgh's nightlife scene, and almost everyone benefits from a thriving night time economy. However, problematic use of alcohol and social problems caused by alcohol use are widespread. So I would say that places that serve alcohol generally contribute positively as long as they are well-run, but our sometimes unhealthy and problematic use of alcohol has a negative impact on the city.
6167820606	It's not alcohol to blame for trouble it's how people use it.
6134634540	It's not nice and scary to meet drunk person at late evening time. There are a lot of bottles and other litters all around after weekends, then people drink mostly.
6137394796	It's the main reason of most incidents during the weekend.
6161311344	I've known a couple of local alcoholics who has now died as a result of their addiction. Also the cost of the constant ambulances to the people involved was ridiculous.
6142560822	I've never seen anything different than any other city
6175956166	Jobs and places to meet up
6169826286	Just a part of life can be good and/or bad it's never always positive or negative.
6134118796	Licensed premises and drink producers are an important part of the local economy, so positive. Some people do not drink responsibly and may have related health or behavioural problems, so negative. This question is not very clear.
6161654214	Licensing laws re opening hours are too lenient.
6145941040	Litter and noise everywhere. Rowdiness. Tourists don't like it and neither do the actual Edinburgh residents. The city needs more for residents, not just tourists.
6145932783	Litter, vomit, drunks. Noise, hen parties. Massive drinks culture in Leith, ruining lives.
6129202703	Littering, smashed glass, urine and vomit - doesn't get cleaned up properly by council either, if at all - makes going to work on a Monday more unpleasant! Violence, anti-social behaviour
6135491965	Live opposite a pub and see how many people are there all day. Also the noise and disruption of drunk people on street.
6143310276	Locally I don't see alcohol contributing positively or negatively. In Edinburgh as a whole I don't go out drinking really so I don't see the negative effects of problematic drinking, though I know for some people across the city alcohol will cause negative effects.
6166122564	Lots of litter and vomit in the streets, rowdy behaviour especially late at night, feeling unsafe walking alone at night
6172108602	Lots of posh, expensive bars, make for a more relaxed atmosphere

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6162987194	Lots of pubs & restaurants in area - good for economy. But alcohol can also come at a price!
6125691731	Lots of rowdiness, especially late at night. Noise, broken glass, etc.
6127522463	Loud people shouting outside pubs
6168308075	makes people more outgoing and sociable
6159058859	Many crimes are committed due to alcohol abuse. Families can be torn apart because of it.
6125960061	Many pleasant local pubs
6169433014	many vulnerable people become alcoholics and in many cases are living in poverty or are homeless
6126960931	Mess in city - vomit, urine, etc.
6125585772	More dependant people in Leith.
6172600006	Most areas have their ups and downs issues with a lot of alcohol issues hidden regardless of social standing.
6127711291	Most people drink to excess, but it's a good way to socialise.
6162922494	Most people I know are social alcoholics. I am an alcoholic because it gets me through. I no longer physically function without it, my body twitches and I cannot mentally function. This is true of many people. People are mostly self-medicating because of the stress, pressure and damage that they have incurred from the stuff they have to do to survive in society today. Poverty has a lot to do with this
6145935231	my area - there are few pubs etc. so not much impact from this. As a whole - a festival city with amazing bars, pubs and restaurants.
6173099867	My area very quiet with no concerns although Leith as a whole can display some anti-social behaviour due to street drinkers.
6125578179	My peer group (white, middle class, 30-40 years of age) can drink most of the time in moderation. I don't see that reflected across the city as a whole.
6158031364	Never see any drunk people where I live. As a whole though, if you are up town at night it is a different story with lots of drunk youngsters
6179516443	No experience of positivity or negativity in areas I live in.
6158185155	No real evidence of drunken behaviour
6165315830	No visible signs of difficulty where I live but aware of issues cause by alcohol in other parts of the city
6133929901	Noise, litter and public hygiene nuisances (vomitus). Occasional violence in the streets.
6149970726	North Edinburgh is blighted by anti-social behaviour, fuelled by the easy availability of drink and drugs. Edinburgh, as a whole, benefits from an active social scene where most people drink responsibly
6174669893	Not aware of positive or negative impact on my area. As a whole, I think it contributes to the income of the city, but in excess there is also negative impacts
6135736203	Not too many issues in my area fortunately but accept that other areas may have more problems.
6158318992	On a Friday & Saturday night in particular there are many unpleasant experiences of people in the city having drunk too much. It puts me off going up town in the evening during the weekend. Portobello is less like this.

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6171416002	Our area does not usually have much crime or drunken behaviour. However some areas of Edinburgh have effects of problem drinking clearly on display (e.g. in parks, or weekend evenings in centre)
6159344044	Our society presents alcohol as 'cool' and fun so people feel it's fine to over-indulge
6150203183	Overall benefits the centre of the city, particularly at festival and Hogmanay where in the large part good natured social drinking adds to the ambience. On a local level - in my area problems with youth drinking and adults over indulging in my opinion outweigh any positives.
6158350155	Overindulgence leading to demands on police and A and E. Danger to others and themselves Vs folks being sensible and having a good time. Lots of great venues makes Edinburgh and local area attractive.
6126891118	Part to play in the attraction of the city centre
6173487993	People are dying
6165648859	People drink to be social in the area I live in - there is only sometimes teenagers drunk in the area
6155272823	People drink too much and behave badly. Leads to violence outside and in the home
6158299161	People drink too much and it affects their behaviour and health. We have had individuals drinking at the bus stop and driving when drunk.
6126184178	People need to socialise. Pubs provide a gathering place. Moderate drinking (often along with food) is a good way to bring life to a community where people are often glued to a smartphone for hours lost in their own little world
6148926163	People's behaviour on the streets because rowdy, dangerous, and disrespectful when it otherwise wouldn't be. Litter and broken glass all over by Sunday morning.
6172458440	Plenty of business in Portobello that rely on food and drink industry
6169833674	police impact and violence
6172175433	Positive because it brings money to the local business in the area and improves the culture for great night life etc. Negative because there are sometimes issues with those who have over indulged.
6125622522	Positive for the city as a whole as it brings groups into the city to socialise, so good for the economy. It's not as positive in my area as there are some poorer communities that either have alcohol issues or cannot afford it.
6169882947	Promotes social interactions. Generates tax income.
6153125842	Pubs act as the heart of communities and the majority of people that drink in moderation do no harm to themselves or others. Although over-drinking can cause obvious problems, alcohol in moderation can play an important role as a social lubricant.
6137436270	Rather than saying neither positively nor negatively I would like to be able to say it contributes negatively and positively - the sale of alcohol contributes hugely to Edinburgh's economy, people have a good time drinking sensible etc. at the same time there are problematic issues around the use of alcohol use - health issues and excessive use.
6158249513	Readily available and socially acceptable to drink to excess
6125556849	Really drunk students and tourist shouting and pissing in the street I live in.
6169462416	Responsible people drink responsibly

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6164031371	Rubbish, empty bottles everywhere, antisocial behaviour, makes it boring as people go out for one purpose only... to drink.
6134083384	Seeing people who are addicted to alcohol is sad and distressing. However for many people alcohol is a positive happy experience, so a kind of difficult question to answer, none of the options were the answer I would give
6171566415	Seen as very social in city centre or tourist spots, in regards to area where I stay I wouldn't say there is a huge effect but there can be a few issues which seem big as its home, whereas in the city is seen socially.
6167869378	Sociability
6169678839	social and economic benefits
6158132159	Social experience
6149306481	Social gatherings
6161312165	Social/touristic central area
6167819650	Socialisation
6158026763	Some areas people overuse
6165309579	The area is Dalry and there are often issues with drinking after the football matches
6127553250	The atmosphere of rings like the festival pop ups on George street create a nice atmosphere of the city. However access to large quantities of cheaper alcohol for private consumption later in the evening means isolated drinking or group drinking and often contributes to anti-social behaviour both in the home and on the streets
6169536562	The bars at the Shore bring people into the area. The cafe culture is a positive attribute.
6158070415	The Cowgate on a Friday/Saturday night. Very negative on Edinburgh.
6167805592	The effects of alcohol on society is a symptom not a cause. People let down by society, poor and without prospects for a future else's an escape from their miserable lives and find it in substances that take them on an imaginary break from reality. Fix their reality and you'll fix their search for it in alcohol.
6150484912	The great variety of restaurants for example are a great for the tourism industry however alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour is a massive blight for our communities. Alcohol abuse causes major problems for the police and health services.
6168339907	The local pubs are social spaces and important to the fabric of the community.
6125656209	The noise we experience at weekends from drunk people walking past the flat.
6148788241	The sale of alcohol employs thousands of people in Edinburgh who otherwise may be out of work..... Tourist business in Edinburgh is also very reliant on the sale of alcohol
6175889142	The shore area in Leith is a lovely place to be, well managed pubs and a vibrant community spirit.
6126397765	The vast majority of socialising involved alcohol.
6135487339	The world looks a lot nicer after a few shots of Absinthe
6176029903	There are both positive and negative aspects to alcohol use in Edinburgh and in my community. Consumption in moderation can bring positives in certain social situations both city wide and locally but overconsumption and drinking to excess can and does result in problems.
6168251177	There are lots of cute bars along the Walk and by the Shore, a great place to catch up with friends over and drink and some food.

