## Evaluation of Drinkaware Resources: Emerging Findings *for Drinkaware*

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### **Evaluation Objectives**

The overall aims of this evaluation are to:

- Measure the impact of Drinkaware's resources and how they contribute to an increased awareness and understanding of safe drinking levels among Berkshire residents
- 2. Measure the impact of Drinkaware's resources and how they contribute to a positive change in drinking behaviour
- 3. Find out more about the end user what types of people pick up the packs, find them useful and engage most with the information?
- 4. Find out more about the resources how they are used, how clearly the information is communicated, how effectively are they meeting their needs?
- 5. Find out more about pharmacists as a route to market how effective is this channel in reaching Drinakware's target audience of increasing and higher risk drinkers?
- 6. Contribute to the strategic development of Drinkaware's resources function with the learning from this evaluation.

## Context

- These findings are based on the fieldwork to date.
- The survey results are based on a snapshot of 167 respondents (till 4 Dec; *now* 302 respondents)
- Fieldwork currently being undertaken:
  - User telephone interviews
  - User post-focus group interviews
  - 1 focus group

## Stakeholder interviews

- Effective tool for addressing "iceberg below the water" of harmful drinking
- Provides information to help people think doesn't preach to /stigmatise behaviour / shame
- Recognition that kit will need to "fight for attention" amidst other public health messages
- Innovative model of public and charity sector cooperation
- Eagerness to explore wider roll-out
- Importance of testing long-term behaviour change

#### Survey: Gender profile of respondents (gender: n=167)



#### Survey: Age profile of respondents (age: n=154)



#### Survey: Profile of respondents

# **Risk Profile:**

- Lower: 39%
- Increasing:32%
- Higher:23%
- Unknown:6%

## Survey findings

- Source of kit:
  - 70% from pharmacy
  - 15% from friend / family
  - 15% "other"
    (including supermarket, stall set up in local shopping area)

- Motivation for picking up the kit:
  - 67% I saw it in the pharmacy and was curious
  - 26% I wanted to learn more about
  - 18% handed in pharmacy
  - 16% colours/design
  - 10% aware of campaign in Berkshire
  - 9% wanted to give it someone
  - 4% recognised Drinkaware logo

## Survey findings cont...

#### Use of the KIT

- 94% used at least one aspect of the kit
- 73% used all three in some way
- 8% wheel & booklet
- 4% cup & booklet
- 3% cup & wheel
- 4% cup only
- 3% wheel only
- 1% booklet only

#### **Frequency of use**

- the cup was most frequently used (about one-third used it more than 5 times)
- The booklet was most likely to be used once (around half of the respondents using it)

#### Survey findings cont...

# What occurred as a result of using the project

- Kit has been driver to change behaviour: over one-half of respondents agreed that a change in understanding or awareness had occurred
- Increased understanding of units was broadly similar to understanding of calories – though it was the understanding of units of was most common.
- 54% said the products helped them change their drinking behaviour

## Pharmacist interviews

## Pharmacists as a distribution channel:

- Community pharmacists knew their customers very well and were the best at distributing the kits (in two examples they were distributed in 2 hours and the other in 1.5 days)
- They were positioned in different places (in some cases point of sale, in other central pagoda); posters displayed in majority of pharmacists
- Buy-in from pharmacist and their staff is key
- Some pharmacists were using the kits in consultations (different types of medical reviews: new patient, medication reviews) and found this a very effective way of distributing it to targeted patients

## Pharmacist interviews....distribution

### Other points:

- Christmas was a good time to distribute it
- Customers were surprised it was free
- Mostly women took the kit (some for their partners/children\*

## Some negative points:

- Not clear what it is (the kit/what's in your glass)
- Too pinky for men
- some took it for their children/grandchildren to win i-pad\*\*
- For a minority of pharmacists (certain demographic) they would not offer the kit (felt customers would be insulted)\*\*\*

## Pharmacist interviews (2)

## The pharmacist view:

- Majority were very positive about kit
- Described it as: fancy design; 'christmasy'; well designed.
- Overall thought it was a nice tangible product (unlike other campaigns); easy to engage customers – not stigmatising (some pharmacists were surprised by this)
- No training required can use straight away
- Would like the campaign to continue

## Observations

- Most kits were well positioned in a small number of cases there were no kits – all distributed within short timeframe
- Staff in the pharmacy/pharmacists were engaging in conversation about the kit
- In smaller community pharmacist the level of engagement was higher
- In larger stores the kits were 'swamped' among lots of campaigns
- The majority of customers were women (very few young men)

### **Observations: pictures**



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## User findings (focus groups)

- All were very positive about the kit
- Learned new information: all were surprised how many calories there are in alcohol (both women and men) and learned how many units different drinks were
- Women in particular found the wheel useful
- Interesting uses: to lose weight, as part of weight watchers; help monitor health (Barnet Asperger's syndrome); because drives to work
- The booklet is too thick
- Sharing kit with friends and family\*; talked to colleagues

## Remaining Fieldwork & Analysis

- 1. User telephone interviews
- 2. User post-focus group interviews
- 3. 1 focus group (couples)

#### Recommendations

- Distribution: other venues, such as gyms (targeting young men)
- Design: a pint glass for men; wine glass for ladies
- Include information about drink driving
- Develop an App (for mobile phone)
- Have a product which could be put on a key-ring

## Questions?



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