

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING FORUM

13 February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Statutory Joint Meeting between the Forum and the Board will commence at 2.00 p.m.** (see separate agenda) and the Annual General Meeting will follow at 2.30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum** will be held in The Bridge, Council Offices, Dumbarton on **Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at 2.30 p.m.**

The business of the AGM is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

**PAUL SMITH**

Chair to the Licensing Forum

## **BUSINESS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:-**

### **1 APOLOGIES**

### **2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**5 – 7**

The Chairman, Paul Smith, will give a report on the business of the Forum for 2019 - 2020.

### **3 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

In terms of Section 10(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Forum is requested to consider the appointment of Members of the Forum for 2020 – 2021 in respect of the undernoted categories:-

- (a) Representatives of the Licensed Trade (Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences)
- (b) Representatives of Persons resident within the Forum's area

- (c) Representative of the Chief Constable
- (d) Chair of the Licensing Board
- (e) Representative(s) for Young People
- (f) Licensing Standards Officer(s)
- (g) Representative for Members' Clubs
- (h) Representative of Supermarkets
- (i) Representatives of Health, Education and Social Work (Persons having functions relating to Health, Education and Social Work)

**NOTE:** The existing membership of the Licensing Forum is as detailed in the Distribution List attached to the agenda. An update on membership of the Forum will be provided at the meeting.

#### **4 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS**

In terms of the Constitution, it is requested that consideration be given to the appointment of Office Bearers of the Forum for 2020 - 2021 as undernoted:-

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Secretary

#### **BUSINESS OF ORDINARY MEETING:-**

#### **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 9 - 15**

Submit, for approval, Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 26 November 2019.

#### **6 SCOTTISH SCHOOLS ADOLESCENT LIFESTYLE AND SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY (SALSUS) DATA FOR 2018 – SUMMARY FINDINGS FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE 17 - 35**

Submit for consideration, a local summary of findings from the 2018 Scottish Schools Adolescents and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) presenting key findings from the 2018 survey for pupils attending schools in West Dunbartonshire Council.

#### **7 LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS – UPDATE**

Mr Clyde and Mr Knighton, Licensing Standards Officers will provide an update on issues and events that may be of interest to the Forum.

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## 8 LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 – STATISTICAL INFORMATION: PERSONAL AND PREMISES LICENCES

The Forum is advised that premises and personal licence applications, in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, have been received as follows:-

<u>Premises Licence Applications</u>	<u>No.</u>
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Applications for Variation of Premises Licence granted	192
Applications for Variation of Premises Licence pending Hearings	3
Applications for Provisional Premises Licence pending Hearings	0
Application for Provisional Premises Licence (Members' Club)	0
Application for Temporary Premises Licence pending Hearing	0
Application for Premises Licence pending	0
Premises Licences revoked	0

<u>Personal Licence Applications</u>	<u>No.</u>
Applications for Personal Licences received	1383
Personal Licences issued	1417
Application for Personal Licence refused	4
Personal Licence revoked	1

## 9 UPDATE FROM POLICE SCOTLAND

The Licensing Sergeant will be in attendance at the Licensing Forum and will provide an update on policing in the West Dunbartonshire area.

## 10 CURRENT TRENDS IN LICENSING

Members are requested to consider any current trends in licensing at present.

## 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are requested to note that the next scheduled meeting of the Licensing Forum will be held on 26 May 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in **The Bridge, Council Offices, Dumbarton G82 1QL.**

## **Distribution:-**

### **Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:-**

Paul Smith, Licence Holder & Representative of Entertainment Section of Licensed Trade (Acting Chairperson)

Ian McLean, Representative of the On Sales Section of the Licensed Trade

Brian McNeill, Representative of Off Sale Section of Licensed Trade

### **Representative of the Chief Constable:-**

Wendy Maginnus, Licensing Sergeant, "L" Division, Police Scotland

### **Persons having functions relating to Health, Education and Social Work:-**

Vacancy

### **Representative for Young People:-**

Dylan Murdoch , Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament - Dumbarton & Alexandria

Hayley Paku, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament - Clydebank & Milngavie

### **Representative of Persons resident within the Forum's area:-**

Linda Speir, Silvertoun and Overtoun Community Council

Drummond McNair, Parkhall, North Kilbowie and Central Community Council

Pauline Larking, Bonhill and Dalmonoak Community Council

### **Representative of Members Clubs within the Forum's area:-**

John Morrow, Lodge Barns O'Clyde

### **Representative of Supermarkets:-**

Vacancy

### **Representative of Pubwatch:-**

Leigh Dennison, Manager, Ettrick Bar

### **Chair of the Licensing Board:-**

Councillor Jim Brown

### **Licensing Standards Officers:-**

Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer

Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer

### **Officers:-**

Peter Hessett, Clerk to the Licensing Board

Raymond Lynch, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board

Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services), Regulatory

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## **West Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum**

### **Chairman's Annual Report 2019 – 2020**

I am pleased to report another successful year of operation for West Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum and once again I would like to thank all Members of the Forum for their continued commitment and input to the wide ranging issues considered over the past year.

In 2019, the Licensing Forum was delighted to appoint two youth members to the Forum to represent the interests of young people in the area. Both youth members are elected members of the Scottish Youth Parliament for the West Dunbartonshire area and have contributed positively to meetings of the Forum over the past year providing a youth perspective on the many issues considered. We look forward to their continued input in the current year.

In March 2019, the Forum heard an excellent presentation from Jo Winterbottom, Health Improvement Lead, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership on the current alcohol indicators by Intermediate Datazone for West Dunbartonshire. It was reported that licensing was a key element of a whole-systems approach to reducing alcohol related harm as outlined in the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Substance Use Prevention Strategy and that significant work was currently being undertaken to try to understand the reasons for high alcohol related harm in both West Dunbartonshire and nationally. We are pleased that this important work will continue to be reported to the Forum in the future.

In March 2019, the Forum also considered the Scottish Government's Alcohol Framework 2018: Preventing Harm which set out the Government's national prevention aims on alcohol including the activities to reduce consumption and minimise alcohol related harm.

The Forum was also consulted on the Board's Festive Policy for 2019/20 at its meeting in May 2019 and considered a proposed policy on the granting of applications for Extended Hours over the festive period for 2019/20. The Forum's view was that the policy provided a good balance for dispersal of patrons from both pubs and club over the festive period and that it was not necessary to change the current arrangements. The Forum was pleased to note that Police Scotland had again provided additional high-visibility police patrols over the festive period within the key town centre areas of West Dunbartonshire which helped to keep people safe whilst out at licensed premises.

Throughout the year, Licensing Standards Officers reported on the renewal of the 10 year Personal Licences first granted in 2009 and which were due for renewal in 2019. It was noted that Officers had worked tirelessly to promote the renewal process to the licensed trade by lettering both personal and premises licence holders, via social media and through Pubwatch meetings and licensing visits.

The Forum also considered the Scottish Government's consultation on reviewing the fee for occasional licences and on whether to limit the number and duration of occasional licences for premises and personal licence holders. The consensus was that an application to the Board for an Occasional Licence for a commercial event would incur a far greater fee than the current £10 fee and therefore the fee should be increased however there should be no increase to the current fee of £10 for an occasional licence for charities or voluntary groups/organisations. Members were keen to see an increase in the cost of Occasional Licences in the near future following the consultation and it was hoped this could help increase income from applications and in turn help Councils to reduce the licensing deficit for net income and expenditure in future years.

The Forum also considered the Licensing Board's second annual Functions Report which related to the functions of the Licensing Board in 2018-19 and the second annual Financial Statement 2018-2019 which provided details on the Licensing Board's Statement of Income and Expenditure in relation to its liquor licensing functions. It was noted that Alcohol Focus Scotland had commended the Board's first annual Functions Report in 2017-2018 and had made recommendations on what further information could be included in future which had been taken on board in this second report.

At all quarterly meetings of the Forum, the Licensing Standards Officers provided updates on their work with licensed premises and the licensed trade. During 2019, this included supporting the 4 active Pubwatch groups operating in the area, working jointly with Police Scotland to manage various incidents over the period, providing advice and guidance to event organisers for the planning of large scale civic events such as Pipe Band Championships as well as carrying out an inspection routine to licensed premises in the area.

Representatives of the Chief Constable have continued to attend the quarterly meetings of the Forum to provide an update on policing in the West Dunbartonshire area and in partnership working with licence holders. It was noted that in the summer months of 2019, 50 licence holders had taken part in crime prevention training which included training on how to spot fraudulent proof of age identification from persons under 18 years of age. The training had been very well received by licence holders and it was anticipated that further training opportunities would be made available to licence holders in the future. The Chief Constable's Annual Report to the Licensing Board was considered by the Licensing Board at its meeting in November 2019 and it was reported that the Police Scotland Team work jointly with numerous partners including Licensing Standards Officers, the Ministry of Defence Police, the Royal Navy Police and Environmental Health Officers to improve the regulation of licence holders and licensed activities in West Dunbartonshire and where appropriate joint visits are carried out to resolve issues at the earliest stage.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Forum members for their role and contribution to what has been another successful year for the Forum.