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6160329217	There are many exciting bars and specialist beer pubs around Edinburgh that help to increase the public's understanding of quality alcohol, however specifically in the area of Gorgie there are problems with overconsumption of cheap alcohol leading to problems with vandalism and cleanliness of public spaces.
6172625412	There are no pubs or licenced shops near my house
6168143317	There are problems caused by supermarket drinking and untreated alcoholism but also a thriving craft beer scene
6171504425	There are pros & cons to alcohol. It provides a focus for socialising as well as generating income and employment, though misuse is implicated in health problems as well as behavioural problems both locally and more widely.
6168279272	There are some drunken idiots of an evening, and some serious alcoholics around, but I'd say a lot of local businesses are based on alcohol revenue (pubs) and a lot of them are pleasant places to be most of the time. (I say most because I vaguely hate say Grassmarket when it's covered in drunk tourists and drunk old men, but I quite like it in the day when people are relaxing in the sun)
6168316394	There are some very nice bars in the area and they can be a pleasant place to socialise and spend time with friends. I also like the bars that stock "craft" beers, as I and some of my friends are interested in brewing and talking about beers. In Edinburgh there are some areas (Cowgate) where large numbers of very drunk people probably cause problems. During the festival this becomes a mess extending to most of the city centre.
6135489122	There are too many publicans and metro/express supermarkets which are glorified off licences. Hen nights and stag nights are a feature of the city centre - very few are not alcohol centric. The social impact of alcohol misuse and abuse is having an impact - liver disease, other alcohol related health issues and alcoholism are having a detrimental impact on the citizens of Edinburgh including children.
6174560434	There is a sense of community in the pub that I drink in. It brings young and old together. They look out for and care for each other.
6172479248	There is not a problem with too much alcohol in my neighbourhood but i can see that in other areas it can cause problems e.g. people feeling unsafe in public areas where people who had too much to drink cause problems.
6166567256	There's place in the city for alcohol - it about the culture of drinking, not the presence of alcohol itself.
6169026780	Today's society is becoming more and more online based. Alcohol is one of the last common types of socialising that hasn't (and can't) move to being online based
6168439408	Too much drinking around the meadows
6168208896	Too easy to buy alcohol and at least 3 hostels nearby who care for people with alcohol issues amongst others
6171627384	Too easy to purchase alcohol, pubs open too long
6153776403	Too many addicts on the streets begging. Also, anti-social behaviour is evident and on the increase. It is making the community feel threatened.
6145938182	Too many drunken hen nights and stags do's and there is far too much of a drinking culture in the whole of Scotland but especially the cities.
6174760966	too many drunks using doors and kids play park to use as public toilets also if you walk pass them they want to start a brawl
6164996150	Too many people use alcohol irresponsible.
6158743459	Too many shops selling alcohol in local area

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6171351494	Tourists attracted by the nightlife.
6159500899	Trade, nightlife, culture
6169488894	Very social friendly community
6153057317	We live in a residential area, but go out with this and you can see negative impact
6154614026	We've lost the plot. You'd have to be some kind of weirdo to go against the norm that most of us abuse alcohol - whether we know/ admit to it or not!
6136091685	When in Edinburgh I have never seen ill effects of alcohol. In my own community although I do see negative effects of alcohol I also see the benefits - busy nightlife and successful local businesses.
6167527614	Whilst Edinburgh's tourism and hospitality sectors benefit greatly from alcohol, the net impact of our drinking culture on society is negative. This manifests itself in all manner of ways, crime rates, hospital and social care costs etc. etc. Although I will say that the problems associated with alcohol are not purely the fault of alcohol itself. I am very much of the opinion that alcohol problems are a sign of socio-economic issues primarily, rather than purely down to 'the demon drink'.
6163047025	Whilst there are positives and negatives I feel they balance each other out, however on days of sporting events I do avoid public transport and city centre, particularly later on due to antisocial behaviour worsened by alcohol.
6167826820	Why not?
6151626809	Widely available
6140037773	Within all areas regardless of where you live, alcohol used responsibly and within moderation, does not tend to cause major issues. However when used in excess and irresponsibly, can cause issues socially as well as crime rates and strain on NHS etc.
6165740324	Yesterday I walked up the Waverly Steps and the stink of urine was overwhelming. In a major city with tourists it's just one example of the negative impact.
6126064884	Edinburgh's nightlife attracts people from all over the country. Edinburgh is unique in the way venues are presented - there are pubs in the city that can be dated back to the 1600's. These venues are part of the fabric of the city and hold great social and cultural significance. - venues such as the Waverley Bar (now sadly closed) / the Worlds End are historically and socially relevant and attract tourists - Alcohol is arguably part of Edinburgh's culture, almost 300,000 tourists visit the Scottish Whisky Centre annually. Alcohol is not only intrinsic to Edinburgh's culture, but Scottish culture in general. It is often employed as a method of cultural exploration- there are venues all over the city offering whisky tastings and whisky "tours" which use whisky and it's production as a way of exploring other aspects of Scottish culture
6148904147	A lot of pubs in Edinburgh don't allow children in them, even during the day, which creates a certain atmosphere.

Q7. How do you think alcohol impacts healthcare services?

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6126173080	1 million adults drink to harmful and hazardous levels
6165336008	A & E full
6125594419	A and e on a sat night I presume.
6168735024	A drain on resources and staff time in particular at weekends.
6125585772	A huge burden. Drunk people take more risks. Long term alcohol use does terrible things.
6126027857	A lot on a Friday and Saturday night but let's not forget the long term too. Depression, mental health, obesity etc.
6150211075	A&E are stretched at weekends particularly holiday weekends
6168286276	A&E Dept. full of drunks
6171566415	A&E hospital admissions, sickness days in work, Can provide challenges for healthcare practitioners when working with service users- for instance if a parent has a drinking issue a health visitor might find it hard to engage with them and assess what harm there is in terms of the children.
6172458440	Accidents due to drunkenness Alcoholism
6133929901	Added pressures on GPs and A and E.
6162924995	added strain on services
6158516965	Adversely - drink related injuries in A&E at Fri/Sat evenings/nights
6169701275	Alcohol abuse impacts significantly, penalising those who don't abuse alcohol by reducing outlets for alcohol purchases will not stop those with abuse issues, the health of individuals is severely impacted and unless they are willing to cease abusing alcohol then health care services are simply wasting money
6168339907	Alcohol abuse is a serious issue in Scotland education and resources are fundamental.
6162922494	Alcohol both contributes to and reduces use of healthcare services. Damage done by alcohol is significant through accidents and long term wear and tear but it also keeps people from engaging services. Alcohol is a way of locking out the world; most people like me avoid any healthcare services even if we need it. Neither alcohol nor the healthcare services can remove poverty, loss of agency or voice, zero hour contracts, abuse within the home and workplace; but alcohol makes it all bearable.
6165309579	Alcohol can have a negotiate impact on our health care system and people must be educated
6167805592	Alcohol doesn't. People who abuse alcohol do, but if it want alcohol they would find some other way. There is a clear distinction. And attempts to blur these lines by such surveys as this and other people trying to create a link do a disservice to the issue.
6168342931	Alcohol has a negative impact on healthcare services, taking up resources (time, money, available spaces in hospital etc.). However, this only happens when people don't know how to drink alcohol responsibly (binge drinking or chronic alcoholism). When used responsibly, I'm not sure if there is a significant impact of alcohol on healthcare at all
6149421616	Alcohol impacts negatively health care services.

Response ID	How do you think alcohol impacts healthcare services?
6165007483	Alcohol is a financial burden on the NHS and also a burden on the emergency services and A&E.
6126064884	Alcohol is only an issue when it is misused. There is a spike in a and e admissions over the weekend due to excessive consumption
6124938404	Alcohol problems costs a lot of money and human resources from the healthcare services.
6176029903	Alcohol related harm has a significant impact on health services. GP surgeries (including maternity services and health visiting etc.), A&E and acute hospital services all experience the impact of alcohol and excessive alcohol use.
6168069950	Alcohol related health problems, often self-inflicted, result in long queues in A and E, and sometimes in the abuse of staff. I can't think of a positive effect that alcohol has on the health service.
6172625412	Alcohol related illnesses cause a huge drain on NHS services
6167527614	Alcohol use puts a strain on healthcare services, whether that is through increased wait times at weekend A&E's or through pressures on the social care system. I am aware of a number of instances of people with Alcohol Related Brain Damage, being admitted to hospital as a result of falls or similar who then remain in the hospital for months whilst waiting for an appropriate community care package.
6167766157	Alcoholism costs the NHS a staggering amount. There appear to be too few programmes resolving the issue of chronic alcoholics who sleep rough, or are thrown out of temporary housing during the day.
6134163818	Alcohol-related accidents (drink driving) Alcohol-related injuries (due to drunkenness) Cirrhosis of the liver
6151626809	A lot, accidents etc.
6145932539	Ambulance call outs; wouldn't go to A&E at the weekend because it will be full of drunks; long-term health problems costing a lot of money to all services (podiatry, occupational health, GPs, etc.) as well as to acute services.
6169826286	Another drain on resources as many things are but healthcare services are there to take care of the human condition and alcohol is very much a part of that.
6173099867	As a health care worker I've seen the impact that drinking can cause to peoples' health but also to the safety of health care workers
6159419899	As a risk factor I would presume alcohol increases the incidence of certain illnesses within the community, but I imagine GPs can manage this.
6126136356	Assaults on healthcare workers. Domestic abuse. Long term avoidable or exacerbated health conditions caused by alcohol which skew the NHS budget. Inappropriate visits to A&E. Drink-drive offences resulting in injuries and mortality.
6145932783	Badly. The NHS in Edinburgh sent a girl home with a brain tumor 14 times. They can't diagnose and the NHS is in a dreadful state. Alcohol is not the only problem in this city. Develop Arthur's seat with a funicular and give people in the city something to do that doesn't cost money. Tourist boats going from Cramond to Portobello would be good. Too many things crammed into the centre. Create proper mountain biking tracks at Craigmillar. Extend cycle tracks. Ban cars in the centre of town, especially toxic diesels. We need a lot more electric car charging points.
6169558824	Because they are collapsed.

