

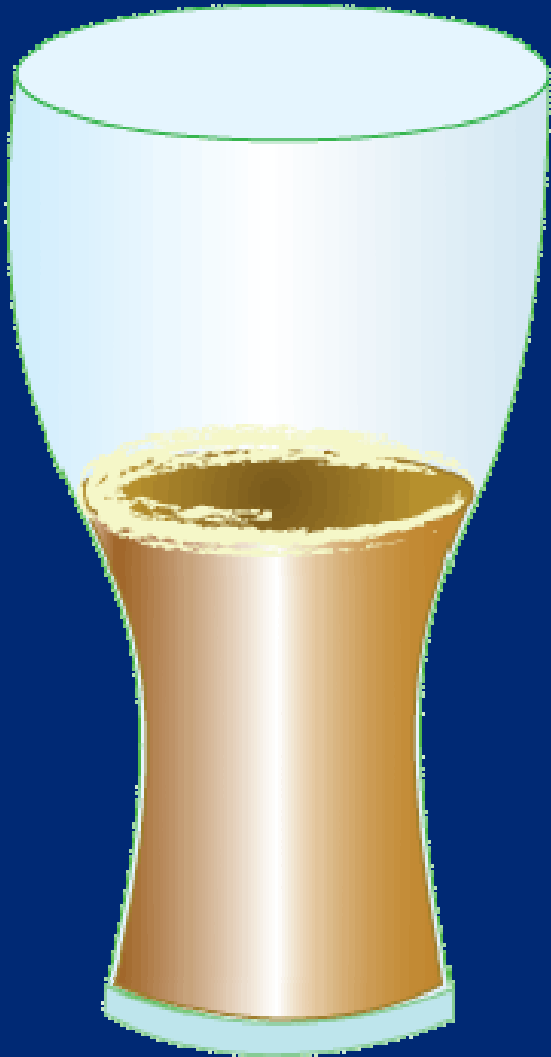
# Alcohol in the West Midlands

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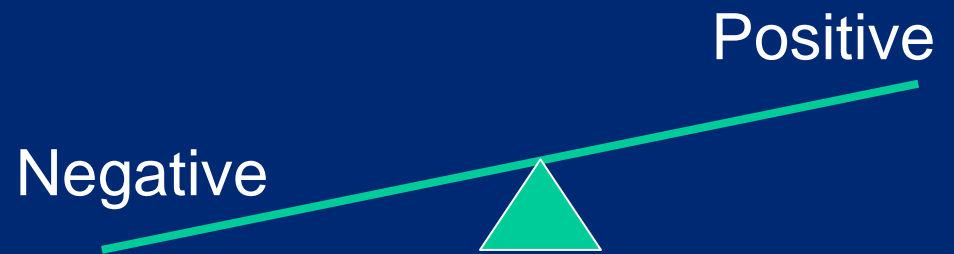
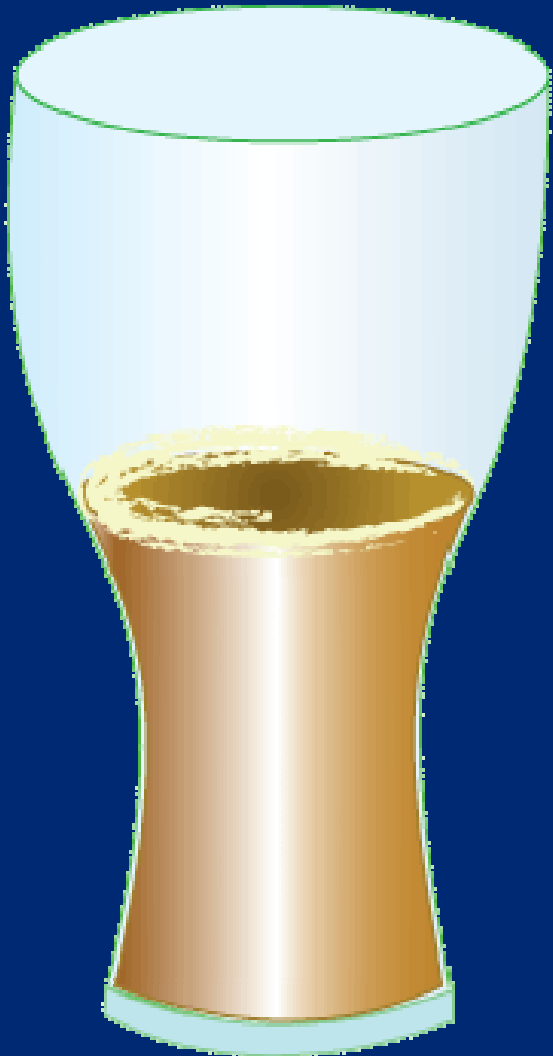
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# Background

