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Dear Dr Kirkup,

I would like to reply to the Consultation on Alcohol Misuse on behalf of the Durham Dales Primary Care Trust.

Action should be taken to map the attendances at A&E Departments, which have resulted from excessive intake of alcohol related to specific public houses and nightclubs. Where there are disproportionate numbers of attendances from people who have visited identified nightclubs and public houses these details should be passed to licensing authorities, who may wish to review whether these premises can continue to hold licences to sell alcohol. Work carried out in the City of Cardiff has demonstrated that such interventions produced improvements in the number of people attending A&E Departments from alcohol related incidents.

We would welcome further guidance to licensing authorities on the broader impact of alcohol consumption on individuals and the community as a whole and firm guidance setting out the needs for Magistrates to take this into account before issuing licences to premises.

I hope you find this information of use to you in your consultation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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