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6148905902	Binge drinking emergency visits impact Beds and Hospital spending, also emergency services, alcohol related harassment/abuse of staff, long terms effects.
6127553250	Binge drinking, and youth drinking must affect both the emergency services for accidents and over drinking incident ends and create the need for long term health care provision for alcohol associated diseases.
6172600006	Burden on hospital A&E services especially at weekends and holiday periods.
6173015240	burden young and old
6174666175	By causing health problems - Hepatic disease Renal disease Depression Weight gain
6169678839	by offering a consociate outlet it reduces isolation which leads to depression
6167820606	Can have a negative impact with too many people drinking to excess. There should be more education for young people about the negative effects of alcohol.
6153125842	Can put undue pressure on A&E services.
6163557233	Considerable impact judging by Friday and Saturday nights in E & A and all alcohol related diseases
6125395645	Costs the NHS far too much money
6134999144	Create a bigger strain, especially during the weekend and affects the people that NEED the help through problems that were not self-inflicted
6125539055	Creates excess accidents, some long-term condition deterioration.
6152969215	Damage from falls and accidents (Broken bones) Violence inflicted injuries Overdose Chronic health problems from over use: cirrhosis, cancers, brain damage kidney and heart problems
6173730192	definitely - lots of alcohol related diseases, chaos in A&E
6126960931	Delivering medical care must be hard at times due to drunk patients or relatives.
6125594098	Depends on the level of consumption
6135487339	Doctors and nurses like a drink as much as the next man
6165034511	Don't have any visibility into this I'm afraid, the only thing I can think of is that it can increase the number of patients due to its effects on the human body
6162987194	Don't know where to start!
6172108602	Don't think it does
6125509875	Drinking occasionally no, but being drunk beyond help takes up far too many ambulances.
6172663498	Drunk idiots at the A & E
6158792659	Drunk people must put a burden on A&E, particularly because has to meet needs of visitors as well as locals.
6158031364	Drunk young people taking up time at A&E, first thought if you think about falling ill on a weekend is it will be full of drunks.
6135491965	Emergency calls out to people who have been drinking divert resources from other emergencies. Long term damage to health is expensive.
6173017972	Emergency Departments have to deal with more violence and accidents, increased incidence of physical and mental illness
6125622193	Emergency services must be overburdened, especially during alcohol drinking times.
6137481780	ERI swamped with alcohol related injures on the weekends

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6173822480	Excess alcohol consumption puts pressure on A&E services but on the other hand is also helpful in reducing pressure elsewhere due to socialising and relaxation/de-stressing effects.
6158318992	Excessive alcohol causes health problems which stretch the NHS unnecessarily. Outpatients are frequently busy at the weekend with alcohol related incidents.
6134678880	Excessive use of alcohol has a negative effect on the health of the people. Thus people who overdose, get addicted or whose health deteriorate due to alcohol consumption place more pressure on the healthcare services.
6169833674	expensive medical health costs, through over use of alcohol
6169536562	Extra burden on A&E, long-term health conditions caused by excessive drinking and addiction.
6169681919	extra pressure on A&E and long term health care
6167919448	fighting at foot of the walk always results police ambulances therefore admissions to hospital to be repeated at later date
6155272823	Fights that result in the need for medical attention, alcoholism and mental health issues
6154614026	Go to A&E on a Thursday/ Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday night and you'll see.
6153057317	Having been in A&E there appeared to be a high proportion of those attending under the influence of over indulging in drugs, alcohol or both
6134083384	Having worked in the NHS alcohol related health problems have a huge financial impact on services.
6145941040	Healthcare services like to moan about the impact it has but if they were privatised and you had to pay to use them then ordinary people would be served far better than they currently are.
6158021692	Heavy demand on NHS at weekends due to overindulgence.
6158299161	Heavy drinkers present at their GPs with depression and health problems. Cuts to organisations that help people address their alcohol misuse have faced huge cuts and can't provide these individuals with the support they need.
6125663158	High cost and makes working for them hard.
6148437565	Hospital emergency rooms can be filled with people who have gone through alcohol, not treating other sick people.
6145935231	hospitals having to treat drunk people who have had too much
6125556849	Huge impact, imagine Saturday night without the booze, I'm sure A&E wouldn't be full of idiots.
6150484912	Huge strain on A & E and GPs. Costs the NHS a fortune.
6128952960	Hugely - A and E admissions due to drunken fights/ domestic violence, hospital admissions due to kidney/ liver issues - one of the biggest costs to NHS
6154528069	Hugely but don't think there is enough support for people who drink too get rid of pain
6174883319	Hugely in terms of addiction, accidents, violence
6147356662	Hugely. Misuse of alcohol causes a lot of grief, accidents and ill health
6135611635	Hugely. Drunk and disorderly fights. Mental health issues, counsellors needed for addiction, homelessness, family estrangements', gambling issues, debt etc.
6125613831	I appreciate the impact of ARIs on emergency services, hospitals, and social work however we could do more to educate and promote positive choices rather than

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	belittling people. We need to offer more timely support to those asking for help with their alcohol use, rather than massive waiting lists for detox and recovery hubs with lengthy waiting lists and manipulated heat targets.
6150203183	I believe alcohol impacts negatively on the health service overall as a result of over indulgence and alcoholism.
6136049245	I believe every person should be treated the same when they visit health centres/hospitals and there shouldn't be any change in attitude if they are an alcoholic. I believe that A&E most likely is more popular at the weekends due to alcohol and there is a lot of time spent looking after alcohol-related illnesses, however, more care and less stigma should happen to these individuals - they're still people, they don't 'impact' healthcare.
6153776403	I believe that it has a major effect on A&E but necessarily in GP surgeries.
6125691731	I can't imagine that it's good for healthcare services. The number of people with alcohol poisoning (or longer term issues like cirrhosis) must be staggering.
6165608615	I feel has an impact on health services from people hurting themselves falling over . Drinking fights. Also the long term effect of alcohol on people both physical and emotional
6153123882	I frequently witness police, and paramedics called out to people drinking in the street. On occasion, they harm others, resulting in physical harm.
6169026780	I guess it probably causes issues but I would want to look into how much tax revenue it generates first to see if it is a net contributor or user before making a decision.
6158022607	I have knowledge of mental health services and don't think they have increased. Don't know about medical problems leading to admissions etc.
6168675558	I have seen the effect on A and E and it is awful! And policing.
6158433607	I imagine it does - no evidence
6137436270	I imagine that excessive alcohol use and associated health issues (liver disease, certain cancers, heart disease) as well as emergencies (accidents, fights, domestic abuse etc.) in which alcohol plays a contributing part put a strain on health services
6148904147	I personally have to do go to the doctor fairly often to do an STI test due to having unprotected sex whilst drunk. This makes me guilty as it is taking precious time away from someone with problems that are not self-inflicted.
6164996150	I think A&E may well be full of alcohol related incidents over weekends in particular.
6158029825	I think alcohol impacts negatively on healthcare services. On the weekends if people are drinking too much or getting in to accidents from binge drinking, they put a strain on emergency healthcare services. People with long term alcohol issues will need specialised healthcare support. I would say the biggest issues is that a lot of people drink too much and that then impacts on our health in different ways, resulting in increased need for healthcare services.
6165740324	I think alcohol is having an impact on younger lives.
6136091685	I think alcohol misuse has a negative impact on healthcare services.
6151482701	I think alcoholism isn't noticed by a lot of people. It takes up so much resource in the health services

