Women and alcohol – the Drink Drive Challenge
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Kris is the Director of Social Research Associates, a company specialising in social aspects of transport. To this end, Kris has advised governments and other public sector organisations on strategic approaches to policy including in relation to public acceptability and equality. These insights have been applied to crime, parking, traffic calming, safety and security. Examples of the application of this work include good practice guides on reducing crime on the London Underground, evaluations of Road Safety Partnerships, speeding prevention and post-conviction courses plus a major research study of unlicensed driving.

Implications of the findings from the study of drink driving by women are being taken up by the insurance industry. Kris is an active member of a wide range of professional and national transport support organisations such as the Transport Statistics Users Group and she is a committee member of the recently formed National Infrastructure Planning Association, the Transport Planning Society and the Independent Transport Commission. For the latter, Kris has co-authored a pack ‘Why Travel?’ which was launched by the Secretary of State for Transport and Lord Adonis and is now being developed into a book and TV documentary series.

**Superintendent Jane Derrick, Roads Policing, Sussex Police**

Jane has served in a variety of roles at Sussex Police as well as transferring to Kent Police in the late 1980s. Up until recently she was the head of the Roads Policing Unit for Surrey and Sussex and is now the Supt. for West Sussex Division. In recent years she has worked with a number of partners to recognise the impact of changes within communities affected by alcohol, homelessness and immigration – specifically around issues such as drink drive, street communities and working closer in partnership to reduce vulnerability. Part of this work is to refocus on women and the impact of alcohol upon them and the wider implications.
Inspector Colin Dobson, Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit, Durham Constabulary

Colin is a police Inspector with 25 years’ service and currently heads Durham Constabulary’s Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit. This unit is one of the few in the country that deals with all alcohol licensing issues, crime associated with licensed premises and the wider harm alcohol causes in society. Throughout his service he has carried out a variety of uniformed operational roles and has a particular interest in developing methods to effectively police the night time economy. His interest also extends into the impact alcohol has within a police custody environment and the associated risks of dealing with drunk prisoners. He believes early intervention and education are key elements in preventing alcohol harm to both individuals and communities using a partnership approach.