

BARNSELEY

# Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) in Barnsley



## What is MUP?

**MUP sets a floor price for a unit of alcohol. It targets the cheapest alcohol most commonly consumed by the heaviest drinkers.**

MUP was introduced in Scotland at 50p per unit in 2018, meaning 3 litres of strong cider (ABV 7.5%) now costs no less than £11.25. Currently in England, this same bottle of cider can cost as little as £3.50.

**Alcohol harm is a driver of health inequalities**, with more deprived communities suffering higher levels of harm despite consuming less alcohol; so when it comes to alcohol harm in England, there is also a North/South divide.

For this reason, **evidence about the impact of MUP is now available at a local authority level for most parts of the north of England** following a University of Sheffield research study. Key findings for our local area can be found below.



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# Alcohol Harm in Barnsley

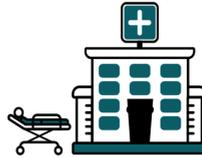
Current estimates of harm caused by alcohol in our area.

In our area, **90% of the alcohol sold for less than 50p per unit** is consumed by increasing and higher risk drinkers who make up 26% of the local population.



**9,947**

CRIMES CAUSED BY ALCOHOL EACH YEAR



**3,373**

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS CAUSED BY ALCOHOL EACH YEAR



**2,110**

THEFTS OR ROBBERIES



**£15.3m**

ALCOHOL COSTS THE NHS A YEAR



**6,099**

INCIDENTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE



**1,738**

VIOLENT INCIDENTS



**41**

ADULTS DIE EVERY YEAR DUE TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

# Impact of Minimum Unit Pricing on Alcohol Harm in Barnsley

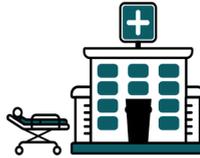
Estimated impact of a 50p MUP on harms caused by alcohol in our area.

A minimum unit price would **save lives**, prevent crime, **protect the most vulnerable** and save NHS money.



**345**

**FEWER** CRIMES CAUSED BY ALCOHOL EACH YEAR



**253**

**FEWER** HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS EACH YEAR



**69**

**FEWER** THEFTS OR ROBBERIES



**SAVE** THE NHS

**£571,140**

A YEAR



**214**

**FEWER** INCIDENTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE



**62**

**FEWER** VIOLENT INCIDENTS



**116**

DEATHS **PREVENTED** IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS WITH A 50P MUP

# Who Would Be Most Affected?

MUP is targeted at the heaviest drinkers who consume the cheapest, strongest alcohol, especially in the most deprived areas, and would help to reduce health inequalities. It achieves this with little impact on moderate drinkers, including those on low incomes.



For the full research, including methodology and references visit, <http://sheffield.ac.uk/scharr>