

Heavy Drinking Damaging UK Health Service



A new report from Britain describes how heavy drinking is damaging its health service. More and more British people are drinking too much. This means higher numbers of patients need hospital treatment. The number of illnesses caused by alcohol has doubled in the past five years. Healthcare managers say the system cannot cope. They say Britain's culture of heavy drinking must change, or Britain's hospitals will be in trouble. One expert suggested making hospital patients pay \$800 for alcohol-related problems. Britain's health system is currently free.

VOCABULARY: Match the correct answers.

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| 1. report | a. gulping |
| 2. describes | b. too much |
| 3. heavy drinking | c. ruining |
| 4. damaging | d. shows |
| 5. treatment | e. article |

READING COMPREHENSION: Choose the correct answer.

1. What is damaging Britain's health service?
2. What has happened due to too much drinking?
3. What do healthcare managers say about the situation?
4. What must happen to Britain's culture?
5. What does one expert suggest?
6. How is Britain's health system now?