I look forward with confidence to the year ahead.

Paul Smith  
Chairperson, West Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum





**Minutes of West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum**

**Tuesday, 26 November 2019 at 2.00 p.m.  
The Brock, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton**

**Present:-**

Paul Smith, Representative for Entertainment Section of the Licensed Trade (Chair of Licensing Forum)  
Councillor Jim Brown, Member of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board  
Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)  
Sergeant Wendy Maginnis, Licensing Sergeant, Police Scotland  
Ian McLean, Representative of Off Sales Section of Licensed Trade  
Dylan Murdoch, Representative of Young Persons, & Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for West Dunbartonshire

**Attending:-**

Raymond Lynch, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board  
Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council

**Also attending:-**

Jimmy Monaghan, Working 4 U Assistant, Working 4U  
Simon Jones, Policy & Development Co-ordinator, Alcohol Focus Scotland  
Constable Alison Simpson, Police Scotland

**Apologies:-**

Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer  
Julie Lusk, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Addictions, West Dunbartonshire Council  
Hayley Paku, Representative of Young Persons & Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for West Dunbartonshire  
Linda Speir, Community Representative, Silverton and Overtoun Community Council

**Mr Paul Smith in the Chair**

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair, Mr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Licensing Forum. In particular, he welcomed newly appointed Sergeant Wendy Maginnis, Licensing Sergeant, L Division, Police Scotland. The Chair also welcomed Mr Simon Jones, Policy & Development Co-ordinator, Alcohol Focus Scotland who was in attendance at the meeting to observe.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 27 August 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Mr Clyde confirmed that both the Licensing Board's Annual Functions Report 2018-2019 and Financial Statement 2018-2019 had been published on the Licensing Board's webpage at <http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/licences-permits-and-permissions/alcohol-licences/licensing-guidelines-and-policies/>.

Sergeant Maginnis referred to the request for information on the unlicensed nightclub in Glasgow which had been reported in a newspaper expose and advised that this had been a large party which Police Scotland were aware of and that there were no further reports of unlicensed nightclubs in Glasgow at this time.

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Having heard the Chair in relation to the appointment of a new Licensing Sergeant, Members agreed to approve the undernoted request for membership of the Forum:-

Representative of Chief Constable:-

Sergeant Wendy Maginnis, Licensing Sergeant, "L" Division, Police Scotland

## **CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT TO WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019**

A report was submitted by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland providing an annual licensing report to West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 in accordance with Section 12(A) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Sergeant Maginnis provided examples of partnership working with licence holders in the area. It was noted that 50 licence holders had taken part in recent crime prevention training which had included training on how to spot fraudulent identification from persons under 18 years of age. It was noted that the training had been well received by licence holders in the area and that further dates and training opportunities would be provided to licence holders in future.

Following discussion and having heard Sergeant Maginnis and Constable Simpson in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the Chief Constable's report.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION STRATEGY AND WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP (ADP) STRATEGY**

Members of the Forum noted the community engagement consultation entitled “Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs: Have Your Say 2020” which was underway (ending February 2020) to inform the development of local strategies. It was noted that the Health Improvement Team were co-ordinating the development and implementation of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Substance Use Prevention Strategy and further information about how to get involved was available at <http://wdhscp.org.uk/health-improvement/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs-have-your-say-2020/> from 18 November 2019.

Following discussion it was agreed that, given the timing of Forum meetings and that the deadline for responses to the consultation was February 2020 (to be made available in March 2020), Forum members would submit their individual responses to the consultation rather than a collective Forum response.

### **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS – UPDATE**

Mr Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer reported on various matters of interest to the Forum. He provided an update on recent work in relation to the operation of licensed premises and compliance with the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. It was noted that recovery of annual fees from licensed premises was now 100% compliant following the issuing of 50 reminder letters and thereafter 22 compliance notices for non-payment of annual fees. It was also noted that there had been a reduction in the total number licensed premises in the area to 233 with five licences surrendered in the last year. However, there were currently five provisional licences in the area which are still to be confirmed to full licences.

Mr Clyde advised the Forum that he had attended a licensing conference where a presentation on licensing of sexual entertainment venues. Such venues, although currently not in operation in West Dunbartonshire, are unlicensed for the entertainment in the mainstream but do hold alcohol licences which is the only regulation at the venues.

Mr Clyde also reported on various incidents in licensed premises in recent times. It was noted that these incidents were being managed jointly with Police Scotland and Licensing Standards Officers.

In response to a question concerning the operation of Night Zone West, a project undertaken by West Dunbartonshire Council in previous years to provide street pastors and taxi marshals in the town centres over the festive period, it was noted that Police Scotland would again be providing additional policing in the area, as had been provided in 2018 and that the Council had secured additional funding of £12,000 to provide the additional policing. Following discussion, it was noted that further details would be provided to the Forum when available.

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Applications for Personal Licences received	1348
Personal Licences issued	1401
Application for Personal Licence refused	4
Personal Licence revoked	1

**UPDATE FROM POLICE SCOTLAND**

Sergeant Maginnis provided an update on policing in the West Dunbartonshire area as detailed below:-

- (a) contraventions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 as follows:-
- |       |                   |  |   |
|-------|-------------------|--|---|
| (i)   | Section 115(1)(a) | Drunk within licensed premises and behaving in a disorderly manner | 1 |
| (ii)  | Section 115(2)    | A responsible person within a licensed premises who allows:        | 0 |
|       |                   | (a) Breach of the Peace  |   |
|       |                   | (b) Drunkenness  |   |
|       |                   | (c) Other Disorderly Conduct                                       |   |
| (iii) | Section 116(1)    | A person within a licensed premises who:-                          |   |

- |      |  |  |   |
|------|--|--|---|
|      | (a) behaves in a disorderly manner   | 1  |   |
|      | (b) refuses or fails to leave the premises on being asked to do so by a responsible person or constable. | 0  |   |
| (iv) | Section 116(2)   | A person within a licensed premises who, after the end of any period of licensed hours, refuses or fails to leave the premises on being asked to do so by a responsible person or constable. | 0 |
- (b) under Local Government bylaws 40 people had received a fixed penalty notice for drinking in public and 1 person had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Three people had been issued with a fixed penalty for refusing to leave a licensed premises, while nil persons had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for such;
- (c) that Police Scotland had carried out a minimum of 212 visits to licensed premises in the West Dunbartonshire Council area in the preceding three month period. Police Scotland had attended 47 incidents on or related to licensed premises in the preceding 3 months;
- (d) that Police Scotland had not carried out any formal interventions during this period; and
- (e) that two Exclusion Orders had been requested by Sheriffs by Police Scotland in that period.

Following discussion, the Forum agreed:-

- (1) to note the very positive statistics for the area; and
- (2) that Sergeant Maginnis would look at the penalty for Contravention under Section 116(1) – Refuses or fails to leave the premises on being asked to do so by a responsible person or constable' and report back to the next meeting of the Forum.

### **CURRENT TRENDS IN LICENSING**

Members considered the undernoted current trends in licensing:-

#### Counterfeit Alcohol

Having heard the Chair, the Forum noted with concern the recent reports of large quantities of dangerous counterfeit vodka which were being distributed in many parts of Scotland and that Police Scotland and Trading Standards teams were working together to remove it from circulation. It was reported that the counterfeit vodka

could cause blindness and that Diageo had teamed up with Police Scotland to providing testing of vodka in Scotland. The Forum agreed that this was concerning for people especially over the festive period.

#### Article on Alcohol Pricing – The Nip, September 2019 Minimum Unit Pricing

Having heard the Chair, the Forum noted that there had been recent evidence from NHS Health Scotland to suggest there had been a reduction in the amount of cheap alcohol being purchased in Scotland following the introduction of minimum pricing. It was agreed that the undernoted link would be emailed to members of the Forum for information:-

<http://www.healthscotland.scot/health-topics/alcohol/evaluation-of-minimum-unit-pricing-mup/overview-of-evaluation-of-mup/why-we-are-evaluating-mup>.

Following discussion and having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in response, it was noted that West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board had not yet been asked to contribute to a study nor compile information in relation to Minimum Pricing.

#### Fife Licensing Forum – Minimum Pricing

The Chair distributed two letters from Councillor Hillis, Convener of Fife Licensing Forum to Ash Denham MSP, Minister for Community Safety.

