



# ISLE OF MAN CONSTABULARY CORPORATE DOCUMENT

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TITLE	ALCOHOL STRATEGY
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# 1. Key Elements

The Isle of Man Constabulary's Alcohol Strategy will have four separate elements:

- Harm minimisation
- Partnership working
- Education
- Enforcement

# 2. Aim

To keep the community safe by:

- Reducing incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour associated with the misuse of alcohol.
- Preventing the abuse of alcohol by young people and further developing effective yet sensitive enforcement to reduce the purchasing by and consumption of alcohol in public places by young people.
- Maintaining and further developing our strong partnership with the licensing trades and Community Safety Partnerships.
- In partnership with the Licensing trade and the All Island Licensing Court, ensuring the development and implementation of best practise & awareness initiatives are co-ordinated and supported across the licensing trade. This aim is especially in relation to reducing crime, encouraging responsible drinking practises and improving the licensing environment.
- That effective enforcement where necessary is taken targeting problem areas and premises associated with the misuse of alcohol and encouraging responsible practices for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

# 3. Responsibilities

## Command Team

- Set and periodically review the Constabulary's strategy in regard to alcohol.
- Ensure links between the Constabulary's approach and the overall government strategy are maintained.
- Set appropriate performance criteria in respect of alcohol issues.
- Ensure that the Constabulary's structure and resources are appropriate to deliver the alcohol strategy.

## Neighbourhoods

- Delivery of educational activities to meet strategy
- Use of local Community Safety (Strategic) and Level One (operational) partnerships to identify and support vulnerable people affected by the misuse of alcohol, especially victims of domestic violence and other crime
- Application of 'Vulnerable/Victim – Offender – Location' principles in regard to local alcohol issues.
- Attendance and input to licensing schemes, such as PubWatch.
- Enforcement activities to help deliver the strategy, especially in relation to
  - i) 18-24 years 'binge drinkers'.
  - ii) Young people under 18 who drink alcohol.
  - iii) Drinkers whose consumption has social consequences for themselves or others

- iv) Problem premises where the serving practises or environment are detrimental to community safety\*.

#### Alcohol Unit

- Management of Licensing Court issues, including policy in respect of the triennial sessions.
- Development and maintenance of strategic links with the licensing trade.
- Representing the Constabulary on the DHA Licensing Forum.
- Identification and dissemination of best practice in regard to alcohol issues, including the provision of specialist advice.
- Overseeing and ensuring a consistency of approach to education, harm minimisation and partnership working across neighbourhoods.
- Overseeing and ensuring a consistency of approach to enforcement\* generally and in serious or persistent cases leading and co-ordinating Constabulary resolution.

#### Individuals

- To know and understand the Constabulary's Alcohol Strategy.
- To demonstrate application of the strategic principles.

#### Management Structure

- Strategic: On a quarterly basis Central Alcohol Unit Sergeant to meet Command Team.
- Tactical: via partnership meetings at neighbourhood level and in daily briefings.

#### Performance

- Central Alcohol Unit to develop a framework to be considered on a quarterly basis at Command and neighbourhood level identifying demand and appropriate response with partners.

#### **FOOTNOTE**

Enforcement in respect of offences allegedly committed by licence holders, agents or staff must be in consultation with the Central Alcohol Unit.