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AERC funding has enabled England to participate in a multi-national WHO project (► [study 1](#), p. 21) aiming to achieve widespread **implementation of screening and brief interventions for alcohol problems** in primary care. The English arm is led by the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of Northumbria and the Department of Primary Health Care at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Available at their [web site](#) (www.alcohol-phaseivproject.co.uk) are research updates and a discussion forum. Visitors can also sign up to the project's "strategic alliance" which lobbies for brief interventions to be accepted as essential to public health. Alcohol Concern has set up a Primary Care Information Service which provides [newsletter](#) and factsheets and support for practitioners – press the Primary Care button at www.alcoholconcern.org.uk.