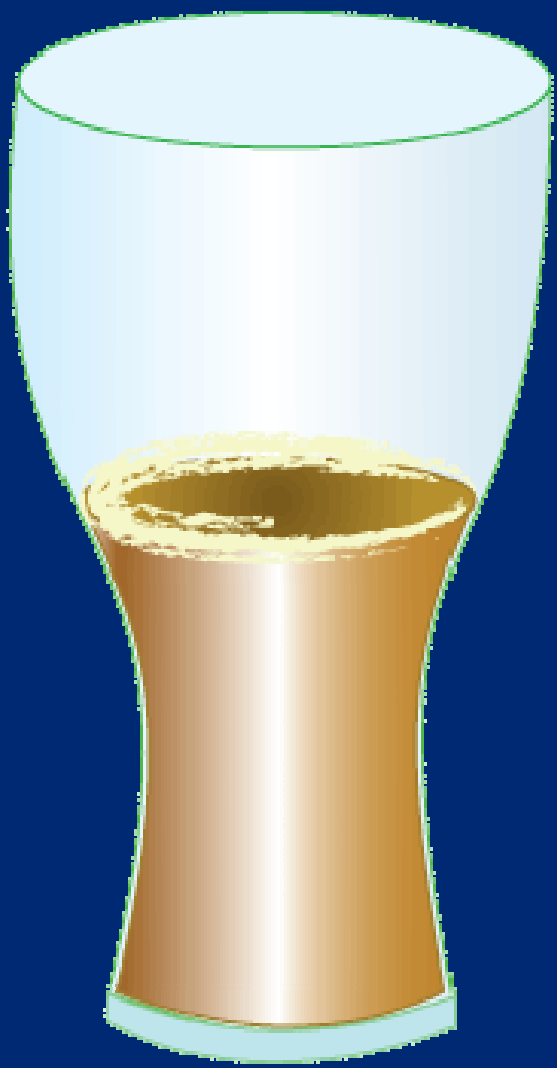


Is the glass  
**half full**  
or  
**half empty?**

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Good for the economy

Relaxation

Social

Employment  
Brewery  
Glass makers  
Pub Staff

Confidence booster

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Associated with increased crime

Hangovers

Induces bad behaviour

Drain on resources (esp.  
emergency services)

Violence

Sleep disturbance

Clumsiness

# Consumption

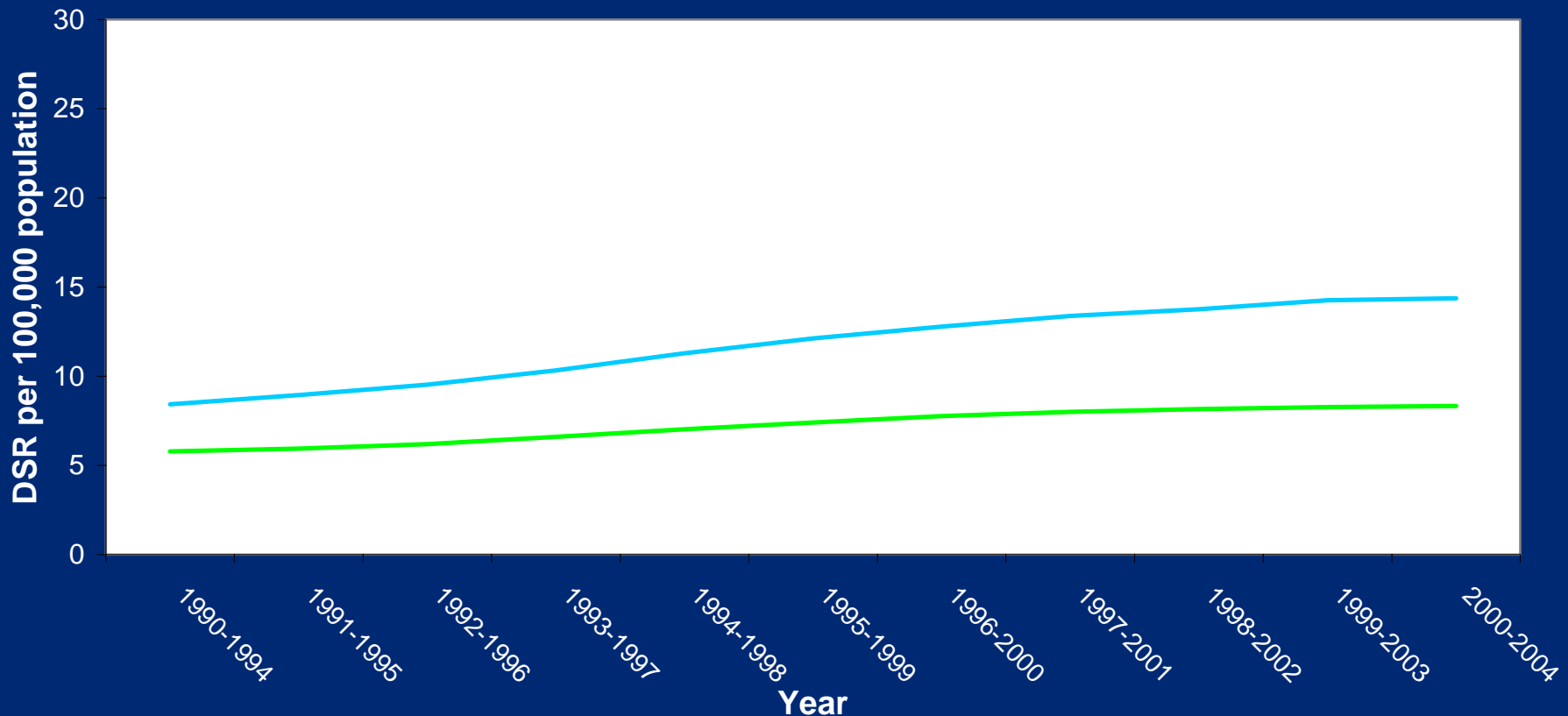
- In the West Midlands:
  - 22% males & 13% of females drink alcohol on at least 5 days per week
  - 22% males and 7% of females binge drink
- Similar to the national picture
- Binge drinking is associated with younger groups
- Chronic drinking is associated with older groups

# Availability & Spending

- In 2004 there were approximately 9570 on-licence premises
- In 2004 there were approximately 4329 off-licence premises
  
- Total spending on alcohol per person per week (estimated from Food Surveys 02/03-04/05):
  - West Midlands      £5.78
  - England              £6.34

