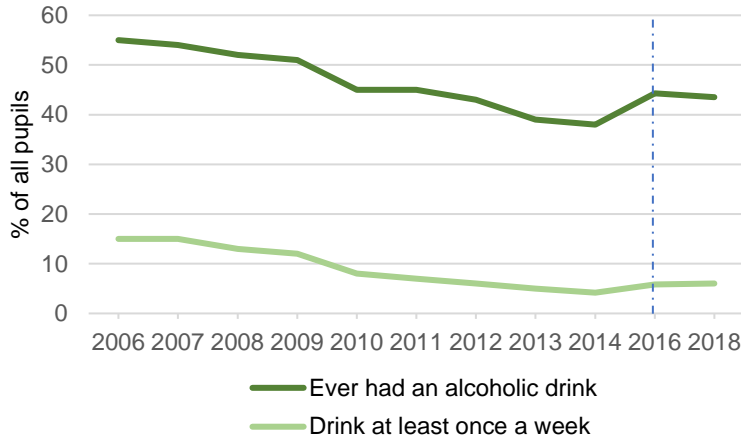


Underage drinking in the UK

- Underage drinking continues to fall across the UK
- The number of children who think drinking alcohol is acceptable has also declined
- Alcohol-specific hospital admissions among under 18s has also fallen every year for the past decade

Underage drinking among 11-15 year olds in England has declined over the past decade



Source: NHS Digital
Data from 2016 is not comparable with previous years due to a change in the wording of the question pupils were asked.

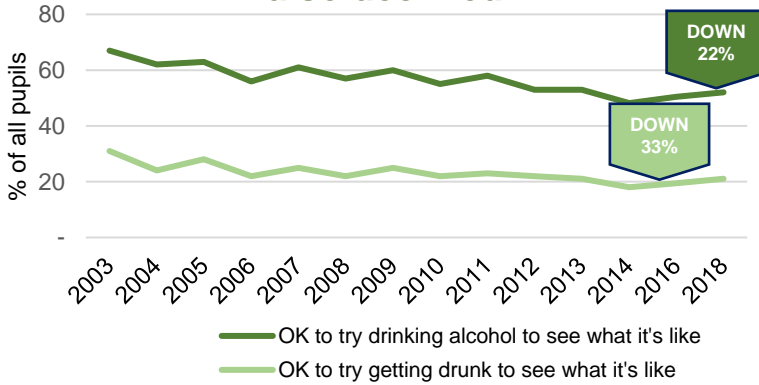
Similar declines in weekly drinking rates can be seen across the UK:

- Scotland: **37%** among 15-year olds
- Wales: **71%** among all 11-15 year olds
- Northern Ireland: **46%** among all pupils



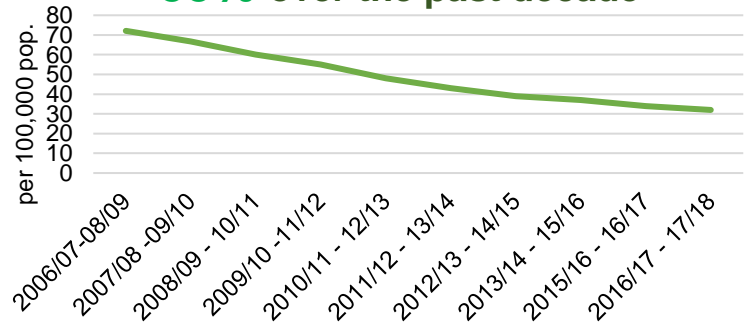
Sources: Scottish Government; WHO Europe; NI Department of Health

The number of pupils who think its OK to drink or get drunk has also declined



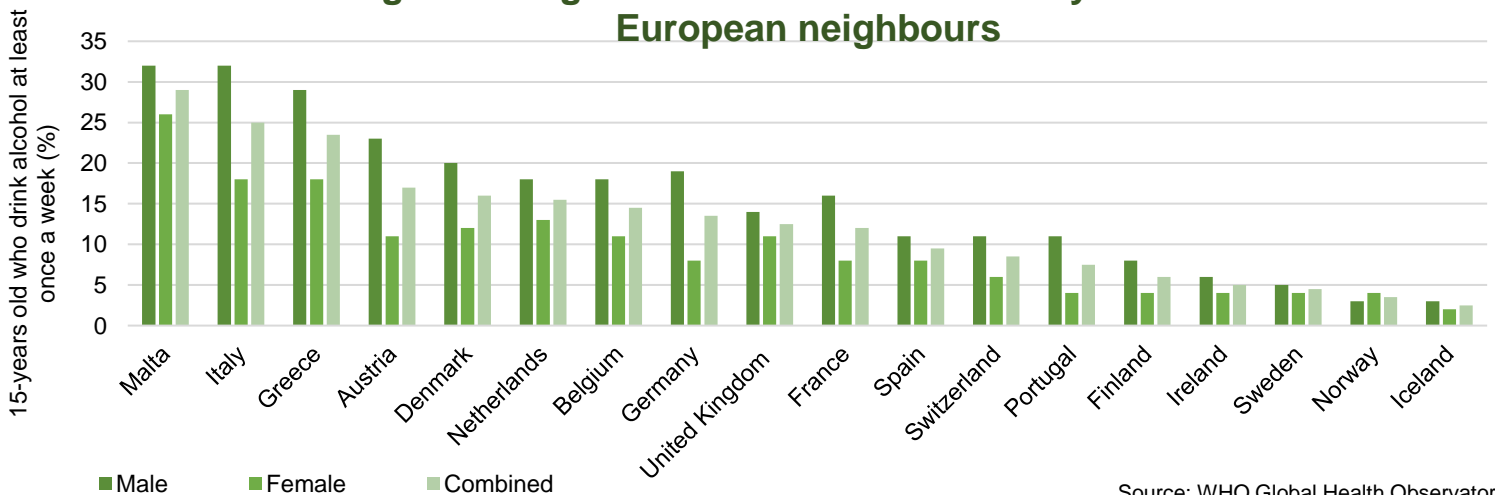
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The proportion of under-18s admitted to hospital for alcohol-specific conditions has fallen **55%** over the past decade



Source: Public Health England

Underage drinking in the UK ranks below many of our Western European neighbours



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory