

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 24 May 2017

Venue: Thistle Euston Hotel, 43 Cardington Street, London, NW1 2LP

Time: 10.15 – 14.00

Attendees: David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Hermine Graham (HG), Russell Hoyle (RH), Richard Ives (RI), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), Rachel Lampard (RL), Simon Tanner (ST)

In attendance: Iain Corby (IC), Marc Etches (ME), Paul Hope (PH)
[Staff names of those other than the Leadership team have been redacted]

Apologies: Heather Wardle

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56	Secretariat to ensure that these issues are reflected in the work of the children and young persons sub-group.	In progress	3.2/p.2
57	[Redacted]	Complete	4.3/p.3
58	[Redacted]	Complete	4.3/p.3
59	[Redacted]	Complete	4.4/p.3
60	[Redacted]	Complete	4.4/p.3
61	ME to report back to the Board on progress and next steps in relation to treatment and education in the autumn. Secretariat to add to the agenda.	In progress	5.2/p.4
62	KJ/RI to ensure that different groups of vulnerable young people are considered in the work being undertaken by the children and young persons sub-group.	In progress	5.2/p.4
63	Board to email their thoughts on the RET paper to the secretariat.	Complete	6.1/p.4

1. Apologies and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Apologies were recorded for Heather Wardle (HW). There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.2 CK also announced that HW had been appointed to the role of deputy chair of the Board. HW's additional duties would include deputising for CK when he is not available

and playing a more active role in research governance under the new commissioning arrangements.

- 1.3 CK welcomed [] from the Gambling Commission to the meeting for items 3 and 4 [Redacted – personal information]

2. Minutes and matters arising from 29 March 2017: RGSB 17 03 (01)

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.
- 2.2 CK noted that the delay with publishing the strategy progress report was due to purdah restrictions surrounding the General Election and that this would be made clear in the report when it is published.

3. Online gambling: eSports, virtual currencies, skins and social gaming: RGSB 17 03 (02)

- 3.1 [], the Gambling Commission's expert on this topic gave a presentation the relatively new and emerging markets of eSports, virtual currencies, skins and social gaming. The purpose of the presentation was to improve the Board's understanding of these new markets and products, to hear what the Gambling Commission has been doing in response, and to consider how these, and other online markets, could develop in the future and the potential risks this could create.
- 3.2 Board members suggested that useful research in this area might look at: the views of young people on these areas, the level of transition from these types of markets to regular gambling, and the proportion of problem gamers/gamblers within these markets. CK felt that this was an area that should be included in the workplan for children and young people.

Action: Secretariat to ensure that these issues are reflected in the work of the children and young persons sub-group.

- 3.3 The Board thanked [] for his input.

4. Online gambling: update on workstream progress and visits: RGSB 17 03 (03)

- 4.1 [] introduced the item which updated Board on progress with the online gambling workstream.
- 4.2 [Redacted – information intended for future publication]

5. GambleAware harm minimisation and education strategy: RGSB 17 03 (04)

- 5.1 ME introduced his paper which set out GambleAware's outline strategy for harm minimisation and education services. ME reminded Board of the work already underway in these areas, described the plan for how projects would be evaluated and set out where he hoped to be by the end of the strategy period.
- 5.2 [Redacted – information provided in confidence]

Action: ME to report back to the Board on progress and next steps in relation to treatment and education in the autumn. Secretariat to add to the agenda.

Action: Secretariat to ensure that different groups of vulnerable young people are considered in the work being undertaken by the children and young persons sub-group.

6. RET funding arrangements: RGSB 17 03 (05)

6.1 The Board briefly considered a paper setting out the current funding arrangements for research, education and treatment (RET) and the high-level objectives it would like to see fulfilled in any future approach to RET funding. Due to the limited time available for discussion, CK asked Board members to send their comments via email to the secretariat.

Action: Board to email their thoughts on the RET paper to the secretariat.

7. RGSB secretariat – update report: RGSB 17 03 (06)

7.1 This paper which provided the Board with an update on the work of the secretariat since the previous meeting was provided for information only and was not discussed.

8. Verbal update from GambleAware

8.1 ME confirmed that there were no additional matters that he wished to bring the Board's attention.

9. Any other business

9.1 There were no further matters for discussion.

Next meeting: 10.15-14.00, Thursday 20 July 2017, Salisbury Meeting Room, Thistle Euston Hotel, 43 Cardington Street, London, NW1 2LP