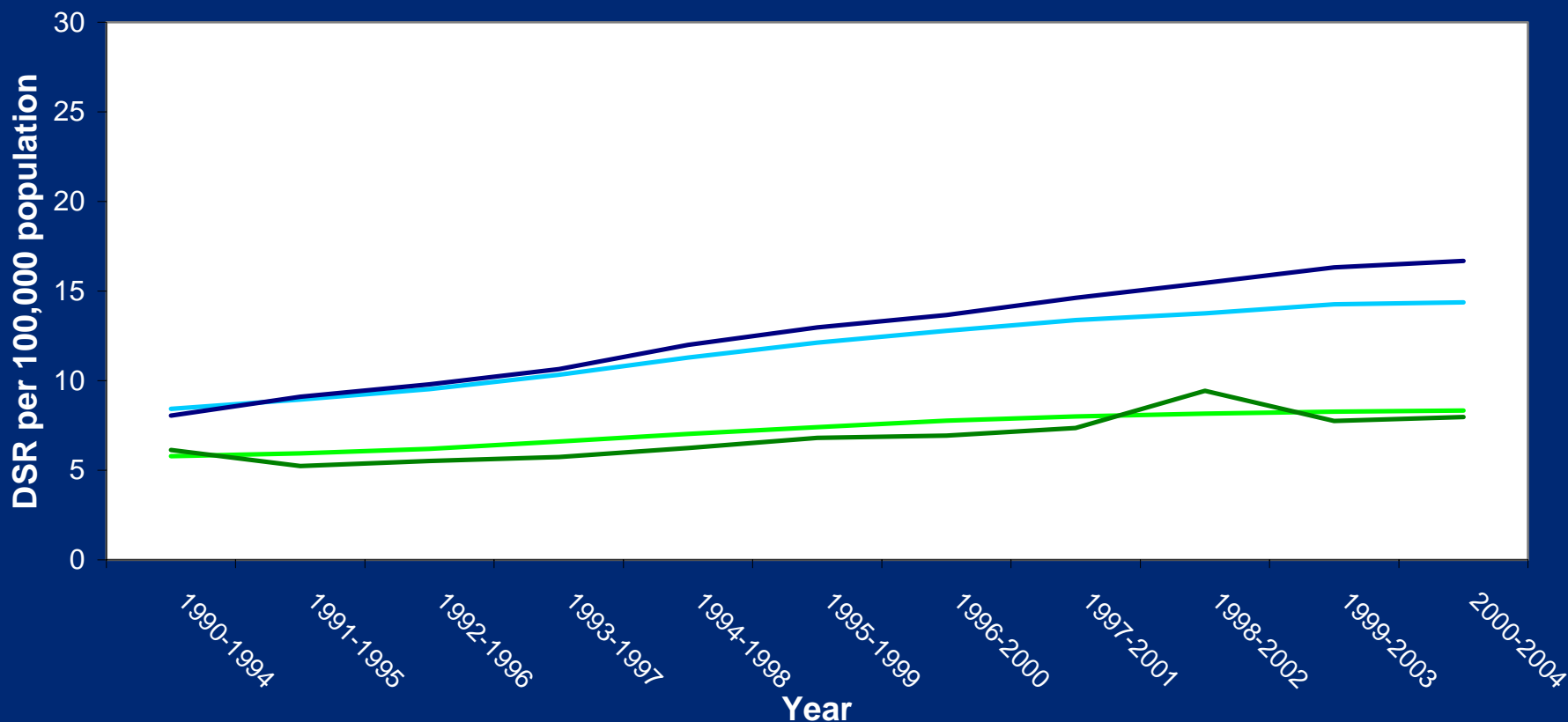
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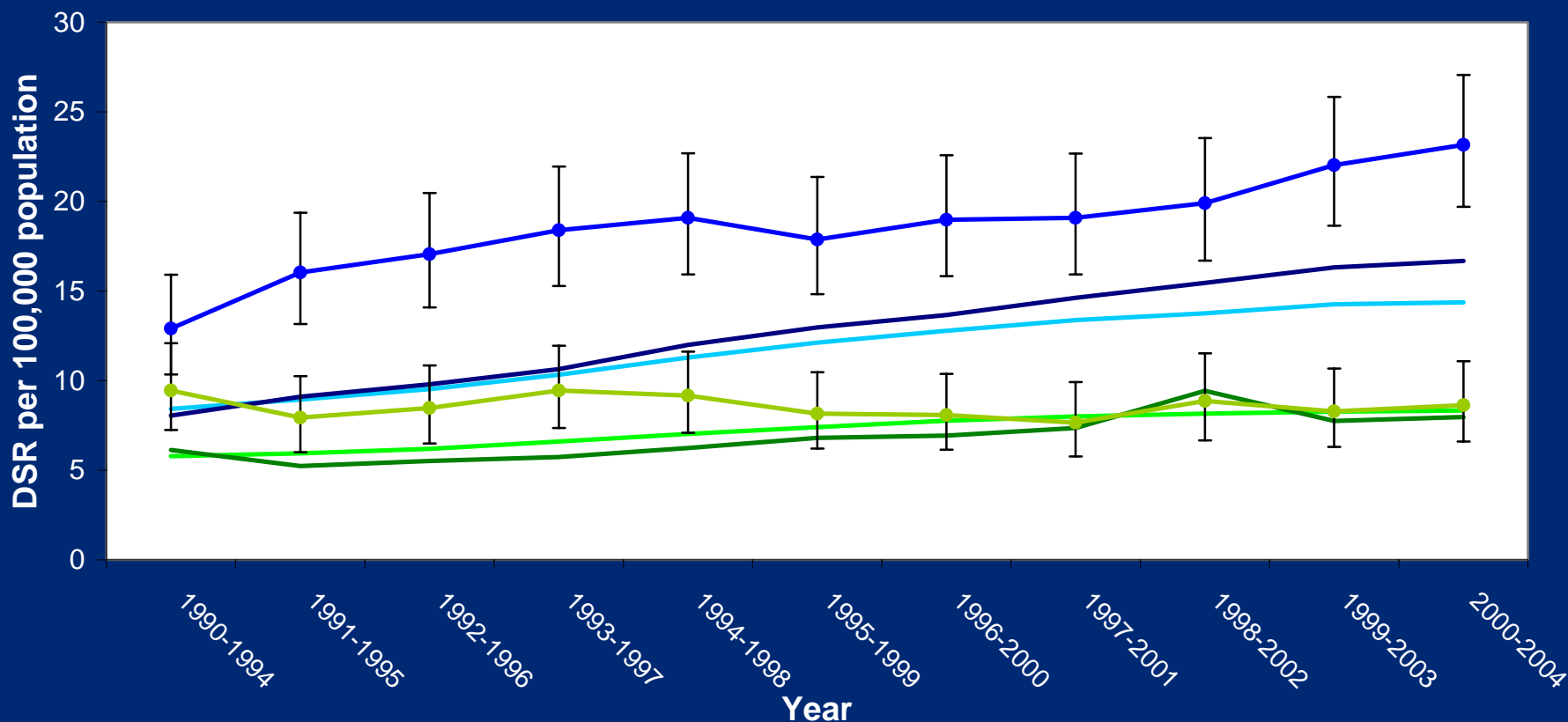
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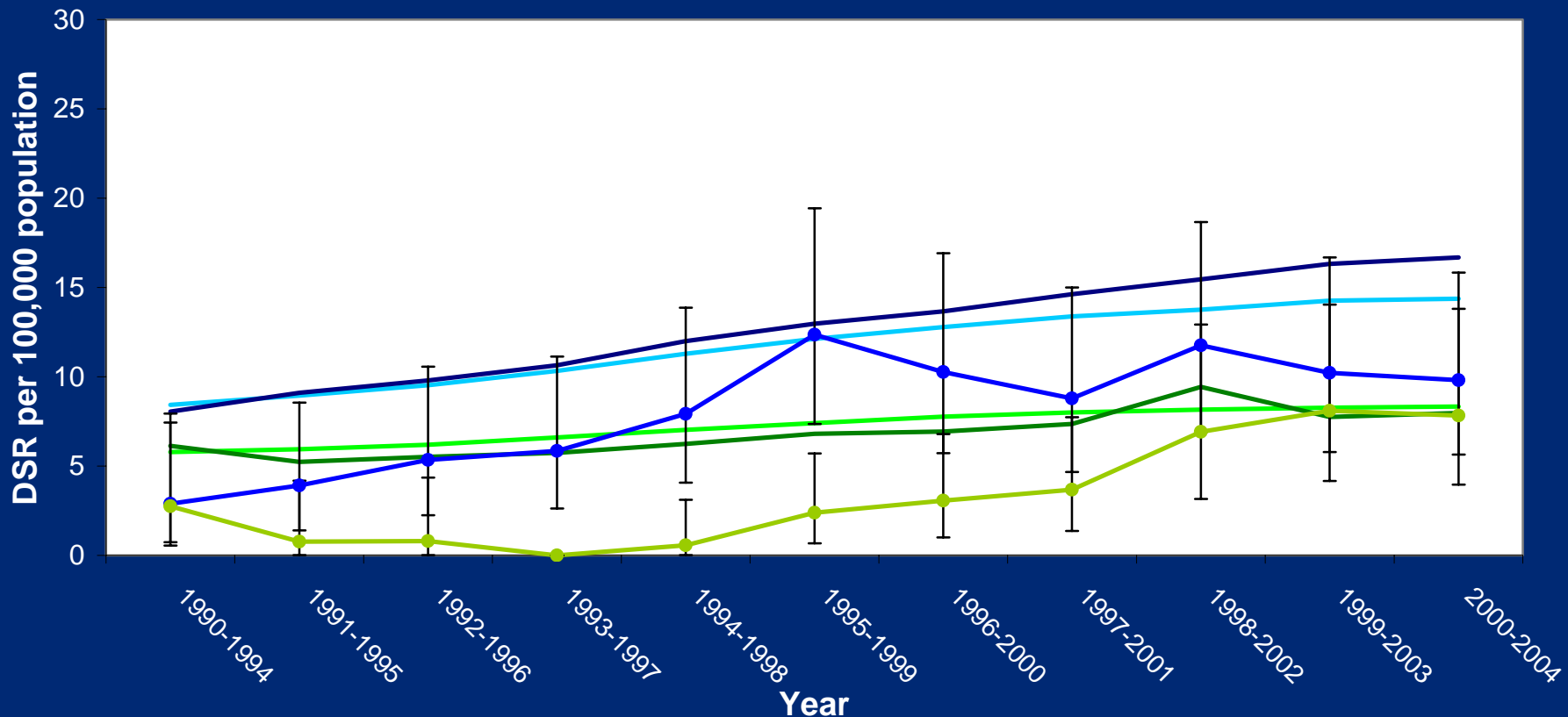
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## Mortality directly attributable to alcohol: Coventry MC



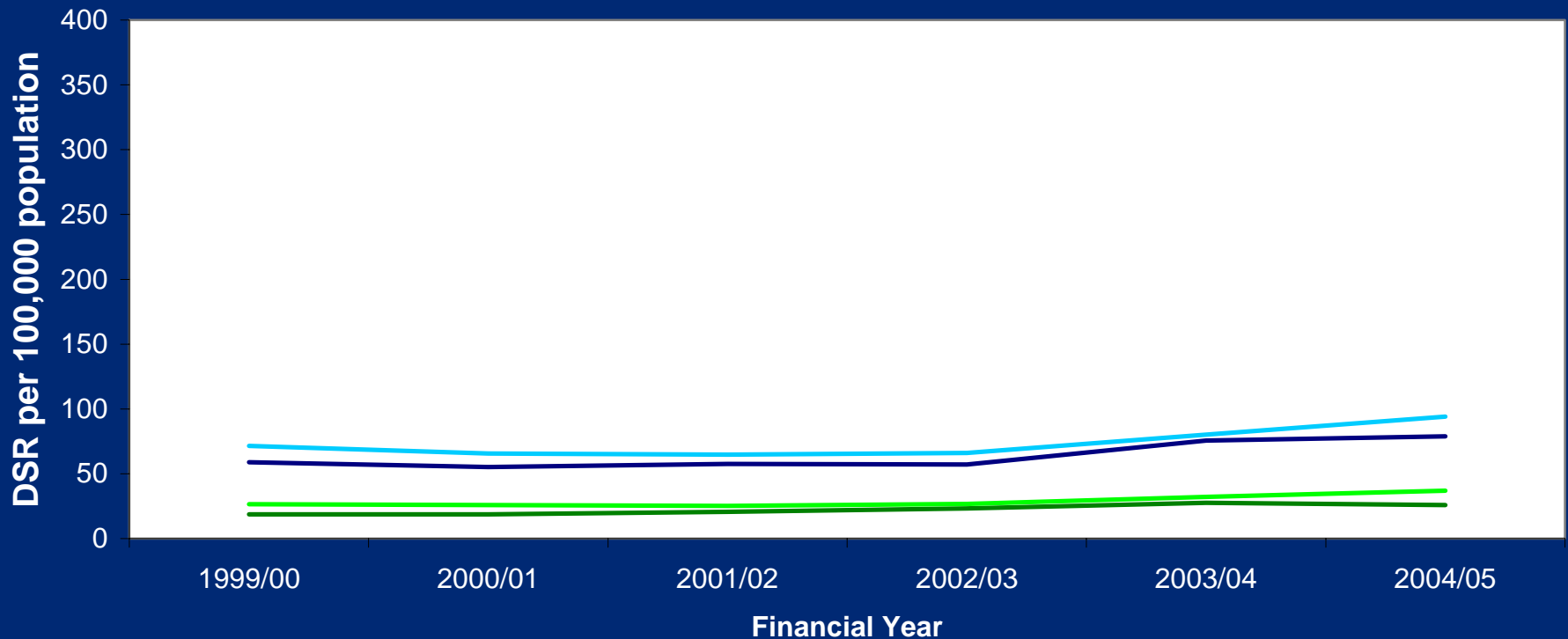
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## Mortality directly attributable to alcohol: North Shropshire LA



