

NHS Highland Public Health Department (Argyll & Bute CHP) Recommendations for Inclusion in Argyll & Bute Licensing Board Overprovision Statement

NHS Highland, Public Health Department (Argyll & Bute) have reviewed the data for each Intermediate Datazone (IDZ) regarding alcohol related hospitalisations and their relationship to the density of the total number of licensed premises and off sales display capacity. Seven areas in Argyll & Bute have Alcohol Diagnoses/ Hospitalisation levels above the Argyll & Bute average of 54.64 per 1000 population.* It is these seven areas that the NHS have identified as being appropriate for inclusion within an over provision statement.

Other than Rothesay Town all of the IDZs ranked highest for Alcohol Diagnoses/ Hospitalisation within Argyll & Bute have, or are situated adjacent to an area with the largest combined off sales display area. The figures for three areas require some clarification: (see appendix 1)

- The Mull, Iona, Coll, Tiree IDZ is ranked 2nd in the off sales display capacity rank but includes three premises which appear to have grossly overestimated their display area (Coll Hotel – 73.67m², Coll Island store – 58.96m² & Browns Ironmongers on Mull – 55.5m²).
- Lomond Shores IDZ includes Waitrose, which is situated at the far east of Helensburgh. This inclusion doubles the off sales display capacity of the area and places Lomond Shore into 3rd on the rank instead of 11th.
- As indicated above Helensburgh East IDZ does not have the Waitrose included in its list of off sales even though it is located in the east end of Helensburgh. Inclusion of Waitrose would raise Helensburgh East IDZ to 9th on the rank. In addition it is bordered by Helensburgh Central which ranks highly for off sales display capacity.

Intermediate Datazone	Total Number of licensed Premises	Licensed Premises per 1000 population	Premises/ Population Rank (1 = highest in A&B, 21 = lowest in A&B)	Off Sales Display Capacity Rank (1 = most in A&B, 22 = least in A&B)	Alcohol Related Hospitalisations (2009-2014 total number)	Alcohol Diagnoses per 1000	Alcohol Diagnoses Rank
A&B Average		6.66				54.64	
Dunoon	33	7.35	9	6	608	135.50	1
Campbeltown	26	6.27	12	5	407	98.07	2
Oban South	28	4.99	14	1	534	95.1	3
Helensburgh Central	35	11.34	6	4	274	88.79	4
Helensburgh East	5	1.26	21	19	335	84.34	5
Rothesay Town	33	8.28	8	12	282	70.78	6
Oban North	43	15.12	1	7	171	60.13	7

This would indicate that while the number of licensed premises may be relevant, the capacity for sales of these outlets also has an impact on the health of the local population and should be taken into consideration. The overall capacity within, and accessibility of, adjacent IDZs should also be taken into consideration.

NHS Highland would like to request that this information is taken into consideration when developing the overprovision statement.

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* According to the EASR statistics for alcohol-related hospital stays Argyll & Bute Alcohol had a rate of 615.2 per 10000 in 2014(a). While this is less than the Scottish average of 696.9 per 10000 Scotland's relationship with alcohol should be looked at in the wider context of the UK and European data.

- Scotland has the highest alcohol-related death rate in the UK. Alcohol related death rates in Scottish men are double that of the rest of the UK.
- Rates for alcohol disorders in Europe (including Eastern Europe) are 7.5% of the population (aged 15+). Alcohol dependence rates are 4% of the population.(b)
- Rates for alcohol disorders in UK (including Scotland) are 11.1% of the population (aged 15+). Alcohol dependence rates are 5.9% of the population.(b)

(a) Alcohol-related Hospital Statistics Scotland 2013/14 Publication date – 25 November 2014 – NHS National Services Scotland, Information Services Division

(b) Global status report on alcohol and health 2014 - World Health Organization 2014

Appendix 1

[A&B Locality Data\Copy of Licensed Premises Display Areas by IDZ \(2\).xlsx](#)