

Written response from NHS Forth Valley

Interaction with Licensing Boards

Within NHS Forth Valley area we have relationships with three Licensing Fora – one in each of the three Local Authority areas, i.e. Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire.

The input to these Fora varies. The Health Board provides information on alcohol related statistics to the related statistics to the Licensing Fora which informs the Licensing Boards.

Public Health receives some information on licensing applications and has made representation at the Licensing Board to raise objections on the grounds of overprovision. This has met with little success in influencing the approval process in the face of legal challenge.

Although the supply of alcohol appears to exceed a health amount for the local population, we have found it challenging to win the case that an individual premises license should be refused.