

# CPCG Monthly Meeting – May 2010

## Drug and Alcohol Quiz

### Q1 Matching the famous person to their drug of choice

Queen Victoria	cannabis
Winston Churchill	Alcohol
Sigmund Freud	cocaine
Adolf Hitler	Methamphetamine
Amy Winehouse	crack & heroin

### Q2 Alcohol misuse causes a greater cost to society than illicit drug use?

#### True

The social and economic cost of drug abuse in terms of crime, absenteeism and sickness is in excess of £20 billion a year. (2010)

The total annual cost of alcohol misuse to the UK economy has been calculated by the Cabinet Office at up to £25.1 billion. (2007)

### Q3 How many problem drug users (opiates and cocaine) are there estimated to be in Lambeth?

5592

### Q4 How many problem alcohol users are there estimated to be in Lambeth?

9,804 dependent drinkers  
(52,507 drinking excessively)

### Q5 Where is the UK in the European “binge drinking league table”?

3rd highest  
UK is 3rd behind Ireland and Finland (2008)

### Q6 Cannabis can be detected in urine for how long?

One month after use

### Q7 Alcohol effects your vision by reducing your ability to see colours?

#### True

Alcohol increases blood pressure, which affects rods and cones, affecting ability to distinguish particularly red, moving objects.

### Q8 For every £1 invested in drug treatment how much is saved in the crime and health costs of drug addiction?

£2.50

The latest research suggests that every £1 invested in drug treatment saves society two-and-half times that in the crime and health costs of drug addiction (Dept. of Health 2010)

### Q9 Which substance was described in the 18th century as “a destroyer of health, an engenderer of effeminacy, a debaucher of youth and a maker of misery in old age”?

Tea