

Manchester's Draft Alcohol Strategy 2008-2011 Consultation Document

Introduction

Commenting on the draft Alcohol Strategy for Manchester 2008-2011 is an opportunity to shape how we tackle alcohol misuse together over the next three years. We look forward to receiving your comments and views on the ideas we have set out.

Please return your questionnaire to:

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All comments must be received by 14th January 2008.

If you would like to be invited to the launch of Manchester's second Alcohol Strategy please leave your details below. There are a limited number of places so please let us know ASAP.

Name..... Email

Address.....

Telephone Number

Background Information

Consultation Process

A number of people have already been involved in suggesting what the first draft should include, including Manchester residents, the Police, the Primary Care Trust, Manchester City Council, Probation, and community and voluntary sector agencies.

The next stage of the consultation process is to:

- Inform people of what the draft strategy says
- Encourage discussion and debate of its contents
- Offer an opportunity to shape and inform the final 2008-2011 Alcohol Strategy

The Strategy identifies the problems and challenges alcohol misuse has on our city for individuals, families and communities. It also suggests how we can best address these challenges.

The Manchester Drug & Alcohol Strategy Team has written the draft Strategy, with support and input from the PCT, the Licensing Team, and Greater Manchester Police.

How can I have my say?

There are a number of ways that you can have your say. These include:

- You can fill in the questionnaire enclosed in this document and return it to the Drug & Alcohol Strategy Team by post, fax or email. Details can be found at the front of this document.
- You can contact the Drug & Alcohol Strategy Team in writing or by email. Details can be found at the front of this document.

Will you listen to what I say?

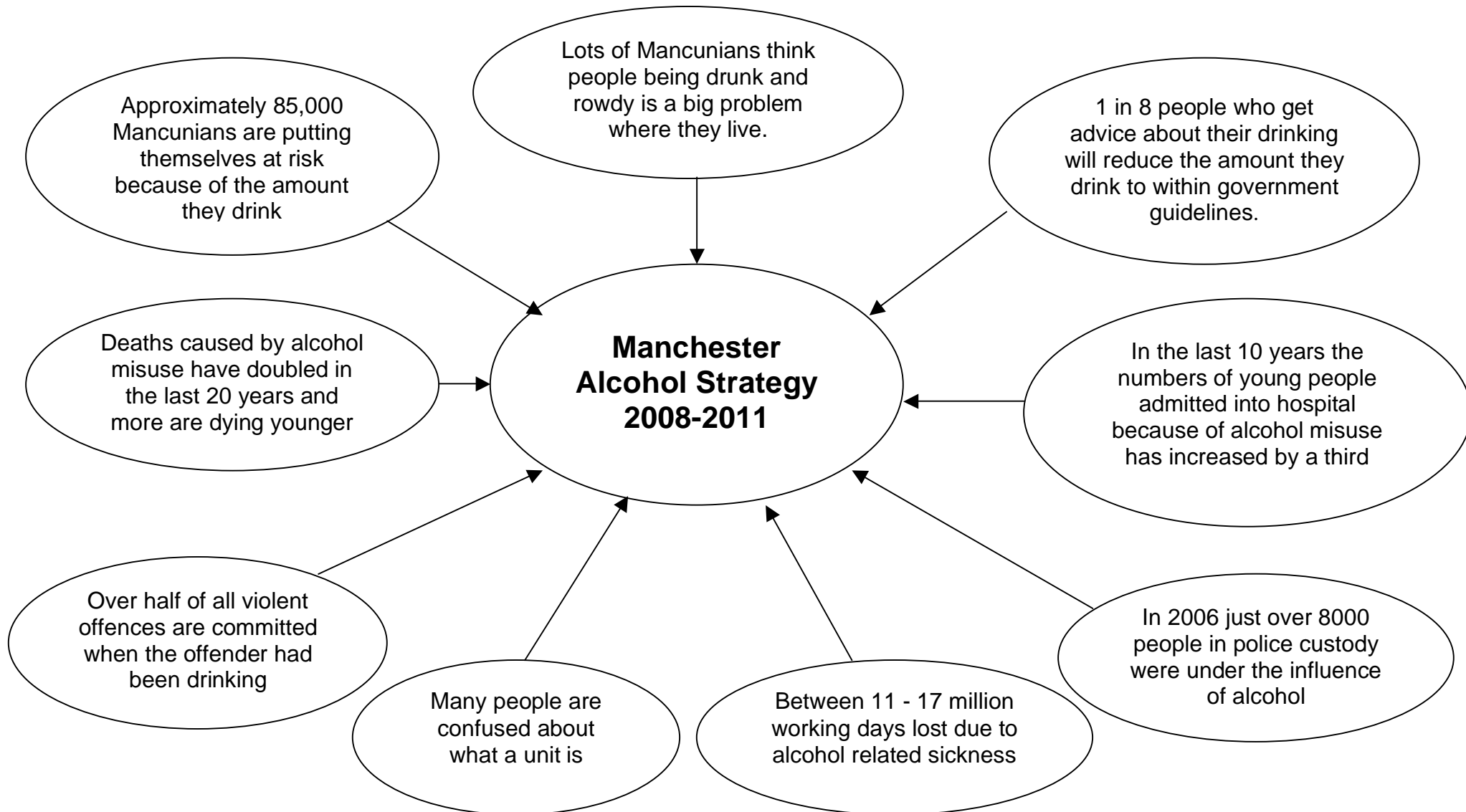
This consultation is designed specifically so that you can have your say. By taking account of other people's views and opinions the Strategy will be better able to respond to the diverse range of issues that need to be addressed in the city.