One letter sought consideration of an increase to the unit price to either 75p or £1.00 stating that the current unit price of 50p had been eroded with inflation. The Forum considered the strong view of Fife Licensing Forum however made no decision to support the view at this time.

The second letter from Fife Licensing Forum sought further regulation on internet alcohol sales given the main Amazon distribution centre in Scotland is situated in the Fife Licensing Board area. Following discussion, the Forum agreed that no view be expressed in relation to this request at this time given that all major retailers with large distribution centres had systems and control measures in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage persons.

#### Children's Parliament report – An Alcohol Free Childhood – For Alcohol Focus Scotland September 2019

The Forum discussed the recent report entitled, 'Children's Parliament Investigates an Alcohol Free Childhood for Alcohol Focus Scotland. Having heard from Simon Jones, Policy & Development Coordinator, Alcohol Focus Scotland in further explanation, it was agreed that a link to the report and a video on Alcohol Focus Scotland's recent collaboration with the Children's Parliament on how young people perceive alcohol would be emailed to members of the Forum

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Having heard the Chair, Mr Smith, Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Licensing Forum will be held on **Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at 2.00 p.m. in The Bridge, Council Offices, Dumbarton G82 1QL.**

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

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## Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) 2018

# Summary findings for West Dunbartonshire Council



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## 1 Introduction

The 2018 Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) is the latest in a national series of surveys of smoking, drinking and drug use among secondary school children. The first survey in this series was conducted in 1982. This local summary presents key findings from the 2018 survey for pupils attending schools in West Dunbartonshire Council. The key findings are presented in a tabular format to aid comparative analyses and benchmarking. The 2018 results are compared to the results of the previous survey where there were local level results (change from 2013) and to the 2018 national average (difference from Scotland 2018).

All of these documents, along with the survey questionnaire and the Technical Report, are available on the SALSUS webpages.

### 1.1 Methods and Sample

SALSUS is a self-completion survey administered by teachers in a mixed ability class, under exam conditions. In 2018 schools were encouraged to administer the survey online (but could administer it on paper if that was more feasible). Fieldwork was completed between October 2018 and April 2019.

In West Dunbartonshire Council there were 1,899 13 and 15 year old pupils (year groups S2 and S4, see notes on page 5) eligible to take part in the survey, with 527 pupils (28% of all eligible pupils) participating via the selected sample. As in previous years, the primary sampling unit was the class and, in each selected class, all pupils were invited to take part. All secondary schools (both state and independent) in every local authority were eligible to have classes sampled. However, as in previous years, schools dedicated to children with additional support needs were excluded from the sample. The response rates achieved (based on those sampled) for this local area are shown below:

	West Dunbartonshire Council	Scotland
School response rate	80%	61%
Class response rate	80%	57%
Pupil response rate	77%	91%
Overall response rate (product of class and pupil response rate)	62%	52%

The characteristics of the pupils who took part in the survey were compared with the school census data to ensure that the survey results were representative of the population as a whole. Non-response weightings were applied to take any differences into consideration to ensure that data was not biased in favour of the groups that did participate.

Further details on the survey sampling methodology, sample characteristics and survey response rates can be found in the 2018 SALSUS Technical Report.

## 1.2 Summary format and notes to aid interpretation

The 2018 results are compared to the results of the previous survey (change from 2013) and to the 2018 national average (difference from Scotland 2018). Where appropriate, differences which are statistically significant at the 5% level are highlighted. For example:

Note: Example data for illustration purposes only.


		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
10%	of 13 year olds were regular smokers (usually smoking one or more cigarettes per week)	70	-1%	+5%
18%	of 15 year olds were regular smokers (usually smoking one or more cigarettes per week)	40	-8%	+1%


### Key

 = < 50 pupils

n/s = not shown due to low base size (< 10 pupils)

n/a = not available (e.g. due to question changes between surveys)

 = statistically significant ('more favourable' than comparator)

 = statistically significant ('less favourable' than comparator)

In the above example:

- Ten percent of 13 year olds in this local area were regular smokers. This represents a decrease of one percentage point since the previous survey in 2013, however this change is not statistically significant so the value is not highlighted (white background).
- The percentage of 13 year old regular smokers in this local area is five percentage points higher than the equivalent percentage for Scotland as a whole. The red box highlighting this difference indicates that the result for this local area is less favourable than for Scotland as a whole and that this difference is statistically significant.
- Eighteen percent of 15 year olds in this local area were regular smokers. This represents a decrease of eight percentage points since the previous survey in 2013. The green box highlighting this change indicates that this is an improved position compared to the previous survey and that the change is statistically significant.
- The percentage of 15 year old regular smokers in this local area is one percentage point higher than the equivalent percentage for Scotland as a whole. However, this change is not statistically significant so the value is not highlighted (white background).