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6165741083	I think alcoholism yields a sequence of bad health such as overweight and mental health, which is really expensive for the NHS and the care services I know this first hand working as support worker.
6175889142	I think individuals present as change resistant drinkers, health care services do not know what to do with them, they cause anxiety and stress and ultimately are rejected from the services, thus going on to crisis situations and pulling on hospital, social work and police funding
6158095998	I think it has a detrimental effect given the implications for the A&E, hospital stays, GPs.
6174697405	I think it has a negative effect with alcohol related accidents or people drinking too much- I personally feel that there should be fines when people need to go to hospital for drinking too much- to help offset the cost to the NHS. I'm not sure about how to offset the cost of longer term health issues.
6171289496	I think it impacts many areas. However, I think that it is a symbol of a inability to engage with the inner self.
6169703177	I think it is quite severe. This is not through personal experience but anecdotes from people who have used A&E at weekends.
6171593773	I think the misuse of alcohol impacts healthcare services. In particular the number of places to purchase alcohol (shops) and consume it (restaurants/pubs) is huge and makes it difficult to avoid. This can create an environment where drinking is the norm and in turn overconsumption as well. I feel this makes it difficult for health services to engage with people on their alcohol consumption, as what may be considered as too much alcohol (units/day or week) in other EU countries is likely the norm here in Edinburgh/Scotland.
6125513168	I work in healthcare and it definitely increases strain on the NHS. On the one hand you have binge drinkers who take a night too far and end up needing care in A+E due to injuries or the need to keep an eye on their airway (to make sure they keep breathing and don't choke on their vomit). On the other hand, you have alcohol addiction. There aren't enough services that can provide the intense and ongoing help needed to overcome addiction so that we can prevent long term health problems. We need to spend money on prevention to prevent the long term health problems, such as liver disease. Obviously this is terrible for the patient, but from a pragmatic point of view it takes up money and resources, trying to treat disease that we shouldn't have allowed to happen
6165302780	I would imagine alcohol hugely affects weekends in A & E and what medical staff have to deal with, and I think that alcohol consumption caused more problems than illegal drug use
6169488894	If you over use anything it spoils the speed we can see a doctor
6168251177	I'm sure it has a negative effect particularly with teen drinking or people with alcohol problems, however I feel that alcohol is being demonised far too much when the majority of people can enjoy a drink in moderation.
6156361942	I'm sure it has a negative impact both through health impact of drinking too much and impact on A&E of alcohol fueled fights and accidents.
6133640128	I'm sure the number of alcohol related medical issues are a big issue for local healthcare services. On a number of occasions I myself have had to call emergency services to attend somebody/an incident relating to alcohol consumption. I don't

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	think alcohol is necessarily the issue, however. Information and education is very important in tackling the problem of alcohol abuse and over consumption.
6165364481	I'm visited A&E on a Saturday night for my daughter for an injury, not drink related but what I saw while waiting was a bit of an eye opener. The reception team are superb at dealing with situations.
6158743459	Impacts on primary and secondary care thereby causing huge strain on limited public sector budgets
6165725294	In an enormous way. Friday and Saturday nights - too much booze and associated fights etc. Domestic violence. Foetal alcohol syndrome. Obesity, mental health issues, cancer and alcohol-related liver disease.
6168279272	In many ways I imagine it's a negative impact, having to patch up folk who smashed their faces on a pole, who got into fights, or who have long term damage. However there are also probably a good few people who are less stressed after a glass of wine or even if they get shitfaced on the weekend and let out all the tension of the week.
6175812741	In moderation, it doesn't affect services. In excess it impacts greatly.
6169308140	In very many ways, from alcoholics to accidents on nights out to fights etc.
6164031371	Increased accidents, dangerous driving, and overall health problems. Leads to mental illnesses being suppressed for too long as it is used as a mask or coping mechanism. Exaggerates aggressive or disturbing behaviour and hugely affected relationships...
6172479248	Increased domestic incidents Violence on the street leading to a/e admission Accidents from too much alcohol consumption
6175881896	increases A&E presentations Increases demand on services both local and hospital
6168208896	Increases AE attenders. Money spent on treating alcohol could be diverted to preventative measures
6174669893	Increases demand
6179516443	Increases number of appointments taken up by people who overuse alcohol. This leaves little opportunity for others to access GP services. A & E on a Saturday night is a nightmare due to alcohol related injuries.
6166567256	Irresponsible drinking can lead to more health problems, from accidents while drunk, to long term issues such as fatty liver.
6158132159	Irresponsible use can increase health problems
6135747560	It can provide a slight strain on services.
6158262585	It causes health problems for user and costs health service in treatment of all effects of Alcohol abuse
6165594748	It certainly doesn't help health care services, and is a significant contributing source to why services are stretched. If there was a reduction in number of alcohol related injuries & medical conditions then places like A&E and GPs wouldn't be struggling therefore waiting lengths times would reduce, for example
6158111345	It costs the NHS billions to care for alcoholism associated illnesses every year. There should be more accessible interventions and a focus on the high functioning middle class alcoholics that go unnoticed by GPs because they are adept at lying and hide behind affluence and can afford to drink heavily (not just Buckfast abusers!)

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63047025	It definitely impacts waiting times in A&E at weekends, having friends that work for the health service I frequently hear how badly services are affected due to alcohol related incidents.
6165923067	It doesn't
6162491622	It givesunneeded workload. Drunk people more likely to injure themselves, or getting into fights that results in needing extra service that could of been avoided. Also in the long term different illness (mental too) are developed.
6158173790	It impacts it at every level - primary health care teams (GPs, Health Visitors, midwives, community nurses) all have their work impacted by people's misuse of alcohol so using GP consulting time, HVs having to manage child protection issues arising, community nurses having to care for people with alcohol related illnesses AND all community workers are at risk themselves from people who may be under the influence of alcohol. At hospitals A & E departments are regularly fielding people who are drunk or have suffered injury whilst drunk, and hospital beds are taken up but people who have alcohol related physical illnesses and mental health problems.
6127522463	It increases people's use of them because it causes loads of health problems
6158655616	It increases the numbers affected by cancer.
6170051253	It is almost impossible to get emergency care at the weekend as the only A and E unit in Edinburgh is completely swamped by drunks. Same goes for police emergencies...so many police officers tied up dealing with drunks causing havoc or too incapable to look after themselves.
6143310276	It is as I see it a coping strategy for many people which brings problems for people's physical and emotional well-being. Obviously these and other behaviours in which alcohol is often a factor, e.g. domestic abuse lead to increased numbers presenting at A & E for example.
6158055434	It places a big strain on the hospitals and takes money away from other areas of the NHS.
6169512596	it probably affects alcoholics who anyway drink at home or in the pubs not in open space like Meadows
6165324139	It puts a huge strain on these services. E.g. The waiting lists for packages of care in Edinburgh is so long due to citizens incapacitated due to alcohol related brain damage.
6169016107	It puts a strain on the emergency services (police to break up fights, ambulances to pick up injuries and those unable to function through alcohol, fire service through drunken carelessness). The GPs are then under pressure to provide further treatment to the injured, treat liver and other alcohol related illnesses and signpost alcoholics to recovery.
6152976490	It puts major pressure on healthcare and social services. Casualty blocked up by injured or overly intoxicated people and those that have been attacked by them. Pressure on other hospital depts. also. Great deal of pressure on mental health services. Not enough services to help/prevent alcohol misuse.
6158249513	It puts unnecessary pressure on health services and healthcare professionals
6158048109	It stretches them! I think we have a lot of social problems to address, before we can expect people to suddenly start drinking less and behaving differently. Young people need way more provision for things to do (skate parks, play parks with

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	bigger / more advanced equipment, rather than being aimed at toddlers, live music gigs etc. etc.) - happy and fulfilled people drink less, and drink more responsibly. I know when I was a teenager I drank way too much because we had nothing to do and nowhere to go. We drank in bus stops, and it was bad for our health.
6134634540	It takes more money from government to pay for traumas and injuries which wouldn't happen if people won't use alcohol.
6158452666	It use puts a massive strain on health services through people damaging themselves and others after drinking, as well as the long term illnesses and the burden placed on social services.
6167463274	It very negatively affects healthcare and puts an expensive unnecessary strain on the NHS
6164609474	It wastes NHS resources when people get injured or injure themselves when drinking to excess.
6135982741	It's a disaster. My daughter is a nurse and alcohol abuse is a huge drain on resources. But also substance abuse in general - particularly legal highs.
6137394796	It's overloading the A & E department to the point where people with life threatening conditions can't get seen in time
6148926163	I've only experienced this in A & E on a weekend when I've gone in for a proper injury, but had to wait 3 hours because most of the cue is alcohol related incidents and the nurse treats you rudely because she is stressed at the workload.
6135736203	Long term illness with alcohol misuse over a period of time and short term with injuries caused by falls and fights.
6127114354	Long-term health problems for people Causes problems at A & E
6149147371	Mainly drunks requiring attention at A&E at the weekend thus impacting on the general public who are ill through "natural" causes.
6133703988	Makes it hard
6149970726	Massively. A&E overrun with alcohol related incidents Social Services heavy affected by alcohol related issues Education Emergency services
6167869378	More fights at the weekend
6162989323	more violence at weekends making A&E over busy
6125690563	Most likely negatively through the large amount of short term heath issues such as alcohol poisoning or injuries sustained when drunk or through long term issues such as liver sclerosis.
6161308253	Negatively
6138071502	Negatively
6127553828	Negatively due to binge drinking
6166122564	Negatively if they are not able to limit themselves - increased costs to healthcare services
6173487993	Negatively- they have to waste time on people who are drunk when they could be helping actual serious injuries
6134678856	Negatively, it can put a stress on A&E and be disruptive to patients there with non-alcohol related injuries.
6162472056	Negatively, never me personally but I know many doctors who have to deal with people who have drunk too much,
6172175433	Negatively. Alcohol related incidents put a huge burden on A&E in particular.