# Consequences: hospital admissions

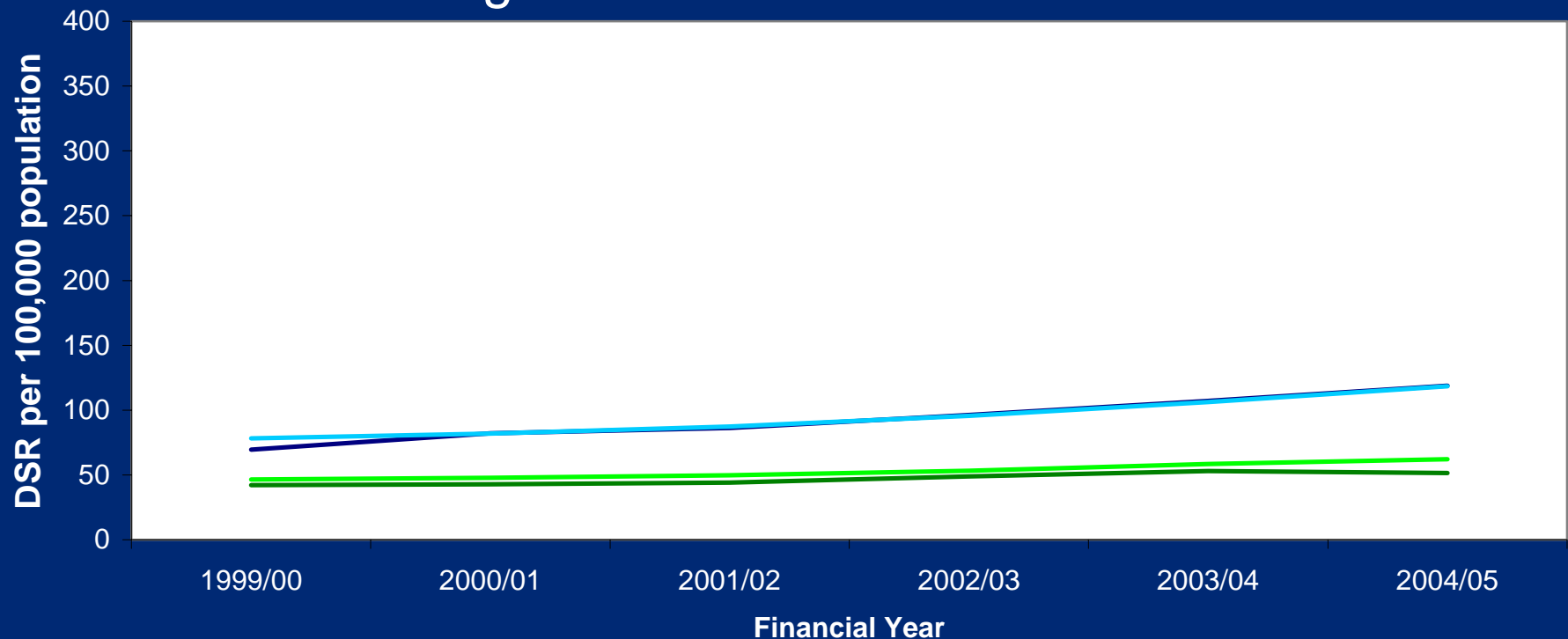
## Admissions due to alcohol related accidents: England & West Midlands\*



\*Primary diagnosis or secondary diagnosis (any mention)

