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**A&E WHERE ALCOHOL** IS BEHIND 3 IN 4 CASES  
  
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DRINKING is linked to 70 per cent of weekend cases dealt with by a single **A&E** department, according to researchers.

**Alcohol**-related attendance at a big inner city hospital over four weeks in 2012-13 varied from 4 per cent to 60 per cent on weekdays, rising to 70 per cent at weekends. The Newcastle University researchers, writing in the **Emergency** Medicine Journal, said: This indicates a significant NHS burden if all such **emergency departments** in the UK are sustaining similar demands associated with**alcohol**-related attendance.

Our results suggest that **emergency departments** would benefit from routinely providing staff to cover the night and early-morning shifts, particularly at weekends, to cope with the high proportion of **alcohol**-related attendances at these times.'

The analysis shows each case costs between £250 and £850 to treat.