

Submission to the review of alcohol



Inbox

As a Consultant Physician I am aware of the harm to the drinker of too much alcohol, and the harm caused by drinkers to other individuals. Some businesses in Kings Cross have suffered, but the business owners knew that they were reliant upon, and fostering habits that harmed the health of the drinkers, and that harmed the safety of others. Those business owners should change to businesses/occupations which foster a healthy lifestyle.

My youngest son went instinctively to the rescue of a complete stranger who was being set upon by louts, and was brutally beaten up himself.

The dangers to other individuals by excess drinking in Kings Cross occurred not only in Kings Cross by assaults, but also by drunken drivers after they had left Kings Cross. These latter figures have not been exposed in the published statistics.

The arguments which have been published in favor of a relaxation in the current law are based on myths, not facts.

There are no valid statistics or evidence to favour a relaxation in the present alcohol laws. Indeed, there is much evidence and statistics which indicate the need for a widening of the geographical areas of the regulations which are current in the Kins Cross region. This needs to be associated with Public Health campaigns and inclusion of appropriate healthy lifestyle education in schools.

Regards,

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