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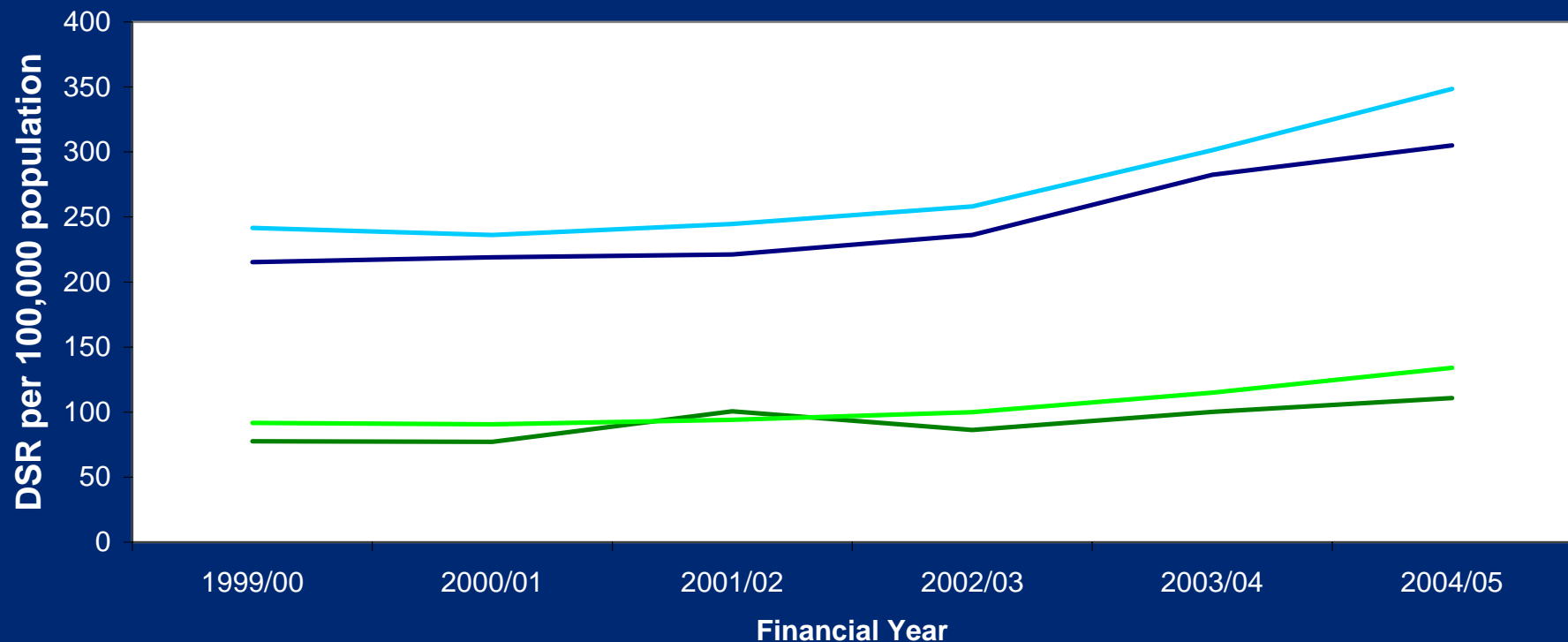
Admissions due to alcoholic liver disease, chronic hepatitis (not elsewhere classified) & fibrosis & cirrhosis of the liver : England & West Midlands\*



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# Consequences: hospital admissions

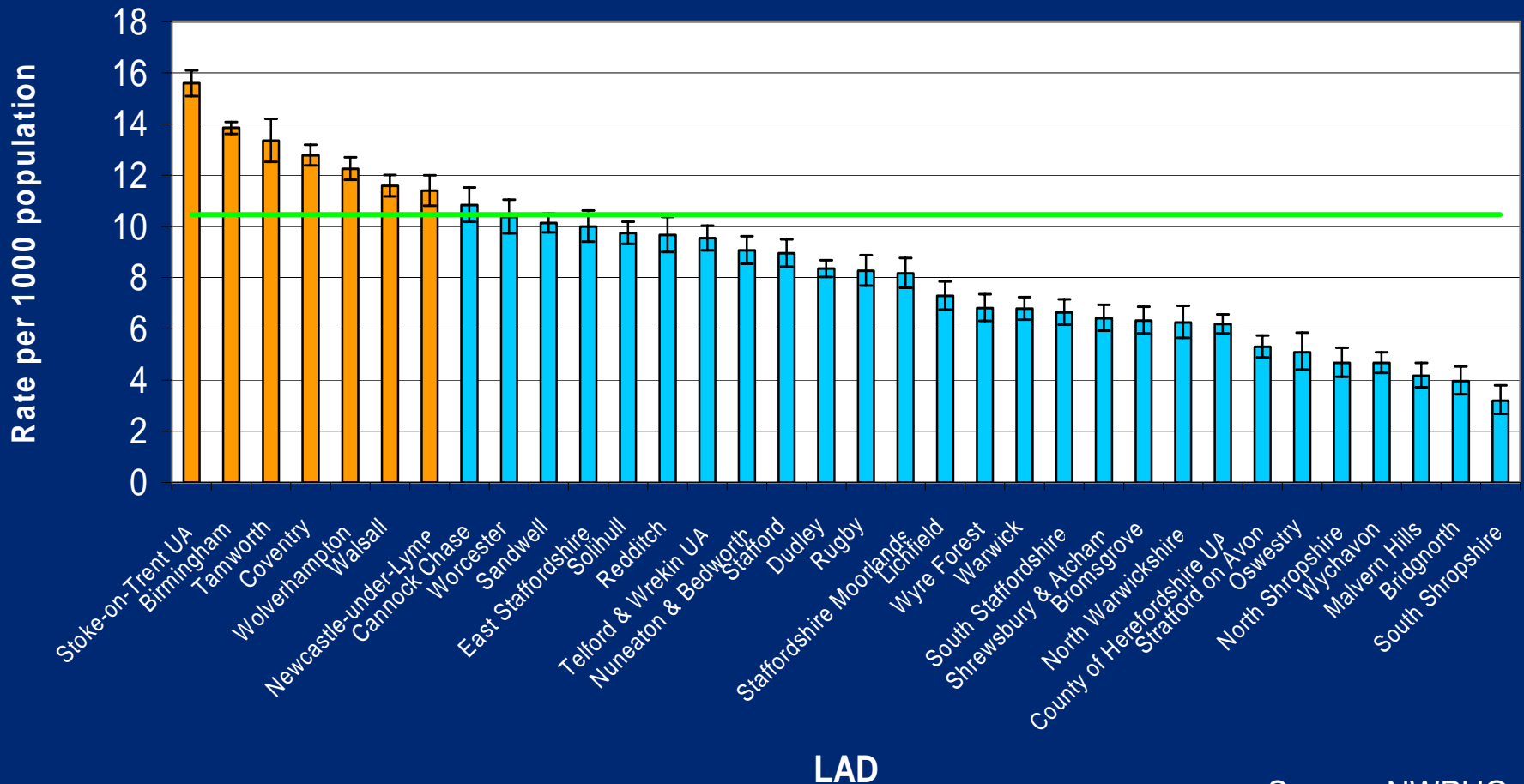
Admissions due to mental & behavioural disorders related to alcohol use: England & West Midlands\*



