

2018 Profile of alcohol related harm in Midlothian – Summary

Alcohol outlet density and related harm Rates per 10,000 population aged 18 years and over

Intermediate Geography	Rate of Licensed Premises	Rate of On Sales	Rate of Off Sales	Alcohol Related Violence + ASB	Alc Related Youth Calls <small>(rate per 10,000 under 8-17 yrs)</small>	Alc related Hosp admissions 2016/17	Alc related deaths (2012-16)	Accidental Dwelling Fires
Midlothian	23.7	13.0	10.8	71	149	53.7	1.54	1.2
Bonnyrigg North	30.4	17.4	13.0	89	151	52.5	2.55	0
Bonnyrigg South	13.2	5.3	7.9	40	34	48.2	0.92	0
Dalkeith	78.6	52.4	26.2	384	516	144.4	1.99	9
Easthouses	4.5	0.0	4.5	68	92	36.2	0	5
Eskbank	20.8	13.0	7.8	80	521	28.0	0.66	0
Gorebridge and Middleton	28.7	10.8	17.9	75	99	38.0	1.79	0
Loanhead	35.7	16.2	19.5	55	213	70.1	2.84	3
Mayfield	19.4	2.8	16.6	86	262	51.4	1.94	0
Newbattle and Dalhousie	11.6	9.7	1.9	46	124	52.9	1.1	0
Newtongrange	12.3	0.0	12.3	77	162	78.0	4.56	0
North Gorebridge	23.5	14.1	9.4	66	29	86.5	2.54	0
Pathhead and Rural East Midlothian	20.7	12.4	8.3	39	176	55.5	0.82	2
Penicuik East	14.0	4.7	9.4	28	120	57.7	0.74	0
Penicuik North	0.0	0.0	0.0	22	46	26.1	1.05	0
Penicuik Southeast	44.7	32.0	12.8	64	114	65.7	1.86	3
Penicuik Southwest	3.2	3.2	0.0	42	73	28.7	2.68	3
Pentland	19.4	19.4	0.0	24	125	67.7	0.00	0
Roslin and Bilston	11.2	3.7	7.5	22	26	40.2	1.23	0
Rural South Midlothian	22.0	13.2	8.8	35	36	34.7	1.37	0
Shawfair	37.2	30.4	6.8	44	46	33.5	0.00	0
Straiton	78.7	24.6	54.1	34	39	71.9	0.00	0
Thornybark	23.1	13.2	9.9	169	267	69.4	2.69	3

Note: Cells shaded red are double the Midlothian average, those in orange are above the Midlothian average

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The statistical profile provides the Midlothian Licensing Board and Forum with a picture of alcohol availability and alcohol related harm within Midlothian's localities. It presents a wide range of data and information that will assist the board in the development of the Licensing Overprovision Statement. Key findings are presented below:

- There is clear evidence that alcohol outlet density is linked to alcohol related harm, and that a reduction in density would lead to a reduction in both health and alcohol related crime and disorder.
- 73% of alcohol in Scotland is sold through off sales. The majority of drinking takes place at home with alcohol purchased from off sales outlets.
- There are eight localities that sit above the Midlothian average for rates of licensed premises per 10,000 population aged 18 years and over. **Straiton and Dalkeith** have the highest rate of licensed premises, at 78.7 and 78.6 premises per 10,000 population respectively. **Penicuik Southeast** has the third highest rate of licensed premises at 44.7. The remaining localities which sit above the Midlothian average are **Shawfair** (rate of 37.2), **Loanhead** (35.7), **Bonnyrigg North** (30.4), **Gorebridge and Middleton** (28.7), **North Gorebridge** (23.5),
- There were 537 alcohol related hospital admissions for Midlothian, per 100,000 population. Ten of Midlothian's localities sit above the average including **Dalkeith** (rate of 1444 admissions per 100,000 population), **North Gorebridge** (865) and **Newtongrange** (780). The remaining localities that sit above the Midlothian average are Straiton (719), Loanhead (701), Thornybank (694), Pentland (677), Penicuik Southeast (657), Penicuik East (577) and Pathead and Rural East Midlothian (555).
- A quarter of violence and disorder offences are alcohol related, the same is true for crimes of domestic abuse. Seven of Midlothian's localities sit above the average of 71 alcohol related crimes per 10,000 population aged 18 years and over. **Dalkeith** has the highest rate of alcohol aggravated crimes, at 384 crimes per 10,000 population, followed by **Thornybank** with a rate of 169 per 10,000 population. **Bonnyrigg North** has a rate of alcohol aggravated crime of 89.0 followed by **Mayfield** at a rate of rate of 86.0. The remaining localities that sit above the Midlothian average for alcohol-fuelled crime are **Eskbank** (80.0), **Newtongrange** (77.0), and **Gorebridge and Middleton** (75.0).
- Evidence from the prison population strengthens the link between alcohol and crime/disorder, with just under half of adult prisoners and two-thirds off young offenders reporting being drunk when they committed the offence.
- Police Scotland receive on average 2 calls each weekend from members of the public reporting young people under the influence of alcohol. Seven of Midlothian's localities sit above the average of 149 alcohol related youth calls and ASB per 10,000 population aged 8 -17 years. **Eskbank** has the highest rate of alcohol-aggravated youth calls, at 521 calls per 10,000

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population, followed by **Dalkeith** with a rate of 516 per 10,000 population. **Thornycroft** has a rate of alcohol related youth calls of 267 followed by **Mayfield** at a rate of 262. The remaining localities that sit above the Midlothian average for alcohol-fuelled youth calls are **Loanhead** (213), **Pathhead and Rural East Midlothian** (176), **Newtongrange** (162), and **Bonyrigg North** (151).

- Alcohol misuse is a community priority; with 88% of Midlothian residents ranking Alcohol Misuse as a high or medium priority for community planning partners to address (2017 Survey on Community Planning Priorities).
- Alcohol related harm is also observed across a wide range of other social problems, including domestic abuse and in the protection of Midlothian's children.
- The total cost of alcohol harm to Midlothian is estimated at £27.14 million each year.

Specific areas to be considered:

- The rate of off sales premises in Straiton (54.1) is more than 5 times the Midlothian average (10.8). The overall rate of licensed premises (78.7) is more than 3 times the Midlothian average (23.7). Alcohol related hospital admissions for the area are above average. Neighbouring Loanhead has an above average rate of licensed premises, alcohol related youth calls, hospital admissions, deaths and dwelling fires.
- The rate of licensed premises in Dalkeith (78.6) is more than 3 times the Midlothian average (23.7). Alcohol related violence and ASB, alcohol related youth calls, hospital admission and dwelling fires are all significantly above average. Neighbouring Thornycroft has an above average rate of off sales premises, significantly above average alcohol related violence and ASB and dwelling fires. Alcohol related youth calls, hospital admissions and deaths are all above average. Neighbouring Eskbank has an above average rate of alcohol related violence and ASB and a significantly above average rate of alcohol related youth calls.
- Penicuik Southeast has a significantly above average rate of on sales (32). Off sales, alcohol related hospital admissions, deaths and dwelling fire are all above average.
- Shawfair has the third highest rate of on sales (30.4). However, figures for alcohol related harm are all below average.
- Bonyrigg North has an above average rate of on sales (17.4) and off sales (13). Data for alcohol related violence and ASB, youth calls and deaths are all above average.
- Newtongrange has a slightly above average rate of off sales (12.3). Alcohol related violence and ASB, youth calls and hospital admissions are all above average. The area has the highest rate in Midlothian for alcohol related deaths.