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6159468373	Negatively. Think about long term alcoholics, think about A & E the weekend etc.
6168146889	No idea....more pressure on healthcare such as weight issues, dentistry, liver problems.
6149306481	No impact and no worse than obesity!!
6168189319	No impact if consumed in modest amounts
6160329217	No personal experience.
6159058859	Not enough is done to tackle alcoholism. There is virtually no support for families who often have to carry a very heavy burden.
6169517782	Obviously does as there's more incidents of people attending A & E on the weekend.
6140374211	Obviously excessive use of alcohol leads to increased illness and accidents, which impacts on acute healthcare services, and long-term problem drinking also impacts on housing and care services, but this is not about 'alcohol' itself being a problem, it's about regulation of the amount and cost of alcohol available, education and harm reduction, and appropriate services for people with addictions.
6126184178	Obviously there are demands on services by 2 groups: alcoholics and young binge drinkers - we don't have a sensible drinking culture in our country. Other countries are much better at this
6169368076	On many levels, the one I see the most is working in health and social care I take a lot of referrals for ARBD which obviously is impacting health care.
6169905742	Over indulgence impacts as it causes various medical problems - both physical and mental. This means there is less money for the NHS however I feel another self-defeating illness that has more impact is obesity.
6127684695	Over indulgence, violence towards others, long term health issues, domestic violence
6168555178	Over use A&E for alcohol related issues /accidents when already stretched. Alcohol linked liver disease, cancer, respiratory issues etc.increased costs, waiting lists, waiting times etc.
6174906673	People drink excessively and need medical treatment Alcohol counselling and support
6169680792	People drinking in excess can put themselves and others in danger, mainly because their behaviour can become extreme and they are not as aware of their surroundings and the danger they are in.
6148947850	People drinking too much in one go (binge drinking culture), increased violence
6168676960	People have weird relationships with alcohol. It makes them fat it makes them tired, and I'm sure it messes with their immune systems.
6149116112	People who get drunk are more prone to injuries, probably.
6166365618	People who use alcohol unwisely can have a bad effect on healthcare services. I know the A&E departments are full of people who've over-indulged, but I think there needs to be more education about the danger of drinking in senior schools.
6142560822	People will end up in hospital not just for alcohol poisoning but also for accidents that happen whilst drunk, like falling over and hitting your head. This leads to more services needing to be provided
6149005685	People with problems who go into damage their liver through alcohol take up beds other people with genuine illnesses could be using

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6171627384	Places an excessive burden on healthcare services in relation to impact on people's health and necessity for treatment. A&E services also affected.
6163017497	Possibly underage drinking and people who have an addiction to alcohol.
6153884749	Pressure on A&E as a result of drunken violence. Heavy drinking causing health problems. NHS staff having to handle drunken patients.
6127056207	Presumably it plays a small part in A&E, minor injury visits on Fri/Sat nights but I've no direct experience
6169433014	Probably puts them under pressure
6162342660	Proportionately the effects of alcohol on a person's health takes up more of healthcare services than any other factor
6175888189	Put a strain on a broken service. Multiple admissions of the same person without addressing the underlying problems
6175956166	Puts a burden on them.
6148590890	Puts a strain of A&E services, because of those who do not know how to drink responsibly - causes accidents/fights
6165648859	Puts a strain on NHS especially at weekends when young people are up town - too many casualties of alcohol results in wasted police ambulance and NHS time
6149448762	Puts pressure on hospital and staff there. Also health services under strain. Folks I feel aren't able to address issue when drunk in A&E. Need specialist areas for folks...
6158368659	Puts strain on services
6171504425	Short term effects of misuse: such as accidents; alcohol poisoning/toxicity when mixed with other drugs or substances; correlation with violent & aggressive behaviour. Long term effects of misuse such as the increase in risk in non-communicable disease such as heart disease, some cancers, liver problems, etc. All of which have treatment and care issues in relation to health services which requiring resourcing.
6150938423	Significant drain on services both A&E, doctors surgeries, ambulance, medication, family stress
6174468647	Significant pressure on a and e
6164507576	Some people overuse alcohol and this leads to dire warnings for everyone, which in turn causes unnecessary worry and stress.
6129083640	Strains healthcare services - makes A&E particularly busy.
6171351494	Stress on A&E
6158026763	Stress on their resources at weekends
6165731404	Students drink too much and end up in A&E
6150244295	Takes up valuable resources
6125643083	Terrible
6171702190	Terribly, we should charge for A&E admissions to do with injuries caused by fighting due to alcohol
6125536023	The abuse of alcohol negatively impacts it greatly
6167843108	The government generates £46 billion a year from the alcohol industry- its disappointing that this money isn't invested in healthcare services. I imagine there is a huge impact on ambulances and first response units and hospitals

Response ID	How do you think alcohol impacts healthcare services?
6175926461	The impact is enormous in terms of liver disease and other health problems like alcohol related brain damage
6159446142	The need to provide ongoing care for those suffering from illnesses and injuries caused by excessive consumption.
6168439408	The NHS at weekends with drunks having to go too hospital so it's costing a lot off NHS money
6145938182	The NHS is failing. It can't detect cancer in those who badly need a diagnosis but there is a revolving door for people who access services via support networks supported by the council. It's fine if you're part of that clique. There are not enough places for lesbians and gay men to enjoy their time safely in the city
6168308075	There are people who will overdo anything that's available. Remove alcohol and they'll live on chips and urn bur. They'll always fill doctor's waiting rooms but be the first to ignore the instructions on how to get better.
6169462416	There's no doubt for some people alcohol is a problem but for the majority it's a means to relax and socialise. I work in mental health care and I've seen the negative effects but these aren't the norm.
6148788241	This is a fairly loaded question seeking a deliberately negative answer, as such I will make no comment.
6155836428	This is not my area of expertise
6158185155	Those with an alcohol related problem demand too much NHS resource
6134899535	Time spent dealing with people experiencing alcohol-related injuries and acts of violence in A+E departments is significant and takes pressured resources away from other patients. Longer term alcohol damage, e.g. alcohol-related brain damage, liver disease, heart disease requires long term, expensive care - again, if alcohol wasn't so freely available, I wonder if people might not come to so much harm.
6161654214	Too many cases of alcohol-related injuries/incidents which reduce healthcare staff time for other patients
6158969905	Try A&E at any weekend.
6127711291	Undoubtedly puts pressure on nighttime A&E, and the health effects make it harder for people to adopt healthy eating and exercise habits.
6158350155	Unreasonable amount of A & E time for self-induced harm. Poor behaviour towards NHS staff.
6171416002	Very considerably - increasing impact of alcohol (e.g. cirrhosis) in UK at time of reduced burden for much of rest of western Europe. Alcohol related admissions (direct and indirect - e.g. violence, trauma) very considerable.
6154497463	Very gravely
6169702176	Very heavy
6168301961	Very much
6156067926	Very negatively
6165315830	Very negatively - short term in terms of A&E issues, long term in terms of long term illness caused
6168316394	Very negatively. Major costs due to the various injuries associated with heavy drinking and associated fighting and 'misadventure' at weekends and longer term health impacts of high alcohol consumption (liver problems, cancer, etc.)

Response ID	How do you think alcohol impacts healthcare services?
6170070407	Very negatively. Very few people just have an alcohol problem without other physical and mental health problems. Alcohol is responsible for a high percentage of the presentations to A&E which then means that other people are given a poorer service.
6126891118	Violence Long term health conditions General population health
6165253584	Way too much pressure on A and E
6127138066	When people are being irresponsible with alcohol it can have a massive negative impact on healthcare services due to things such as visits to A&E. I think due to other comorbidities from alcohol such as liver problems this can also put a lot of strain on the healthcare services.
6161311344	When the public call for an ambulance for somebody passed out in the street who has drunk too much. Alcoholics using already stretched healthcare services.
6140037773	When used excessively, it has a hugely negative impact on healthcare services, for example violence and assaults amongst groups of individuals who have consumes large quantities of alcohol requiring medical treatment, to those who use a high level of alcohol on a frequent basis, requiring health services to support them with long term symptoms and illnesses caused by alcohol intake. Again, if used responsibly and within moderation, the impact on health services I would imagine to be no more or less than other things, such as diet, exercise etc.
6134118796	When used responsibly, very little. However, most people drink too much with resultant increases in diseases of the liver, acid reflux, bone density, sclerosis, and myriad other conditions. Plus the people who engage in violence or have accidents while drunk or damaged by people who are drunk.
6161603957	Whilst the excessive and irresponsible consumption of alcohol by a minority of people causes issues, the vast majority of responsible people consuming alcohol has nil effect.
6174760966	Yes it does
6125656209	Yes. The NHS on a Friday and Saturday night will be strained. I have witnessed an A & E on a Friday night and it's like hell. People being sick, drunk. Hats off to the staff!
6167859041	You're talking about people with alcohol dependencies - those that are just social drinkers are adding to the economy that pays for the care others need.

Q8. Does other people's drinking affect you? How?

