

Dear Dr Pelan

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland presented to the Committee for Communities on the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (amendment) Bill on 27 October 2016.

Further to our conversation last week, please find attached our response to the following information request by the Committee for Communities:

- *Source and forward research on public health criteria as it relates to the Licensing laws in Scotland.*

We have consulted with Dr Niamh Fitzgerald (University of Stirling) and Laura Mahon (Alcohol Focus Scotland) and have provided personal communications from both individuals. In addressing the above request, we have sought to provide a context to the changes in licensing law in Scotland, the introduction of the public health licensing objective in Scotland, the role of Licensing Boards and use statements of licensing policy. We trust this information addresses the above request.

By way of update on the outstanding information request: *Provide any research you have on alcohol related harm during the Easter period (eg increased A&E admissions)*, we have been liaising with Dr Bill Stewart (Department of Health) who is currently working with colleagues to assess the feasibility of providing data analysis of alcohol-related admissions for the Committee. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this analysis.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get on touch.

Kind Regards

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