

Alcohol consumption in adolescence and early adult life

What are the consequences?

CLOSER is an ESRC-MRC funded project to **maximise the use, value and impact** of the UK's cohort and longitudinal studies.

Areas of work:

- Data harmonisation
- Data linkage
- Uniform search platform
- Research impact
- Training and capacity building

CLOSER consortium

Run by consortium of **9 longitudinal studies:**

Avon Longitudinal Study of
Parents and Children

1970 British Cohort Study

Hertfordshire Cohort Study

Life Study

Millennium Cohort Study

1958 National Child
Development Study

1946 MRC National Survey for
Health and Human Development

Southampton Women's Survey

Understanding Society



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Headlines and News Stories

‘Children drinking 15 shots of vodka a WEEK as alcohol prices plummet’ (Daily Mail, July 2009)

‘British teenage girls are biggest binge drinkers in Europe’ (The Telegraph, July 2012)

Young women facing 'serious harm' to liver from alcohol

Women are now presenting alcohol related liver problems in their 20s rather than 30s (BBC News Norfolk May 2012)

Minimum Pricing?

Minimum pricing for alcohol: the red-faced ranters have won

Intense lobbying from alcohol producers would appear to have killed-off this ground-breaking policy (Guardian, May 8th 2013)

The absence of minimum pricing for alcohol in today's [Queen's Speech](#) is a chilling reminder of the influence big business still has on public health in the UK.