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Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:
Alcohol – The Next Steps for Policy

With

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With the Chief Medical Officer and the Scottish Government laying out plans for a revised approach to alcohol policy, and with the Home Office beginning a consultation on changing the law regarding alcohol sales, this timely seminar will look at the effectiveness of alcohol strategies and media campaigns in England and Wales in combating alcohol misuse, and whether it is time to reconsider minimum pricing and constraints on alcohol availability.

Planned sessions look at:

- The latest thinking on alcohol and its effect on public health, including teenage pregnancy and STIs;
- With Personal, Social and Health Education growing in stature across the education system and widely expected to be made compulsory, what will be the implications for alcohol education in schools?
- The impact of current regulation on alcohol-related violence, crime and other anti-social behaviour, and what can be done to make city centres safer at peak drinking times;
- What support is needed to support pubs in implementing any changes in licensing, and what is the role of the pub in encouraging sensible drinking?;
- The Scottish Government's recommendations – the thinking behind and the next steps for implementation;
- The way forward for alcohol regulation: is it time to reconsider minimum pricing and constraints on alcohol promotion; and what can be done to overcome regulatory divergence?;
- Department of Health's response to calls for a new alcohol strategy, and the next steps for policy.

We are delighted to be able to include a keynote address from: **Dr Will Cavendish**, Director of Health and Well-Being, Department of Health; and **Alison Douglas**, Head of Alcohol Policy Team, Scottish Government.

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