**Notes on tables:**

- Some percentages, particularly when results are broken down by age group and gender, may be based on a small number of pupils; these results should be treated with caution.
  - Any 2018 results based on < 50 pupils are shaded in grey (see table above).
  - Any results based on < 10 pupils are not shown (indicated with the text "n/s" (not shown)).
- 0% in the tables denotes that less than 0.5% of pupils gave that answer, whereas a - symbol denotes that no pupils gave that answer.
- Where data is unavailable (e.g. due to question changes between surveys) this is indicated with the text "n/a" (not available).
- The "Base" represents the number of valid responses used as the denominator to calculate the percentages.
- For the purposes of reporting, S2 pupils are referred to as “13 year olds” and S4 pupils are referred to as “15 year olds”. While most pupils in S2 are 13 years old, and most pupils in S4 are 15 years old, some pupils are slightly older or younger.


## 2 Smoking



### 2.1 Smoking prevalence and attitudes to trying smoking

Pupils were asked a number of questions about smoking, and from these were categorised as 'regular', 'occasional' or 'non' smokers. They were also asked if they felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try smoking to see what it's like'.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
85%	of 13 year olds reported they had never smoked	310	0%	-2%
68%	of 15 year olds reported they had never smoked	205	-4%	-1%
15%	of 13 year olds reported they had ever smoked	310	0%	+2%
32%	of 15 year olds reported they had ever smoked	205	+4%	+1%
4%	of 13 year olds were occasional smokers (sometimes smoke cigarettes but less than one per week)	310	+2%	+2%
5%	of 15 year olds were occasional smokers (sometimes smoke cigarettes but less than one per week)	205	+2%	0%
1%	of 13 year olds were regular smokers (usually smoking one or more cigarettes per week)	310	-1%	0%
9%	of 15 year olds were regular smokers (usually smoking one or more cigarettes per week)	205	+1%	+2%

#### Key

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- n/a = not available (e.g. due to question changes between surveys)

-  = statistically significant ('more favourable' than comparator)
-  = statistically significant ('less favourable' than comparator)

## 2.1 Smoking prevalence and attitudes to trying smoking continued

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
15%	of 13 year olds felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try smoking to see what it's like'	300	-1%	-3%
37%	of 15 year olds felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try smoking to see what it's like'	197	0%	-8%

## 2.2 Source of cigarettes

Pupils who were regular smokers were asked to indicate, from a list of possible sources, where they usually obtained their cigarettes/tobacco. Pupils could give more than one response. The main sources of cigarettes reported were:

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
36%	get someone else to buy them	23	-29%	-11%
44%	get given cigarettes by friends/family/carer	23	+13%	-4%
34%	buy them from a shop	23	0%	+3%
31%	buy from other people	23	+11%	-3%
-	buy from a van (e.g. an ice cream van or burger van)	23	-9%	-8%
3%	take cigarettes without asking	23	-5%	-9%

### 2.3 Attempts to buy cigarettes

Pupils who were regular or occasional smokers were asked if they had bought or tried to buy cigarettes/tobacco from a shop, supermarket or van in the last 4 weeks.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
8%	of 13 year olds said they had managed to buy cigarettes/tobacco	15	+8%	-16%
50%	of 15 year olds said they had managed to buy cigarettes/tobacco	32	+12%	+21%
-	of 13 year olds said they had tried to buy cigarettes/tobacco but were refused	15	-7%	-6%
-	of 15 year olds said they had tried to buy cigarettes/tobacco but were refused	32	-5%	-3%
92%	of 13 year olds said they had not/never tried to buy cigarettes/tobacco	15	-1%	+22%
50%	of 15 year olds said they had not/never tried to buy cigarettes/tobacco	32	-7%	-18%



