



Anticipated outcomes	How it worked in the evaluation (what happened)	How it could work (recommendations)
<p>It was anticipated that building community assets using a champion-based model would result in <i>grassroots organising and mobilisation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local authority licensing officers (referred to as ‘licensing leads’) were not involved in the organising or mobilisation of community volunteers per se but did deliver technical training.</li> <li>Not all CICA intervention areas experienced alcohol availability and accessibility issues, limiting opportunities for grassroots involvement at a Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensing engagement needs to be harnessed through collaborative community partnerships creating a sense of shared commitment/goals over a sustained period.</li> <li>Interventions need to be situated in places, and with interested parties, experiencing high outlet density/where there are risks or evidence of harms that threaten the licensing objectives.</li> </ul>
<p>It was anticipated that having a licensing officer as a point of contact to support and advise communities would result in <i>relationship building with decision makers/networks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In eight out of nine areas, licensing leads attended <i>Train-the-Trainer</i> (first generation) training events, providing an initial point of contact and advice for Alcohol Health Champions (AHCs).</li> <li>In five out of nine areas, licensing leads attended <i>cascade</i> (second generation) training events.</li> <li>No further involvement or direct contact with licensing leads reported post-training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensing leads need to have allocated time and capacity to support and advise AHCs/communities.</li> <li>During training, licensing leads to review with AHCs and local coordinators, licensing activity at LSOA/community level - to develop awareness and common understanding of licensing issues and co-develop licensing knowledge of local area/community of interest.</li> <li>AHCs to be informed of/introduced to licensing officers from other Responsible Authorities in the local authority area that could support representations or receive notifications of issues/complaints to address the licensing objectives.</li> <li>Establish and facilitate a community network including officers from other Responsible Authorities</li> </ul>

<p>It was anticipated that training on how to engage with the licensing process would help champions to <i>use their confidence to put skills into practice and roll-out further training</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHCs gained knowledge around: the Licensing Act 2003; the LA’s Statement of Licensing Policy; the role of Responsible Authorities; the availability of public licensing registers of applications received and premises licences issued, and; how to make ‘representations’ or objections that address one or more of the four licensing objectives.</li> <li>• AHCs felt more confident post-training that they could raise issues about venues selling alcohol, but they did not do this very much in practice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on the licensing process to be simplified to focus on process, timescales, and licensing objectives.</li> <li>• Tailoring specific training for AHCs in evidencing data that ‘speak licensing officer language’/address a relevant licensing objective to leverage licensing requirements.</li> <li>• AHCs to be trained to access and review licensing applications on the LA website/sign up to email notifications, with clear parameters on how to make a successful representation.</li> </ul>
<p>It was anticipated that increasing the strengths, motivations and skills of community members as Alcohol Health Champions would result in <i>increased community engagement</i></p>	<p>No evidence of engagement in licensing activity through ‘official’ channels.</p>	<p>Licensing authorities to examine appropriateness of naming all representatives and subsequent potential to exclude community members from equal participation in licensing process for fear of intimidation and reprisal.</p>
<p>It was anticipated that AHCs could use their knowledge and skills to influence the local alcohol licensing policy context <i>e.g. taking part in consultation processes such as cumulative impact assessments and reviews of statements of licensing policy (SOLP)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document review of all 10 SOLPs highlighted a policy context of limited readability and accessibility for the public; local policy context was predominantly applicant focused.</li> <li>• Five out of 10 SOLPs provided information to the public on how to submit representations.</li> <li>• Three out of ten SOLPs provided information on how to report issues/complaints as part of joint compliance and enforcement monitoring protocols.</li> <li>• No cumulative impact assessment consultations or reviews of local SOLPs took place during the intervention period. No known increases in community consultation/AHC engagement in subsequent reviews of SOLPs post-intervention.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local licensing policy should be re-orientated to be community-centred, with the support of national policy.</li> <li>• Guidance should promote standards to increase the inclusivity and accessibility of licensing procedures for the public/communities, including statements of licensing policy wording.</li> <li>• Where example model conditions are provided, consider the quality/strength of evidence-based practice proposed, and the positive outcomes anticipated, in order to effectively promote the licensing objectives.</li> <li>• Proactively consult interested parties (such as residents, community members), especially in communities/areas experiencing inequalities.</li> </ul>