

Dear All. These are some of the findings done with young people over drug and alcohol misuse last June 26th 2002 at a young persons conference about drug and alcohol usage within Slough.

They were particularly concerned about the level of local people who were inebriated during the day especially when children come out of school and are faced with sometimes aggressive behaviour - not good role modelling

That planners of local towns should be accountable where they place public houses

e.g not near libraries where young people attend to do homework after school and are abused by alcohol abusers as they leave or arrive at the library, sometimes physically.

The fact that they put public houses and offlicences opposite or next to places where young children and young people frequent.

The amount of places that sell aclohoh beverages in the local town which has gone from 5 to 27 over the past 5 years.

Magistrates should take this into consideration when handing out licences .

The young people felt there should be a young persons treatment centre for alcohol and drug abuse separate from people over 25. Young person friendly also.

Exposure of alcohol abuse in town is very noticable because of the amount of outlets within a very small area of land - they say its very 'in your face' and cannot avoid it unless people are not allowed to be seen drinking alcohol on the street and could be an offence to do so whether under age or not.

The laws of buying alcohol should be extended to older people buying alcohol to give to younger people when they leave an off licence

It causes a great deal of litter and makes the town environmentally unfriendly

There were more findings but they were more other substance related.

I hope this is of use to you

Jamie Hassan
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