

## **Appendix Eight.**

### **Public Health**

Tower Hamlet's Public Health Department and the wider health community fully support the Tower Hamlets' Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) as part of a wider strategy to reduce the impact and harm caused both to individuals and communities.

Tower Hamlets continues to have significantly worse alcohol related harm indicators compared with regional and national levels. The latest Local Alcohol Profiles for England clearly demonstrate that Tower Hamlets has significantly high rates of admission to hospital, use of emergency services and death which be directly and indirectly linked to alcohol consumption. This is true for men and women and is particularly of concern as this figure appears to be increasing and needs to look at in the context of the borough's demographics. This is to recognise that a significant number of adults do not consume alcohol locally.

Between November 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 there have been 2029 London Ambulance Service (LAS) call outs in Tower Hamlets where the main reason has been logged by the LAS as "alcohol related illness". This does not therefore fully capture those where alcohol has contributed to an assault or trauma, or where someone has fallen over and banged their head or has experienced an exacerbation of a stable mental health problem due to alcohol. We are able to demonstrate that there is a high volume of have ambulance call outs within the CIZ relative to some areas of the borough. It is too early to comment upon whether the CIZ has impacted on call outs, but it is something we are monitoring carefully as we go into the second year of the CIZ.

At the moment the data is only available to us at a ward level. However, we are now working with our health colleagues to be able to pinpoint call outs and pickups to specific premises. Furthermore Bart's Health A and E is now gathering data on those who present with an alcohol related problem and asking where they obtained alcohol with the aim of identifying hot spots where we can ask for license reviews. Whilst this data is still in the early stages of refinement presentation at A and E is closely related to how easy it is to obtain alcohol particularly later in the evening.

The CIZ also contains accommodation for some of our borough's most dependant drinkers and ease of access to alcohol for them impact on those objectives which the licensing act seeks to upheld; for example disorder and public safety. We are again doing further work in this area.

Public Health and health partners would like the CIZ to continue and review again in 12 months' time. We fully support the partnership's approach to reducing alcohol related harm.