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6147356662	A bit of noise and litter at times.
6158055434	A culture that promotes alcohol has affected our family life. We have a family member who is a high functioning alcohol dependent.
6168735024	Abandoned bottles/cans litter streets but not very much, loud individuals can be threatening on walk home but mostly ok.
6154497463	Alcoholic's in family
6145941040	Alcoholism is an awful disease that impacts on the entire family. Lesbians are often problematic drinkers because of social and cultural isolation, especially when older. What does the council do for them??
6153057317	All of the above, it has also impacted on me directly with family members, one of whom died from cirrhosis of the liver
6150484912	Anti-social behaviour from neighbours. Littering of green spaces. Threatening behaviour.
6125395645	Anti-social behaviour is a big one in my neighbourhood I actually had to resign from work because I don't get enough sleep
6172479248	Antisocial behaviour in city centre can put me off going out
6159357220	Antisocial behaviour in the park; smokers drinking seen by children on their way to school - why on earth do pubs in Portobello have licenses for morning opening? Supermarkets stock huge selections of alcohol - why not more interesting food?!/
6169016107	As mentioned above, in my area, drugs are the real problem and cause of litter, noise, anti-social behaviour, crime and intimidation. However in central Edinburgh, the atmosphere can be extremely edgy and you don't feel safe later at night.
6165608615	At time noisy neighbours
6134118796	Beer cans in my local park, broken glass on the pavements, some violent scenes outside pubs. Also, employment opportunities in pubs, restaurants etc.
6168208896	Bottles and cans in the street and park. Intoxicated individuals around bottom of Leith walk.
6158452666	Broken drinks bottles is a hazard as is the erratic behaviour of inebriated people. Often, this be threatening.
6134899535	Broken glass in the street is dangerous and unsightly. I worry for my son's safety - he is 16 and not yet interested in alcohol, however I always worry about him walking home from friends' houses late at night in case he is harassed by people who are drunk and looking for a fight. I remember being accosted by people who'd had too much to drink in the past and witnessed far too many young male friends being attacked by other young men who'd been drinking and went out looking for people with whom to get in a fight. In my working life, the vast majority of people we see on outreach at festivals and events who are experiencing problems with illegal stimulant drugs are also drinking a legal drug (alcohol) which is compounding and complicating the health impacts and make it harder to assist and treat them.
6137481780	Broken glass on the streets and in the parks affects my dogs paws
6175888189	Cam make streets more threatening. My stair more noisy, increases my wait in A & E should I have to go to hospital

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6158792659	Central Edinburgh full of drunk people on weekends. Bus service full of drunk parties after 9pm on a weekend. Drunk people relieve themselves in our door entry. City streets have litter and vomit. People go to pubs to get drunk which means it's not a pleasant atmosphere to socialise in.
6171627384	Certain parts of town e.g. Grassmarket, Forrest Road, George IV Bridge are unpleasant and feel a bit unsafe in the evenings and at weekends. This is worse when there are particular events/occasions e.g. Six Nations, St. Patrick's Day etc. Doesn't create a good impression of the city.
6175889142	Close friends who are alcohol dependent rely often on friends and family because services don't fit them and they are made to feel like they do not deserve to be supported to reduce the risk
6127684695	Concerns of being out / returning home Anxiety in company of unpredictable drunks Rubbish left by street / park drinking
6127056207	Does not impact me.
6142560822	Doesn't bother me
6145932539	Don't go out much in this area at night because it always feels a bit edgy, but would go into the city centre. Don't feel I can use certain parks and green spaces because of people drinking (fear of abuse); noise at night from neighbours, litter (there was a major problem when the council missed emptying the bottle bank one week); vomit on the pavements especially when heading towards the city centre.
6166122564	Drinking in moderation does not affect me or my neighbourhood in any way, but people who drink to excess can cause a negative impact through loitering in public, creating a feeling of unease and littering / vomiting which is unsightly and antisocial. We also have problems with noise - drunk people shouting and damaging things like buns, trees and cars in our neighbourhood.
6158433607	Driving after drinking affects us all
6165731404	Drunk people are very loud. Particularly with regard to pub near my house, they leave the building too drunk, screaming and yelling and singing. Area very built up so an echo chamber and incredibly loud. I'm also near meadows where people walk by singing/yelling, but this is fine. It's the meadows so expected. Also, they are walking so they pass by quite quickly. Not like those smoking outside a pub. Pub was a restaurant when I moved here so was not something I "bought into" (as I did when choosing to live near meadows).
6125509875	Drunk people can be irritating, creeps in bars being drunk and loud. I feel like as a young woman I feel slightly threatened at times.
6159344044	Excessive noise, littering
6168342931	Excessively drunk people can be obnoxious (a bit loud, but especially unwanted social interaction)
6161308253	Father had a drink problem.
6176029903	Generally no but at certain events or in certain locations people drinking to excess can be intimidating
6150203183	Generally not. As a non-drinker I spend very little time in licensed establishments so have little contact with people who have been drinking. My residential locale is very quiet and not impacted by alcohol usage
6136091685	I am not negatively affected by other people's alcohol use.

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6126027857	I can't meet certain friends without drinking a bit to ease my mind however the binge drinking culture means that I often drink too much and regret it.
6165007483	I can't say that other people's drinking affects me.
6161311344	I don't enjoy being in the company the really drunk people, it makes me feel uncomfortable. Seeing a intelligent and healthy person reduced to rock bottom through alcohol addiction is horrendous to watch.
6165324139	I don't feel unsafe, as I don't stay out until late, but I used to when I had to walk home alone late at night. The noise of pubs in the area a litter left in public spaces are certainly unpleasant.
6140374211	I don't have a problem with other people drinking, except when they become anti-social, for example shouting in the streets late at night. When people who are clearly intoxicated continue to be served alcohol to the extent that they become a nuisance and are then all kicked out onto the streets at the same time at closing time that creates problems of noise as well as sometimes making certain areas feel unsafe.
6169680792	I drink mainly at home at the weekends for relaxation but on a recent night out in Edinburgh I found most people to be pleasant and having a good time. I was very conscious though that I needed to be careful how much I drank to ensure myself and my party returned back to accommodation safely. The biggest worry in the city is probably getting in a safe taxi.
6153123882	I experience a lot of noise (unable to open windows in summer months, owing to the people drinking, fighting, and shouting outside my flat, from morning to night), litter, damage to property. This has been ongoing for the 25 years I have lived in my property.
6161603957	I feel safe in the city. Noise is not a particular issue. Litter is a problem owing to bin collections being too infrequent. This is not linked to people's drinking
6171593773	I find consumption of alcohol in public spaces where people abuse it (eg. smashing bottles and/or littering) to affect me. As I have to avoid stepping in the glass and it is disrespectful. Safety isn't really a concern unless there is an overconsumption of alcohol, stereotypically during a "lad's night out".
6134083384	I find it distressing to see people who are alcohol dependent. I sometimes feel uncomfortable and slightly threatened when people are in a group.
6158031364	I guess the intimidation factor of being around drunk people if you get the "last" bus/train home. Young people want to fight when drunk
6168676960	I hate how much litter there is! Empty beer bottles, chippy containers on Sunday mornings which were left from drunk students on Saturday night.
6151482701	I hate seeing people drunk. I don't like the litter and I don't like the aggression it can cause. Plus people are putting themselves in danger by binge drinking, both short term and long term.
6167843108	I have a neighbour with significant mental health problems and his behaviour becomes frightening when he is under the influence of alcohol - to the extent where I have to regularly contact the police - when he is sober and taking his medication he is fine - when he is drinking he is invasive (tries to get in my home, stands outside my window shouting etc.) - alcohol exacerbates his mental health - I don't know if he can access support for this. out with this, I find that illegal drugs - particularly heroin - are more of an issue in my local area

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6135487339	I like to see other people take a drink too. We're all in this together
6148926163	I live amidst student housing and a very popular area for living during the fringe but work a mostly 8-4pm job that includes Sunday mornings. I have lost significant amounts of sleep, particularly in the summer and around Christmas/new year time because of drunken chanting and screeching. There is a lot for glass, cans, vomit, and thrown about chippy on weekends I particular.
6175926461	I live in the city centre so vomit on pavements, unpleasant drunk atmosphere in the streets in the evening, and violent alcohol related incidents around top of Leith walk
6133640128	I live in the Haymarket area and I am regularly disturbed by people coming home from nights out or returning to hotels near me. However, for the majority of the time these people are just loud in passing and do not cause any trouble.
6168279272	I live on an oddly dirty street anyway (Lochrin Place, always looks like crap for some reason) so I can't say alcohol consumption makes much of a difference either way. Similarly I could do without the drunken yelling people most nights, but when they're not there you just notice the noise from cars and the lorries frequently rumbling past more so it's not like it would be quiet anyway. I tell you what does drive me mad, the cameo bar tipping their empties into the bin on the street. Right outside my windows and often at 8am. So I suppose that's a negative effect of people's drinking. And we don't even get glass recycling on our street so it's not like it's a noise any of us reciprocate for their patrons. Oh and on the subject of litter I have to say those festival tourists are scummy gits when they are drunk, I've never seen so much rubbish around the university and Grassmarket as you get in the early morning on a Sunday in the festival.
6126397765	I often enjoy the company of others who are consuming alcohol.
6159058859	I was married to an alcoholic and this had a huge impact on my life and the lives of my children. We lost our home and it has left a mark on all of us.
6125622522	I won't walk in certain areas of the city at night time on the weekends as I know there is a higher chance of bumping into groups of drunk men hanging outside pubs.
6167820606	I work late shifts and at the weekend it can be quite intimidating walking home. Having said that nothing has ever really happened and I've never been approached or hassled by people drinking.
6125513168	I'm lucky that I live to the rear of my block of flats so the noise doesn't reach me. Litter is always bad at the weekend, there are discarded takeaways and little puddles of vomit everywhere. I've struggled with drinking in the past so if my mental health isn't so good it can be hard to resist knowing that I can access alcohol almost all of the time - within five minutes walk there are at least four supermarkets, two corner shops, and easily ten pubs/bars
6174883319	In a small way - the local park often has broken bottles lying around. Also the parking area at work often has broken glass (from pub at end of alley)
6125536023	In Edinburgh compared to other cities, more people know how to behave themselves but sometimes people can get pretty rowdy, rubbish is a problem but most of this happened when bins are full by the end of the night
6127553250	In my area there is often considerable litter and occasional noise and antisocial behaviour after football matches and on weekends.

