# Proposed changes: Fingertips alcohol profile

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### Introduction

In 2023, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), including the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Office for National Statistics (ONS) and NHS England (NHSE) sought views on possible changes to their health and social care statistical products. A [response to this consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/health-and-social-care-statistical-outputs) was published in November 2024.

OHID would now like to ask users for their views on specific changes it plans to make based on the responses it received to this consultation. If you have any comments about these changes, please email [pha-ohid@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:pha-ohid@dhsc.gov.uk) by 28 March 2025.

### Simplified presentation

We plan to make several changes to the [alcohol profiles](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-alcohol-profiles) to simplify and improve their presentation so that age breakdowns appear in the inequalities data view rather than as separate indicators for admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions.

### Liver disease indicators

There are several indicators on liver disease within the different profiles across OHID. These have very similar but slightly different definitions which is confusing to users. It is proposed to replace the indicators on:

* Under 75 mortality rate from cirrhosis and other diseases of liver
* Mortality rate from cirrhosis and other diseases of liver, all ages

With the indicator on:

* Cirrhosis and other liver disease from the [Mortality profile](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/mortality-profile)

### Archiving of indicators

We will be archiving some indicators which were added because of COVID-19, where a more appropriate indicator is now available or for which data is no longer being updated or there are other issues with data quality. The data will remain available on Fingertips as an .ods file. Indicators about alcohol consumption using data from the Health Survey for England has also been recently added to the profile. The affected indicators are:

* Under 75 mortality rate from alcoholic liver disease (1- and 3-year range) (replaced with indicator on cirrhosis and other liver disease from the Liver Disease profile)
* Mortality from chronic liver disease, all ages (1- and 3-year range) (replaced with indicator on cirrhosis and other liver disease from the Liver Disease profile)
* Volume of pure alcohol sold through the off-trade: all alcohol sales (last updated with 2014 data)
* Volume of pure alcohol sold through the off-trade: beer sales (last updated with 2014 data)
* Volume of pure alcohol sold through the off-trade: wine sales (last updated with 2014 data)
* Volume of pure alcohol sold through the off-trade: spirit sales (last updated with 2014 data)
* Percentage of adults who abstain from drinking alcohol (last updated with 2015 to 2018 data)
* Percentage of adults drinking over 14 units of alcohol a week (last updated with 2015 to 2018 data)
* Percentage of adults binge drinking on heaviest drinking day (last updated with 2015 to 2018 data)

### Other changes

Number of premises licensed to sell alcohol per square kilometre indicator will now be updated on a biennial basis because of changes to the frequency of the data collection.