



Response to government consultation on the Governments Alcohol Strategy

We as South Tyneside Youth Parliament have collated the following response as our contribution to the current consultation on the Alcohol Strategy and have responded to those questions that we feel are most appropriate.

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| Consultation Question 1: Do you agree that this MUP level would achieve these aims? (Please select one option) | | | |
| Yes | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |

Response:

South Tyneside Youth parliament feels that minimum unit pricing should be at 50p per unit.

However we feel that this may encourage people to make their brew at home and some people may still find the money from somewhere else, such as young people using their dinner money.

As part of the consultation exercise, we were shown the publicity material that has been produced by Balance, which helped us understand what a minimum unit price means as well as the effect a 50p per unit will have on crime and health.

We would find it really helpful if "real life" visitors go into schools to tell us how alcohol has affected them.

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| Consultation Question 3: How do you think the level of minimum unit price set by the Government should be adjusted over time? (Please select one option) | |
| Do nothing – the minimum unit price should not be adjusted | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The minimum unit price should be automatically be updated in line with inflation each year | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The minimum unit price should be reviewed after a set period | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Consultation Question 4: The aim of minimum unit pricing is to reduce the consumption of harmful and hazardous drinkers, while minimising the impact on responsible drinkers. Do you think that there are any other people, organisations or groups that could be particularly affected by a minimum unit price for alcohol? (Please select one option) | | |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |

Response:

We feel that:

- Off licences may be affected, some shops may lose business and not sell as much
- Some shops might not sell alcohol from the shelves (ice cream vans etc) and people will drink from home rather than go to the pub.
- People drinking at home may increase the risk of safeguarding issues

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| Consultation Question 8: The aim of a ban on multi-buy promotions is to stop promotions that encourage people to buy more than they otherwise would, helping people to be aware of how much they drink, and to tackle irresponsible alcohol sales. Do you think that there are any other groups that could be particularly affected by a ban on multi-buy promotions? (Please select one option) | | |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |

Response:

After much discussion we agreed that there should be a ban on multi buy promotions for example at Christmas time.

We also feel that the amount of advertising of multi buy promotions and offers in local pubs advertised on face book and other social media should be reduced as a lot of young people access these sites.

Consultation Question 9:

Do you think each of the mandatory licensing conditions is effective in promoting the licensing objectives (crime prevention / public safety / public nuisance / prevention of harm to children)?

Please state Yes/No/Don't know in each box

| | | Prevention of crime and disorder | Public Safety | Prevention of public nuisance | Protection of harm to children |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A | Irresponsible promotions | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| B | Dispensing alcohol directly into the mouth | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| C | Mandatory provision of free tap water | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| D | Age verification policy | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| E | Mandatory provision of small measures | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Consultation Question 10:

Do you think that the mandatory licensing conditions do enough to target irresponsible promotions in pubs and clubs?

(Please select one option)

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| Yes | No x | Don't know |
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Response:

Local pubs have offers on £5 for a fishbowl which encourages young people in, also having young people as promotion staff handing out free shot stickers to get you into pubs.

"Vapour alcohol being sold in pubs in Newcastle" as well as "laughing gas balloons being sold in pubs in South Shields"

Consultation Question 28:

Do you agree that motorway service areas should receive a nationally prescribed exemption from regulations for the provision of late night refreshment?

(Please select one option)

| | | Yes | No | Don't know |
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| A | Motorway services should receive a nationally prescribed exemption from regulations for the provision of late night refreshment | X | | |

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