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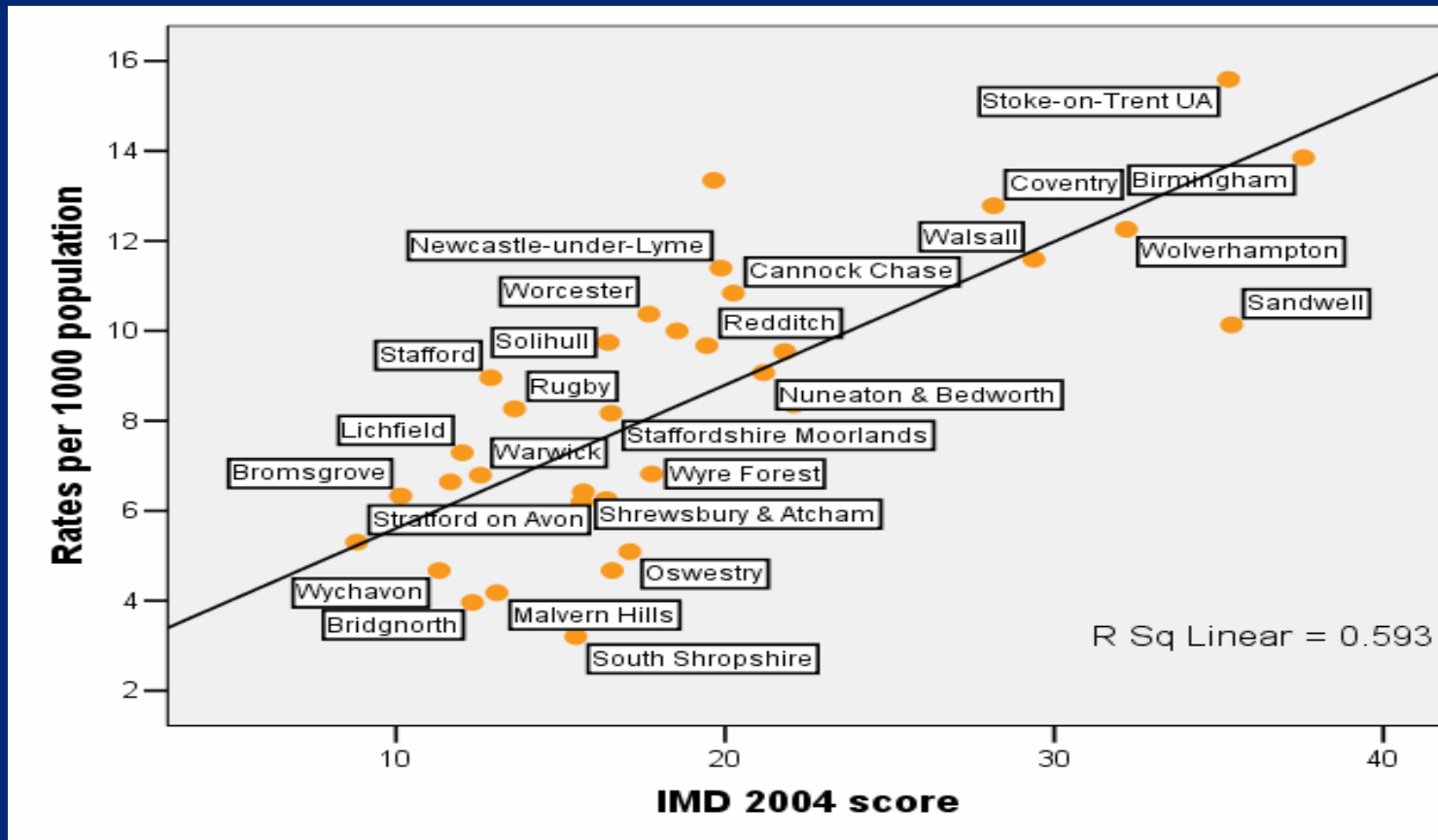
# Consequences: social consequences

