

Eluned Morgan

Minister for Health and Social Services

Welsh Government

26 September 2022

Dear Eluned

Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018

As you know, section 21 of the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018 places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to report on the operation and effectiveness of the Act at the end of a five year period, and section 22 provides for minimum pricing provisions to be automatically repealed at the end of a six year period unless regulations are made to the contrary.

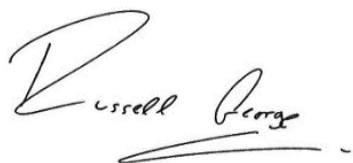
Although the five year period does not end until March 2025, the Committee would welcome information on your plans for evaluation of the legislation, particularly in light of the extensive research being carried out by Public Health Scotland to inform the evaluation of Scotland's minimum pricing legislation. In particular, we would be interested to hear:

- Who will be involved in carrying out the evaluation.
- What the specific areas of focus will be. For example, following the scrutiny of the Bill by the Fifth Senedd Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, we would welcome confirmation that the evaluation will look at the impact on alcohol consumption and related harm; impact on alcohol producers and retailers, substitution behaviour (i.e. people substituting alcohol for other substances, including illegal drugs), and the impact on need for alcohol treatment and support services).



I would be grateful for a response by 21 November 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Russell George MS
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.