

ELEPHANT study

The study AIM is to understand and assess the impact of these later opening hours on harms, services and costs in Glasgow and Aberdeen, including for specific groups, and the implications for other UK cities if similar changes were introduced.

This study has 5 work packages (WPs).

- WP1 will focus on understanding why the changes came about, what effects were expected, and how they have affected businesses/public services. We will search licensing meeting notes and media reports, and interview officials, managers and premises owners.
- WP2 will explore changes in bars/clubs including exactly when they are opening later and what happens during the extra opening time such as who is there, alcohol and drug use, violence and how the venue operates. Researchers will attend venues to observe the later openings, review venue's Facebook pages (or other social media), and interview venue staff.
- WP3 will examine if changes in alcohol-related ambulance call-outs and crimes have resulted from later opening hours, working Scottish Ambulance Service and Police Scotland data from before and after the changes. We will also look for impact on different groups (men/women, age-groups, residence) and changes in the location of call-outs.
- WP4 will evaluate the economic costs to businesses and services as a result of the changes
- WP5 will identify other UK cities considering similar changes, and model the likely impact of the changes on inequalities, long-term health and healthcare costs both for Glasgow and Aberdeen and selected other UK cities.

Our experienced team has worked closely together on studies using similar methods and a track record of impact locally, nationally and internationally. A wide range of stakeholders are supportive. They will help to shape the study and share findings including local communities and premises owners, police and health services, local authority licensing stakeholders and devolved and UK governments as well as international experts.