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Why do we need to act together to reduce alcohol harm across Cheshire and Warrington?

1 in 5 adults across the North West are drinking at levels likely to pose a significant risk to their health.

The North West has more alcohol related hospital admissions than the rest of the UK (one person every four minutes admitted to hospital, 30% of all admissions)

Cheshire and Warrington is in the worst quartile nationally for alcohol specific admissions to hospital for under 18s

3,800 a year die in the North West from alcohol related causes

The Department of Health estimates that alcohol costs the North West £400 million a year.

47% of people in the North West avoid their town centres at night because of the drunken behaviour of others

Levels of binge drinking in Cheshire and Warrington are higher than the national average.

50% of all violent incidents in the North West are alcohol related.

Alcohol is a key factor in child/elder abuse

Alcohol is a key reason for claiming incapacity benefit

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Nationally:

22% of accidents are alcohol related and 30 % of suicides.

44% of alcohol purchased is consumed by 10% of the population

Alcohol is a factor in 40% of domestic violence cases, 40% of child protection cases and 74% of child mistreatment cases.

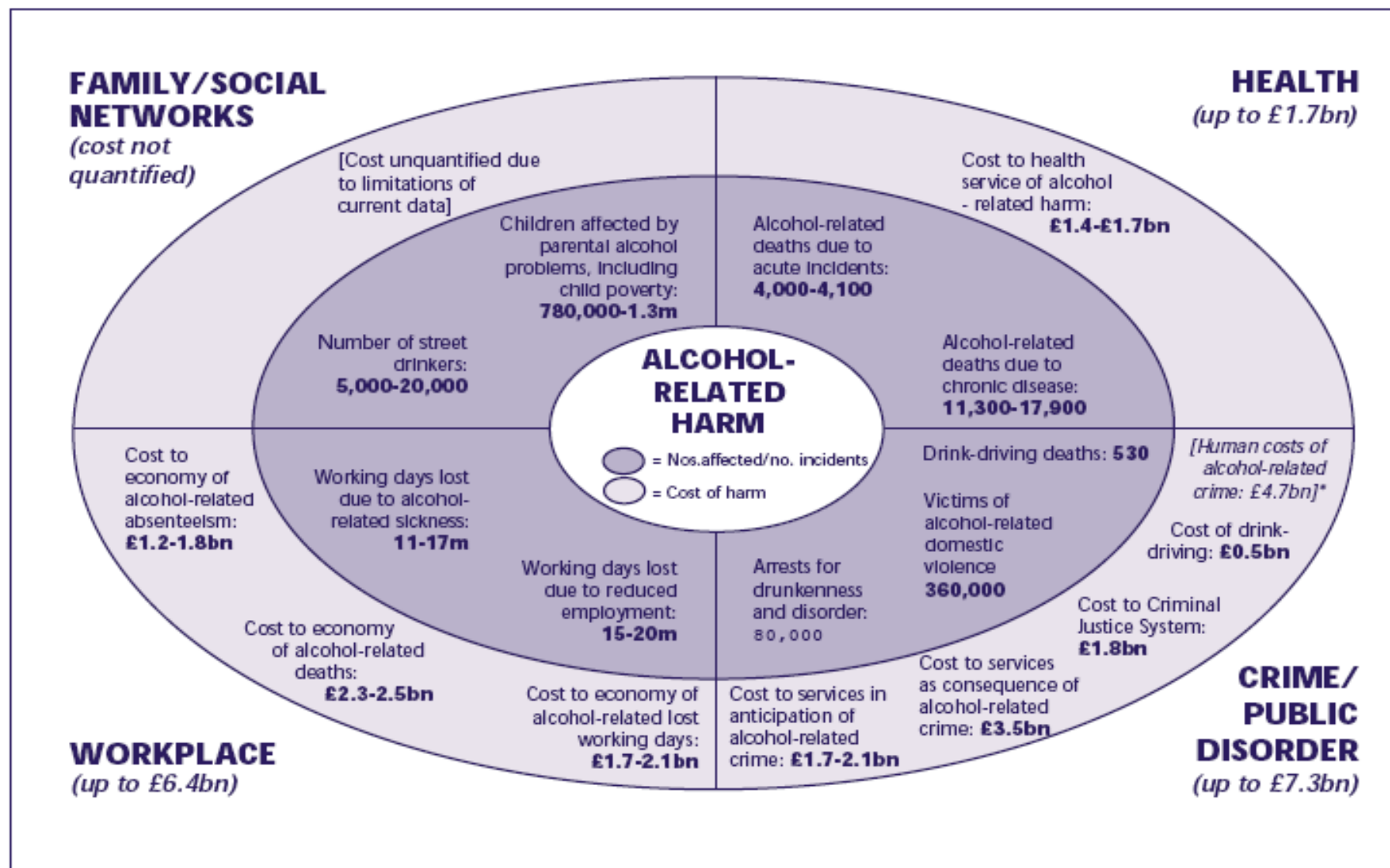
45% of all violent crime is alcohol related

Alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour is estimated to cost £7.3 billion a year nationally (emergency services, criminal justice system, costs to the victims)

Dealing with alcohol related ill health costs the NHS £2.7billion a year (2006-7 figure).

It is estimated that up to 17 million working days are lost annually due to alcohol related sickness (costing £6.4 billion to the economy)

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Estimated Costs of Alcohol related harm (2004 figures)