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6158029825	In the area that I live I do not feel unsafe, however there is a lot of litter and vomit on the floor, particularly after match days.
6149421616	It affects me when drunk people are offensive.
6167463274	It can be loud and cause lots of litter and harmful broken glass however it can make people more friendly and relaxed as to reduce conflict
6165594748	It can do - noise & safety
6140037773	It can, dependent on the context and situation - such as being out in the city on a night out, I would possibly feel unsafe in certain areas, bars or clubs because of the large groups of people who have used alcohol excessively, however I would not say it affects me on a daily or even weekly basis.
6171566415	It can, noise sometimes can be an issue if someone is having a party. There can often be litter left on the side of the road or on grass areas, especially if there has been sports or it's been nice weather.
6171416002	It does not impact me much, but I am aware that my family on occasion will stumble across impact of alcohol (e.g. brawling, broken glass). Noise on street unusual, but does happen from time to time (e.g. Hogmanay).
6134678880	It does. In neighbourhoods where there are plenty of bars and pubs I don't feel safe or comfortable. Drunk people seem more dangerous.
6169582110	It doesn't.
6169462416	It generally doesn't but there's always the minority who ruin things for everyone
6165740324	It has in the past with family members drinking too much.
6168439408	It scares me cause it makes people argue and getting into trouble with the law the shops are selling too much drink
6148904147	It usually doesn't but there's been a few incidents where people clearly under the influence of alcohol have been shouting loud, offensive things outside my flat.
6169026780	I've not be hugely affected by other people's drinking. Although I do appreciate that many take drinking too far and become aggressive etc. I've not had much experience of it.
6158350155	Know folks who have been alcoholics so family issues, health issues and debt.
6167766157	Late night noise is a common problem at the weekends. This is less to do with people smoking outside pubs, and more to do with drunken folks on their way home. As mentioned previously, West Coast football fans are an issue; this includes use of tenement doorways as urinals.
6172108602	Late night/early morning Noise
1232950148 4	Litter
6165254437	Litter and noise are large factors. Especially noise on weekends
6165741083	Litter in my area West Granton is really noticeable.
6168069950	Litter in my street.
6159419899	Litter is a problem in Edinburgh, but it's not necessarily linked to drinking.
6169905742	Litter on the Links/Meadows but generally not too bad
6172663498	Litter outside my front door
6149970726	Litter, anti-social behaviour, fear, cost to taxpayer

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6126960931	Litter, occasional neighbour fights, alcoholism in family is problematic.
6164031371	Litter, sometimes feel unsafe walking home or at least uncomfortable and embarrassed...
6171427028	mainly through the consequences of people who have had alcohol problems and the effect on families and friends
6125578179	Marchmont/ Tollcross area- rowdy students in my stairwell; vomit on the streets at weekends
6145932783	Men are more violent when they drink. Impacts on domestic violence.
6166365618	Mostly, other people's drinking doesn't directly affect me, though if I needed attention at A&E it could adversely affect me. There are certain areas I would be wary of at night.
6149116112	My ex-boyfriend used to come home tipsy on Wednesdays and Fridays, apologise about it and be extra nice. It was cute.
6168316394	My student neighbours leave their empties lying around the stairwell, but that might be because they're filthy scumbags rather than just alcohol. Noise and the mess left behind by drunks are both annoying around the city centre.
6150211075	My upstairs neighbour when he has been drinking can be loud and obnoxious
6163017497	Neighbours being noisy
6135489122	Night time economy, impacting on the World Heritage site, urinating in the street and stair, residents living in city centre affected by high levels of noise. Issues of domestic abuse, alcoholism etc.
1.23251E+11	No
6173487993	No
6162922494	No because mostly people drink in silence and out of sight, or if social alcoholism, people don't get rowdy because you don't want to get thrown out or barred. People keep a low profile mostly whether it is claret for the posh or white cider for the poor
6165648859	No but I know people who are abused by partners or children when they are drinking and it has a negative impact on mental health
6149306481	No negative impact
6148908444	No real affect
6156361942	No really, sometimes a bit of noise and litter from the Murrayfield crowds.
6165364481	No! Each to their own
6169512596	no, everyone can have fun sometimes and it would be prudish and hypocritical to forbid it to other people just because you had a bad day
6158022607	No, I seldom drink in pubs. Yes, my sons have been beaten up twice, at night, by drunk youths.
24657528675	No.
6167805592	No. My street is quiet and respectful of each other as a whole.
6158021692	No. Retired.
6158249513	Noise
6125594419	Noise
6125594098	Noise - silk night club mainly girls screaming/singing as they leave

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6169681919	noise and broken glass in street
6172625412	Noise and inappropriate behaviour
6174906673	Noise and litter as mentioned previously
6164996150	Noise and litter on Portobello beach.
6135736203	Noise and minor vandalism/inappropriate behaviour
6135491965	Noise and sometimes fighting at closing time. Mess in the streets (vomit etc). People who have been drinking getting on public transport can be aggressive and unpleasant
6174666175	Noise at night time, glass in the meadows, etc. that could cut people/dogs, feeling unsafe
6153884749	Noise from drunks in the street, it can be scary not knowing how they will react to you.
6127103692	Noise from people coming back from clubs late at night making a noise and shrieking and shouting which can be alarming
6158743459	Noise in evening time on streets
6168286276	Noise in the street. Litter and urinating in the street.
6159446142	Noise late at night. Litter. Fighting.
6168301961	Noise litter safety
6152969215	Noise nuisance and public disorder. Damage to my property Discarded bottles and cans Drunk drivers
6127522463	Noise of people singing at bus stops or fighting outside pubs. I am scared ill be targeted for being sober
6169433014	Noise on Saturday and Friday nights
6172458440	Noise on the weekend especially along the high street and from downstairs neighbours
6149448762	Noise when folks in Main Street at nights. Safety when up town, puts you off going into town at night.
6150244295	Noise, litter and damage to property.
6168555178	Noise, litter,
6167962726	Noise, litter, drunks sitting on doorstep or in stairwells, vomit, urination on streets, fights, feeling unsafe.
6125512373	Noise, litter, safety, everything.
6158368659	noise, safety
6137394796	Noise, safety and it's annoying when you have to constantly kick people out of a venue for being too drunk
6169672725	noise, safety and litter
6168146889	Noisy during football (Leith area), greater police presence, unsightly with people hanging around pub doors, takes up footpath space with outdoor areas
6169702176	None
6171289496	Nope. Unless they turn violent
6159468373	Nose, litter, anti-social behaviour
6165725294	Not anymore. When I lived on High Riggs, a big problem of noise from fights when pubs and clubs emptied. Happily, no one I know has an obvious drink problem.
6143310276	Not currently. Though if I were in town on a Saturday night the noise, drinkers' behaviour and how safe I felt would be issues for me.
6149005685	Not directly

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6158095998	Not directly.
6126173080	Not me no but I am aware of the negative effect on some communities and its role in domestic violence
6138071502	Not much but occasionally if e.g. The neighbours have a party
6165034511	Not much, the park where I live is often littered with alcohol bottles/cans, but also candy and other trash.
6165315830	not on a regular basis
6179516443	Not particularly.
6155836428	Not really
6165253584	Not really
6126184178	Not really - I'm not out at night much and there's not much to see in the day, just folk standing outside pubs smoking and that's ok
6148590890	Not really, noise if anything, but part of culture that we are used to I think
1846591817 2	Not really.
6164609474	Not really. Odd bit of noise from teenagers at weekends but I wouldn't have it any other way.
6167869378	Not really... a bit of noise late at night but this is a city so you expect that.
6129083640	Not regularly.
6158185155	Not significantly but we're not in the city centre late on a Fri or Sat night!
6170070407	Not so much on a personal level now but my friend was an alcoholic, lost her home, family and friends. I spent 20 years trying to help her, attend hospitals and AA etc but unfortunately nothing worked for her. I have since lost contact with her and lost a good friend. There can be a little noise at the weekends with people going home after a night out but not much.
6173017972	not very much but can be antisocial and sometimes threatening
6158070415	Not very often
6135982741	Not very often but broken glass can sometimes be a problem in the park at weekends when I walk my dog.
6158516965	Occasional excess noise
6172175433	Occasional issues with graffiti and anti-social behaviour from drunk people but nothing too terrible.
6169882947	Occasional noise from main road near flat
6160329217	Occasional problems with vomit and used cans/bottles on the streets.
6162987194	Occasionally - due to noise, litter and vomit
6166567256	On a Friday/Saturday night, there are often groups of drunk men that make me a bit uncomfortable walking on my own.
6155272823	On the whole no.
6148788241	Once again the question is loaded with hints at the negative impacts. The people in my circle of friends end up relaxed, happy and entertained, after consuming alcohol.
6148947850	One incident of a friend's drink being spiked - very worrying. It can be positive for social settings if people don't drink excessively
6173099867	Only if I'm in an area with anti-social behaviour

