

## **Alcohol – our problematic relationship with our favourite drug**

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Professor Sir Ian Gilmore is consultant physician at the Royal Liverpool University Hospitals and is honorary professor at the University of Liverpool. His specialty interest is liver disease and developing alcohol policy. He is immediate past-president of the Royal College of Physicians and the British Society of Gastroenterology. He chairs various national and international committees, and advocates for evidence-based policies in public health.

### **Abstract**

Alcohol has been used by most societies for several thousand years and will remain an important element of UK culture. However in the last half-century alcohol use has risen inexorably and the burden of harm to health and social order increased likewise. Alcohol producers have become organised into global powers and marketing reached new levels of sophistication. In order to have any chance of re-establishing a healthier relationship with this powerful, mind-altering drug of potential dependence, we have to understand these external forces and advocate for evidence-based policies in areas like price, marketing and availability.

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