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Dear Michael

Re: Test Valley Licensing Policy Consultation

As a responsible authority, Hampshire Public Health would like to make the following comments on the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 to 2026 for Test Valley Borough:

- **Part 1 Background:** After paragraph 1.3, include the attached information (below) using the sub-heading: Impact of alcohol on Test Valley Borough.
- **Integration of Strategies:** Paragraph 2.9: include reference to promoting the health and wellbeing of communities through reducing the harm caused by alcohol.

Yours sincerely,

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The impact of alcohol on Test Valley Borough

The effects of harmful drinking on individuals, families and communities are wide-ranging. Alcohol is a causal factor in more than 60 medical conditions, including: mouth, throat, stomach, liver and breast cancers; high blood pressure, liver cirrhosis; and depression¹. Reviews have also demonstrated the negative impact alcohol has socially. It is an important factor in family and relationship problems, adverse childhood experiences, crime and disorder and reduced workplace productivity².

Whilst Test Valley compares well to national and regional rates on many key indicators of alcohol-related health harms, admissions are on an upward trend. There were 2,684 admissions to hospital where alcohol was a direct cause or a contributing factor in 2018/19, a 129% increase from 2008/09³.

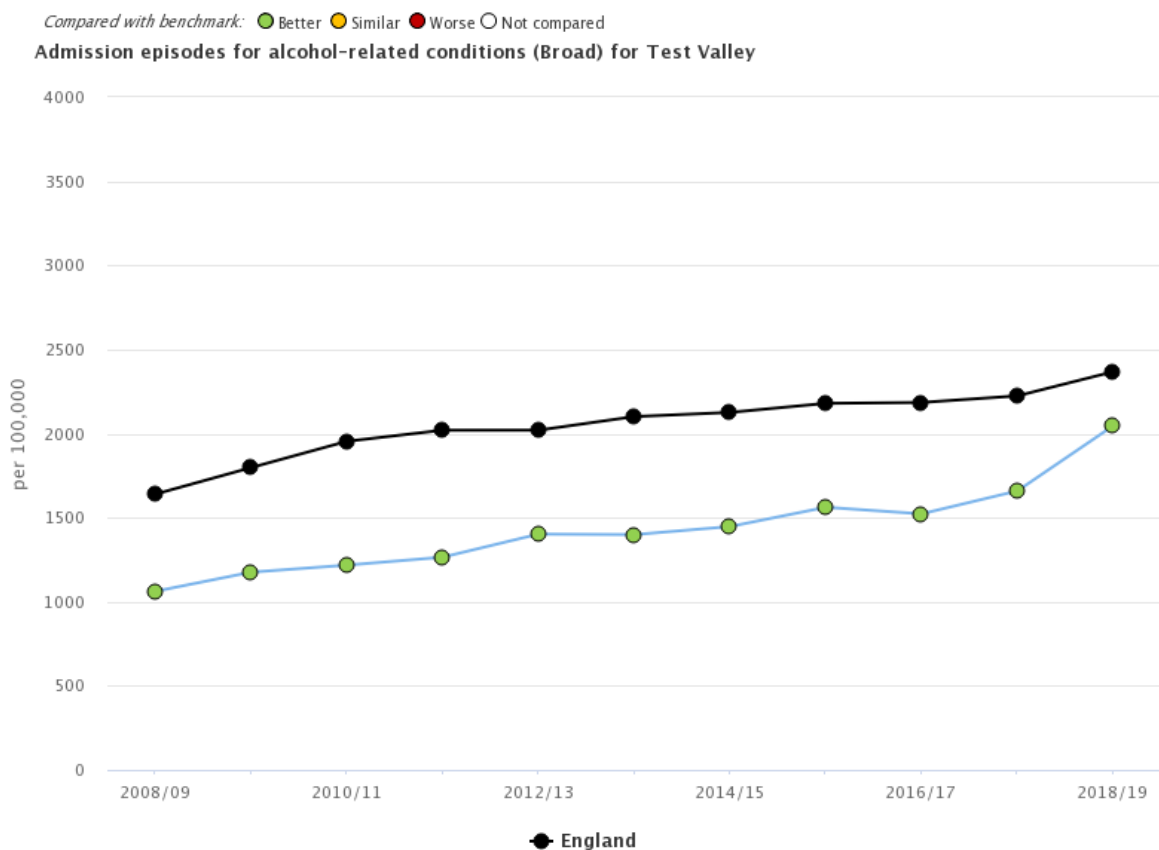


Figure 1: Admission specific conditions (Broad) (Persons) for Test Valley

¹ PHE (2019), Alcohol: Applying all our health. Available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alcohol-applying-all-our-health/alcohol-applying-all-our-health>

² PHE (2019) The range and magnitude of alcohol's harm to others. Available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/806935/Alcohols_harms_to_others-1.pdf

