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Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol

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Question 1: We invite comments on the draft regulations included in annex one which set out the proposed minimum unit price of 50p.

RSPH supports the Welsh Government's proposed minimum unit price of 50p. Alongside tackling alcohol-related harms and health inequalities, this price will help to provide consistency for retailers operating in both Wales and Scotland and targets hazardous and harmful drinkers, rather than those who drink more moderately.

RSPH's recent [report on high streets](#) highlighted the negative health impacts of the off-trade selling cheap alcohol and we believe that the 50p minimum unit price will help address this issue. However, it is important that there is a mechanism put in place to review the level of MUP regularly and ensure that it rises with inflation so that it remains effective.

Question 2: If you believe a different level of minimum unit price should be set, please set out your reasons and any research and evidence to support your view.

N/A

Question 3: We would like to know your views on the effects that this proposal would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

N/A

Question 4: Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

N/A

Question 5: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

N/A