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6133703988	Only if I'm in the wrong place at the wrong time
6169488894	Only late at night when they can be heard screaming and shouting in the street
6158048109	Only now and then as I'm mostly home with the kids in the evening (they're preschool age). However, I don't enjoy the late night drunkenness of city centres all over the UK when I am out.
6149147371	Only occasionally I have noise disturbances when in bed once the local pub closes.
6126064884	Other people's drinking does not really affect me
6134678856	Other people's drinking does not really affect me.
6167527614	Other people's drinking usually doesn't affect me (unless you count the cost to me as a taxpayer). Perhaps Saturday nights are a bit noisier than I would like, but then that's part and parcel of living centrally.
6170051253	Our car park is used as a toilet, we are constantly picking up beer cans and other litter. The pub at the end of our street has karaoke at the weekend which is normally either interrupted or followed by at least two huge fights behind our house as they all disperse. It is unsafe, noisy and messy.
6125691731	Outrageous noise, lots of litter, often puke on the street the next morning, broken glass (bad for little ones and dogs especially), and running into drunk men at night is uncomfortable.
6168339829	People can be noisy at night
6165309579	People can be too loud especially students and football fans almost aggressive
6173730192	rarely
6171504425	Rarely, though there are areas/routes within the city that I might avoid at certain times as they feel less safe or comfortable, which relates to the role of alcohol in, and the pattern of, the night time economy.
6150938423	Sadness, fear
6148905902	Safety and security, peace of mind, sexual harassment been shouted at on the street, leud gestures, once was physically grabbed, litter (there's always beer cans & broken glass in the park beside my flat), noise levels, property damage- front door was defaced and lock damaged
6174468647	Safety, noise
6152976490	Scary going out at night sometimes when faced with large amounts of drunk people in the streets. Had relationship difficulties as several partners have had severe alcohol issues. Becoming more commonplace to find this. Alcohol is everywhere and there seems to be no escape from its grip on our culture and society.
6134163818	Since I don't drink, when my husband has alcohol when we socialise, I do the driving. Occasionally we hear noise from late-night drinkers.
6169308140	Since I got a dog I seem to find broken bottles all over the place and have to vary our walks to avoid the glass.
6156067926	socially it can be a positive enjoyable lubricant and mutual pleasure Increased risky behaviour/ damage to health= more taxation More crime
6168647288	Some drunk people might be abusive or overly friendly which makes you feel unsafe. They can be noisy and disruptive.
6169703177	Sometimes litter. I work in homelessness so aggression and inappropriate behaviour can sometimes be triggered by alcohol misuse.

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6128952960	Sometimes noise in our block of flats due to student parties, sometimes broken bottles in the streets
6172600006	Sometimes vehicles vandalised by groups passing by from nearby premises.
6167914084	Street aggression
6168675558	Student neighbours can be very noisy and obnoxious when they are drunk. Simply not showing any consideration for others with loud parties.
6175812741	Summer BBQs with drinking outside can be detrimental to the neighbourhood.
6145935231	The main impact on me is football supporters consuming alcohol. I live near Tynecastle and on match days there are people who get drunk before/after the match and cause issues - urination in street, walking in traffic on the road, and sexual harassment and touching.
6169517782	The men peeing round my house and them screaming football chants after a match.
6134999144	The noise & litter in town increases and it can feel unsafe to be in town at night Friday - Sunday
6133929901	The occasional unwanted attention of inebriated people in the street. Noise, litter and vomitus mainly at weekends.
6168308075	The outdoor rivers of piss and vomit I could do without. Having to check random bodies to see if they're just passed out or maybe ill or dead is a bit too regular too.
6125613831	There are some street drinkers near me and I just wish they used the multitude of bins around rather than dumping their litter. I don't feel unsafe and there isn't undue noise.
6174697405	There have been very few times I've left unsafe in Edinburgh due to alcohol. Litter bothers me but I'm not sure it's a direct effect of alcohol. I haven't experienced many noise problems.
6167919448	usually stay in on weekend nights get upset seeing people fighting and sometimes innocent people get hurt, wouldn't want to be waiting on bus home at night
6126136356	Vandalism and litter.
6125663158	Vandalism, vomit on street, abusive behaviour.
6145938182	Violent homophobic sporty stag type men and drunks during the day and in hard bars are intimidating to women.
6127138066	When in town rowdy men can often make me feel a little frightened if I'm on my own (waiting for a taxi etc.) but generally it doesn't have a huge effect on me.
6158318992	When they become noisy and belligerent and cause a disturbance in the street.
6159475360	ye because they can get aggressive
6165336008	Yes - in public - not great for taking children out
6153776403	Yes - it makes me feel extremely uncomfortable and frightened for my safety when I walk around the streets of Edinburgh.
6165302780	Yes- groups of young kids drinking late at night- noise, littering the play park, drunk fights on nights out, drunk people in A & E, pressure to drink from EVERYONE- people in general don't take it well when someone declines a drink!
6127553828	Yes I hear people going out from my flat every night, also worry for the safety of my friends when out without me
6174760966	yes if you look at them they want a brawl, also peeing in the street also being sick and finally too much noise when pubs come out at 1 am
6158262585	Yes noisy neighborhood with tenants under the influence of Alcohol.

Respondent ID	Does other people's drinking affect you? How
6125656209	Yes the noise outside where I stay.
6158299161	Yes, bottles left around, dangerous drivers.
6163557233	Yes, in that it can influence me to drink more
6148437565	Yes, it does. Noise and safety.
6125556849	Yes, I've caught people peeing in my garden. Smashed bottles and glass are a safety issue for my children and my dog's feet. Forever litter picking around the outside of my house....
6163047025	Yes, living on a popular route from the pub home frequently disturbed late at night after closing time. Makes public transport noisy and unpleasant - last weekend a drunk passenger was being sick in the train carriage.
6171702190	Yes, my partner is alcohol dependent and at the moment in recovery
6169368076	Yes, my walk home from Newington down Causwayside is littered with Pubs. The area is relatively quiet and so late at night I am often left feeling unsafe and on occasion sexually harassed by males outside these pubs.
6125622193	Yes, noise is definitely bad. At times I feel afraid when walking at night by myself. Also, I know some people who have partners that are alcoholics and their lives are terrible!
6158026763	Yes, noisy wild people walking in the centre at the weekend
6125690563	Yes, there is often a lot of sick in my area, especially during the weekend.
6162491622	Yes, very much. Drunk people in the buses or streets make me sometimes uncomfortable when they start approaching me, also some of them are trying to pick up even a fight. They through rubbish everywhere, bottles, fast food packaging, I see it all the time next to the water of Leith. My drunk neighbours playing music really loud. I also had some very rude drunk customers that made my job miserable.
6164507576	Yes. Those who overuse give authorities a green light to impose draconian measures (such as minimum pricing etc.) on all drinkers. Also, others' drinking keeps open the pubs and restaurants that are a key part of our society, and so help our community.
6135747560	Yes. At times, men behave aggressively towards me
6127114354	Yes. Don't like taking children out / up town after dark. Broken glass - mess in the park. Smashed up bus stops & phone boxes.
6154528069	Yes. Family member. Large groups of people being drunk can be intimidating
6125585772	Yes. Fun with friends. Not fun working with the children of people with alcohol problems
6154614026	Yes. If I see them, I want a drink too even if that's not what I planned. If you like a drink and you are trying to cut down. It's almost impossible because booze is everywhere. You can't get away from it in the city.
6124938404	Yes. Litter, sense of unsafety.
6136049245	Yes. My mother has been an alcoholic since I was born - I wasn't aware of it though until I was roughly 9 years old. I have lost friends due to their drinking habits and I gave my other half an ultimatum when I first met him that he wasn't to drink around me due to what I suffer. I do not like looking at alcohol, being near someone drinking alcohol, and I usually develop an attitude/judgement to those who do drink.
6158111345	Yes. People fight more when they are drunk. Noise can be an issue. Partner refuses to get help for addiction and knows GPs intervention questions and so lies (as do friends/family) too about the amount they drink and how often to mask the problem.

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	People should be given blood tests regularly to test liver function etc. Then they cannot lie about their drinking habits.
6158173790	Yes. People I know who have alcohol related problems have caused themselves and their immediate families deep distress and I have supported both the alcoholic and their families. This is something I would always do for a friend but it 'costs' me to see the distress they are in / is caused by their illness
6135611635	Yes. Safety.
6127711291	Yes. Severe noise (I live in HMO tenements). Also limits my social life as because for health reasons I have to drink very little, and I find pubs a grim place to go. They exist for little other than alcohol and some bar staff are actively contemptuous to those who want e.g. a cup of tea, even if the pub serves it. I'd like people to socialise earlier in the day, and in more active ways rather than sitting in a dark pub. But I'm the minority, and so I frequently turn down invitations.

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