## 2.4 Smoking dependence

Pupils who were regular smokers were asked how long they had smoked for, whether they would like to give up, and whether they had ever tried to quit.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
72%	had smoked for more than a year	24	+6%	+12%
28%	reported that they would like to give it up	24	-18%	-2%
68%	said they had tried to quit at some time	24	-3%	+14%
46%	said that they would find it 'very' or 'fairly' difficult to quit	24	-28%	-5%
14%	who had smoked for more than one year said it would be 'very difficult' to give up	17	-30%	-20%
n/s	who had smoked for one year or less said it would be 'very difficult' to give up	7	n/s	n/s

## 2.5 E-cigarette use

All pupils were asked about their use of e-cigarettes.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
19%	of 13 year olds reported either trying or using e-cigarettes	315	+13%	+2%
31%	of 15 year olds reported either trying or using e-cigarettes	205	+21%	-4%
0%	of 13 year olds reported using e-cigarettes once a week or more	315	0%	-1%
1%	of 15 year olds reported using e-cigarettes once a week or more	205	+1%	-3%


### 3 Alcohol use



#### 3.1 Prevalence of alcohol use and attitudes to trying alcohol

Pupils were asked questions about their alcohol consumption and whether they felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try drinking alcohol to see what it's like'.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
32%	of 13 year olds reported they had had an alcoholic drink (a 'proper alcoholic drink – a whole drink, not just a sip')	314	0%	-4%
69%	of 15 year olds reported they had had an alcoholic drink (a 'proper alcoholic drink – a whole drink, not just a sip')	202	+5%	-2%
6%	of 13 year olds said they had drunk alcohol in the week prior to the survey	318	+1%	0%
15%	of 15 year olds said they had drunk alcohol in the week prior to the survey	204	-4%	-4%
34%	of 13 year olds thought it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try drinking alcohol to see what it's like'	298	+1%	-16%
65%	of 15 year olds thought it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try drinking alcohol to see what it's like'	196	-2%	-14%

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### 3.2 Drinking to excess

Pupils who had ever had an alcoholic drink were asked whether they had ever been drunk and asked to indicate the number of times they had been drunk.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
28%	of 13 year olds reported that they had never been drunk	101	-9%	-19%
29%	of 15 year olds reported that they had never been drunk	137	-5%	-1%
72%	of 13 year olds said they had ever been drunk	101	+9%	+19%
71%	of 15 year olds said they had ever been drunk	137	+5%	+1%
12%	of 13 year olds said they had been drunk more than 10 times	101	+5%	+3%
25%	of 15 year olds said they had been drunk more than 10 times	137	+2%	-1%

### 3.3 Availability/source of alcohol

Pupils who had ever had an alcoholic drink were asked if they had bought or tried to buy alcohol from a shop, supermarket or off-licence in the last 4 weeks.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
7%	of 13 year olds reported that they had managed to buy alcohol	96	0%	+2%
10%	of 15 year olds reported that they had managed to buy alcohol	138	+4%	0%
3%	of 13 year olds said they had tried to buy alcohol but were refused	96	+2%	+1%
2%	of 15 year olds said they had tried to buy alcohol but were refused	138	-2%	+1%
90%	of 13 year olds said they had not/never tried to buy alcohol	96	-1%	-3%
87%	of 15 year olds said they had not/never tried to buy alcohol	138	-2%	-1%


## 4 Drug use



## 4.1 Prevalence of drug use and attitudes to trying drugs

Pupils were asked a series of questions about drugs, which were used to derive the figures below.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
93%	of 13 year olds had never tried any drugs	303	0%	-1%
75%	of 15 year olds had never tried any drugs	200	-11%	-4%
7%	of 13 year olds reported having used drugs, even if only once	303	0%	+1%
25%	of 15 year olds reported having used drugs, even if only once	200	+11%	+4%
4%	of 13 year olds reported using drugs in the last month	303	0%	0%
16%	of 15 year olds reported using drugs in the last month	200	+8%	+3%
6%	of 13 year olds reported that they had used drugs in the last year	303	+2%	+1%
23%	of 15 year olds reported that they had used drugs in the last year	200	+11%	+4%

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## 4.1 Prevalence of drug use and attitudes to trying drugs continued

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
0%	of 13 year olds reported usually taking drugs at least once a week (including those taking drugs 'most days')	320	-1%	0%
4%	of 15 year olds reported usually taking drugs at least once a week (including those taking drugs 'most days')	207	+2%	+1%
5%	of 13 year olds reported that they had used cannabis [the most commonly used drug] in the last year	303	+1%	+1%
20%	of 15 year olds reported that they had used cannabis [the most commonly used drug] in the last year	200	+9%	+3%
9%	of 13 year olds felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try taking cannabis to see what it's like'	298	+5%	+1%
29%	of 15 year olds felt it was 'ok' for someone their age to 'try taking cannabis to see what it's like'	196	+11%	-4%