I want a copy of the draft Strategy

If you would like a copy of the draft Strategy, in the first instance please contact the Drug & Alcohol Strategy Team by email at DAST@manchester.gov.uk or by phone on 0161 219 6922. The draft Strategy will be available on the www.makingmanchestersafer.com website from Monday 29th October 2007.

What factors have affected the development of the draft Strategy?

Our knowledge of the impact alcohol misuse has on the city has influenced the development of the draft strategy. These factors include:



Consultation Questionnaire

Let us know what you think about our Alcohol Strategy

Key: 1 = disagree strongly; 2 = disagree; 3 = neither disagree or agree; 4 =agree; 5 = agree strongly

1	<p>The main aim of this Strategy is to reduce the negative impact of alcohol misuse on individuals and communities in Manchester.</p> <p>Do you agree with this guiding principle?</p>	☹ 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 ☺
2	<p>We think that Manchester's Alcohol Strategy should address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Health (Prevent) - to reduce the likelihood of someone experiencing problems as a result of alcohol misuse.<input type="checkbox"/> Providing Better Services (Treat) - to help people who have problems as a result of alcohol misuse, and their families or carers.<input type="checkbox"/> Helping Young People & Families (Protect) - to reduce the likelihood of families and young people misusing alcohol, but where they are misusing alcohol to help them to stop.<input type="checkbox"/> Tackling Crime and Disorder (Enforce) – to reduce alcohol related crime and the fear of alcohol related crime. <p>Do you agree with these key themes?</p>	☹ 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 ☺

3	<p>The objectives of the Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Help people understand the problems alcohol misuse causes and to offer advice and information about drinking within government guidelines.<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the alcohol services help dependant and harmful drinkers, their families and carers.<input type="checkbox"/> Help children, young people and their families reduce either their own or their families alcohol intake.<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce alcohol-related offending, re-offending and anti-social behaviour. <p>Do you agree with these objectives?</p>	<p>☹ 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 ☺</p>
4	<p>Is there anything that you think is missing from the Strategy? Please provide details:</p>	
5	<p>Should we be doing anything differently? Do you have a better idea about how we could be doing something? Let us know.</p>	

6	Is there anything you really like about the Strategy?