**Statement on behalf of Scottish Directors of Public Health**

**15 November 2017**

**Response to the UK Supreme Court Ruling on Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol**

Scottish Directors of Public Health are relieved and thrilled to hear of the Scottish Government’s success in its court action to strengthen public health through creating a minimum unit price for alcohol. Patience and persistence, backed by strong evidence, has paid off. This is a landmark decision that offers the prospect, with a range of measures we must take locally and nationally, of reducing alcohol related harm in this country.

Dr Andrew Fraser, Chair of the Directors of Public Health in Scotland