More alcohol is bought per adult in Scotland each year than in England and Wales.

Every 15 minutes, someone in Scotland is hospitalised with an alcohol-related illness.

There are over 16,000 places to buy alcohol in Scotland, 16 times more alcohol outlets than GP practices.

£3.6 billion is spent on dealing with alcohol-related harm in Scotland each year.

£1 billion more than Scotland’s entire education budget.

Each year around 96% of applications for new licensed premises are approved.

In deprived areas there are 40% more places to buy alcohol than in more affluent areas.

Scottish neighbourhoods with the most alcohol outlets have double the alcohol-related death rate compared to those with the fewest outlets.

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