³ Public Health Outcomes Framework (2019), Local Alcohol Profiles: Admission episodes for alcohol conditions (Broad) (Persons). Available at <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-alcohol-profiles/data#page/4/gid/1938132984/pat/102/par/E10000014/ati/101/are/E07000093/iid/91409/age/1/sex/4/cid/4/page-options/car-do-0>

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An area to note is the continued increasing trend of hospital admissions where alcohol can be wholly attributed as a cause. There were 907 admissions in 2018/19, 75% increase since 2016/17. In 2018/19, Test Valley had a significantly higher rate of admissions (713 per 100,000 people) than England.⁴

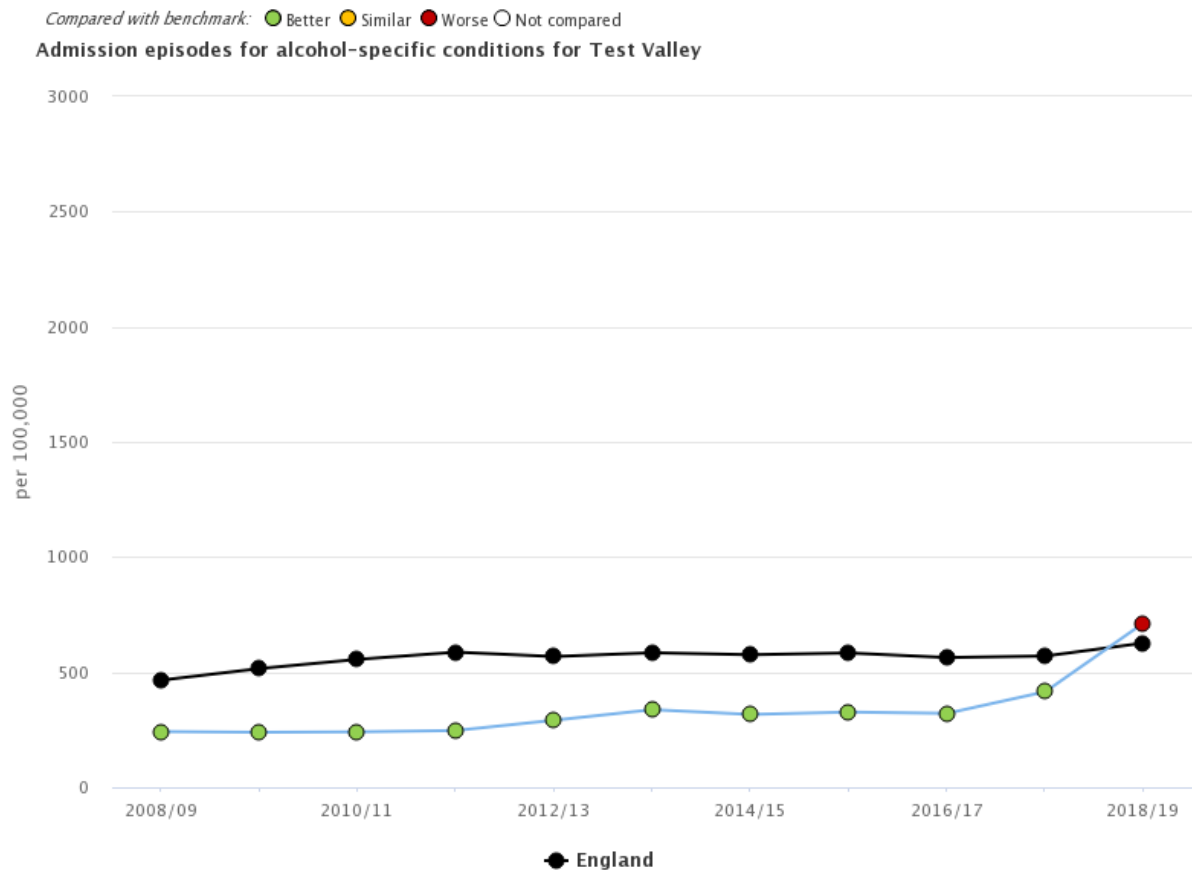


Figure 2: Admission episodes for Alcohol-Specific conditions for Test Valley

Much of the harm from alcohol use can be attributed to the habits of non-dependent drinkers. An estimated 26.5% (or 1 in 5) of Hampshire adult residents drink above the safe recommended levels for alcohol (over 14 units) each week⁵. Applying the same rate to Test Valley's estimated population, this represents approximately 27,757 people.

⁴ Public Health Outcomes Framework (2019), Local Alcohol Profiles: Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions (Persons). Available at https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-alcohol-profiles/data#page/4/qid/1938132984/pat/6/par/E12000008/ati/201/are/E07000093/iid/92906/age/1/sex/4/cid/4/page-options/car-do-0_tre-ao-0

⁵ Public Health Outcomes Framework (2017), Local Alcohol Profiles: Drinking over 14 units (Adults). Available at <http://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-alcohol-profiles/data#page/3/qid/1938133118/pat/6/par/E12000008/ati/102/are/E10000014/iid/9277/age/168/sex/4>