#### 4.2 Whether offered drugs

All pupils were asked if they had ever been offered any of the drugs on a list provided.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
22%	of 13 year olds reported they had been offered drugs	310	+5%	0%
43%	of 15 year olds reported they had been offered drugs	203	+10%	-4%
19%	of 13 year olds reported they had been offered cannabis [the most commonly offered drug]	298	+7%	+4%
39%	of 15 year olds reported they had been offered cannabis [the most commonly offered drug]	202	+11%	-3%

#### 4.3 Availability of drugs

All pupils were asked to rate how easy it would be to get illegal drugs if they wanted to.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
22%	of 13 year olds reported that it would be 'very' or 'fairly' easy to get illegal drugs if they wanted to	292	+7%	0%
49%	of 15 year olds reported that it would be 'very' or 'fairly' easy to get illegal drugs if they wanted to	197	+14%	0%



#### 4.4 Source of drugs

Pupils who had used drugs were asked where they obtained their drugs on the last occasion they took them (and could give more than one source). They were also asked if they had used all the drugs themselves, had sold some or had given some away.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
37%	of 15 year olds obtained their drugs from a friend of the same age on the last occasion they took them	45	+6%	-8%
27%	of 15 year olds obtained their drugs from an older friend on the last occasion they took them	45	-10%	+4%
58%	of 15 year olds gave some drugs away on the last occasion they took them	47	+6%	+8%
9%	of 15 year olds sold some of their drugs on the last occasion they took them	47	-5%	+1%

#### 4.5 Obtaining help with drug use

Pupils who had used drugs were asked if they felt that they needed to get help because of their drug use or if they would like to stop taking drugs.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
9%	of 15 year olds felt they needed to get help because of their drug use	49	-1%	+2%
40%	of 15 year olds would like to stop taking drugs	47	-24%	-4%

## 5 Mental health and wellbeing

### 5.1 Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

All pupils were asked questions from the 'Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire' (Robert Goodman, 1997). This measure has been included in SALSUS since 2006. The questionnaire lists 25 statements that are grouped into 5 scales - emotion, contact, hyperactivity/inattention, peer relationships and pro-social behaviour. Each scale comprises of 5 questions. Overall scores were calculated for each of the five scales by summing the scores for all items within each scale. Scores are grouped into bands 'normal', 'borderline' and 'abnormal'\* for each scale.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
36%	of 13 year olds had an overall borderline/abnormal score	275	+8%	0%
39%	of 15 year olds had an overall borderline/abnormal score	189	+10%	0%
31%	of 13 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for emotional symptoms	278	+13%	+1%
37%	of 15 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for emotional symptoms	190	+10%	0%
29%	of 13 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for conduct problems	276	+6%	+2%
24%	of 15 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for conduct problems	191	+4%	-1%
35%	of 13 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for hyperactivity/inattention	276	+6%	+1%
37%	of 15 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for hyperactivity/inattention	190	+5%	0%

\* The terminology used to describe SDQ scores is borrowed from the original questionnaire designed by Goodman. While the terms 'normal', 'borderline' and 'abnormal' may seem out-dated in the context of the language used to describe mental wellbeing today, they have been retained in this report to draw comparisons to previous years.

## 5.1 Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire - continued

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
24%	of 13 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for peer relationship problems	278	+4%	-1%
25%	of 15 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for peer relationship problems	190	+10%	-2%
25%	of 13 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for pro-social behaviour	278	-2%	+2%
26%	of 15 year olds had a borderline/abnormal score for pro-social behaviour	192	-7%	-1%

## 5.2 Mental Wellbeing – Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS)

All pupils were given a mean wellbeing score according to the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS), included in SALSUS since 2010. Pupils were asked to indicate how often they had thoughts and feelings relating to 14 positively worded statements concerning their mental wellbeing. Each statement has a five item scale ranging from '1 - None of the time' to '5 – All of the time'. The lowest possible score is therefore 14 and the highest is 70.

		Base	Change from 2013	Difference from Scotland 2018
47.78	was the average wellbeing score among 13 year olds	268	-2.87	-0.28
46.77	was the average wellbeing score among 15 year olds	174	-1.46	+1.04