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National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Views of Service Users (SU) and Interested Parties (IP)

- 1 The government needs to become involved if any substance freely available to the population is responsible for the damage that we know alcohol causes. (IP)

Earlier the better. It is a fatal progressive condition. (SU)

- 2 The government has a duty to provide education and treatment and be able to curb the advertising of dangerous substances. I believe that when the devastation to individuals, families and communities reaches the extent that alcohol has the government is justified to intervene. (IP)

The need for help should determine interventions. (SU)

- 3 We can learn from previous examples of government interventions e.g. smoking, drink driving etc. (IP)

Determine the sanity of the choices made. (SU)

- 4 It is the responsibility of the consumer not to damage any other person by their behaviour. It is the responsibility of voluntary groups to provide treatment for those suffering alcohol abuse and their families. It is the responsibility of commercial interests to be open and honest about the products they are selling. (IP)

Do unto others as you would have them do to you. (SU)

- 5 The same principals that underpin the drug strategy but with more emphasis on the disease model of treatment and not just a way to reduce crime. Resources should be made available in proportion to the size of the problem. (IP)

Preservation of life and the alleviation of suffering. (SU)

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