All alcohol-related crime, West Midlands LADs, 2005/06



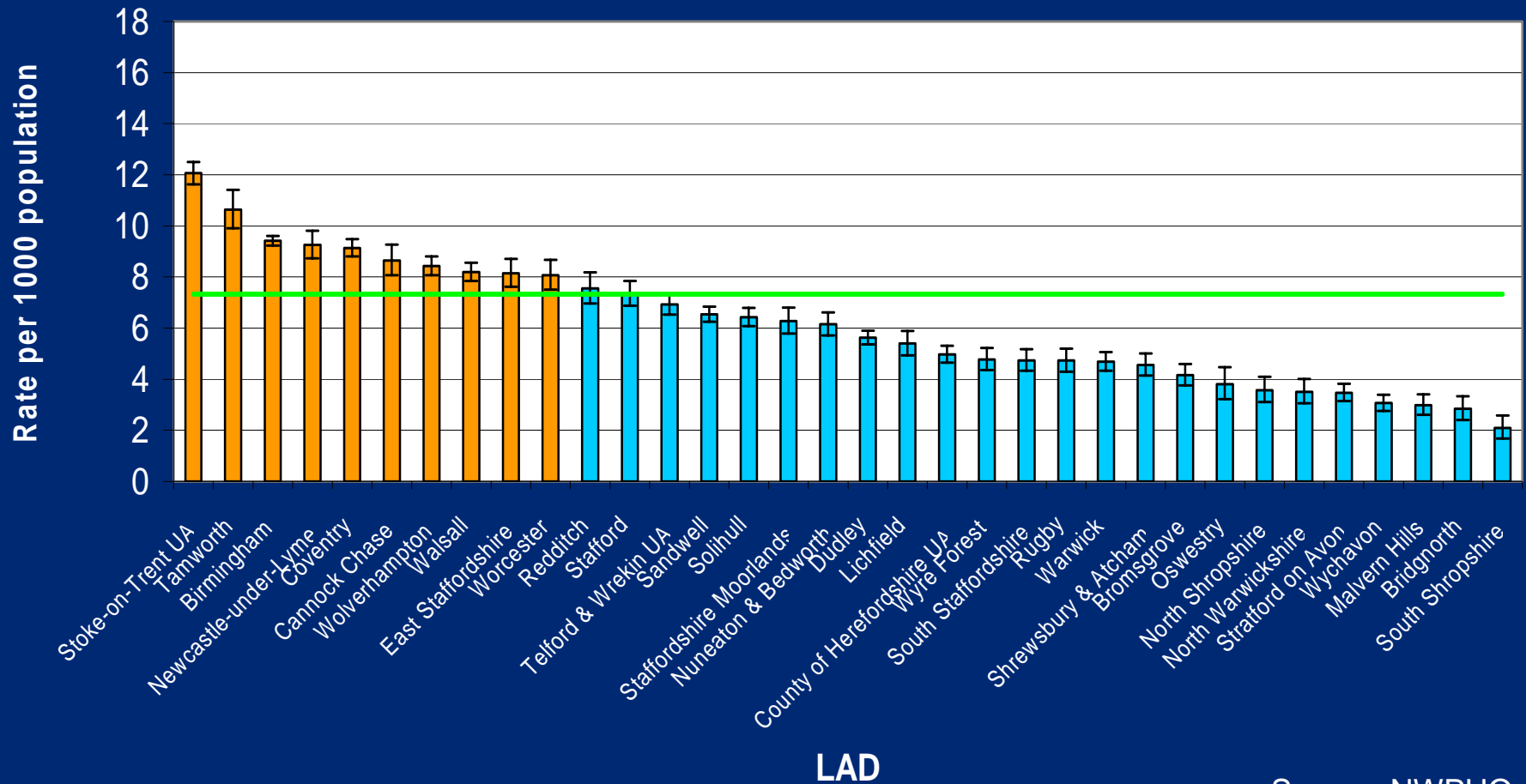
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Relationship between all alcohol-related crime & deprivation, West Midlands LADs, 2005/06



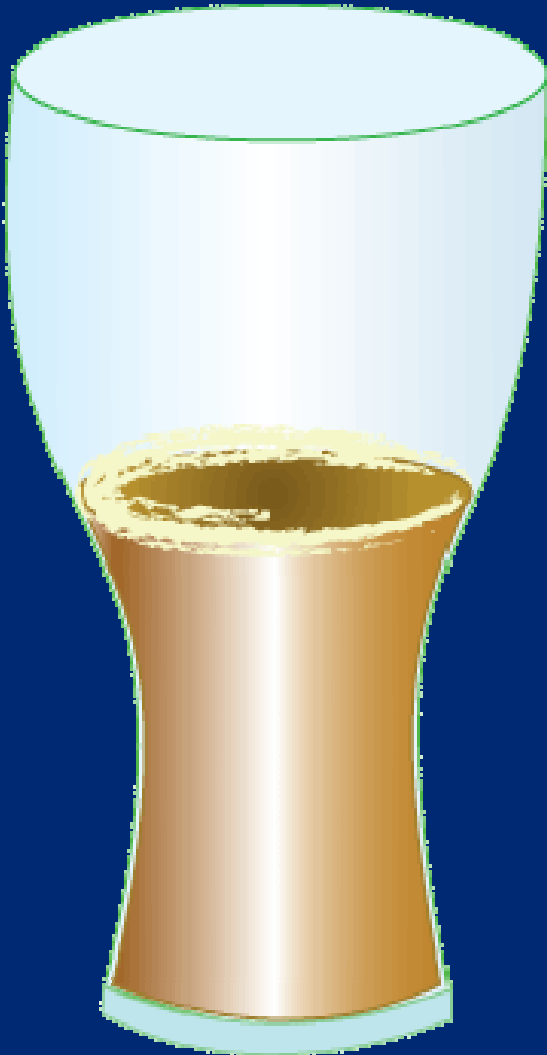
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## Violent crime related to alcohol, West Midlands LADs, 2005/06





# Summary



- Consumption of alcohol has increased particularly in younger groups
- Rates of male alcohol-related deaths have doubled
- Continuing rise in hospital admissions
- Rates of all crimes & violent crime related to alcohol in the WM are similar to England
- Alcohol-related crime is nearly 4 times higher in Stoke compared to South Shropshire
- Clear link between deprivation and alcohol-related crime

# More information

- **Alcohol in the West Midlands**  
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