

Minutes of the meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board held on 19 March 2013

Venue: Government Art Collection, Queens Yard, 179a Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7PA

Time: 10.15am

Present:

Chris Bell	CB
Paul Bellringer	PB
Henrietta Bowden-Jones (for items 1 -8)	HBJ
Russell Hoyle (for items 1 – 8)	RH
Richard Ives	RI
David Miers	DM
Brian Pomeroy (Chair)	BP
Gerda Reith	GR
Eleanor Roaf	ER

In attendance:

Ruth Callaghan	RC
Chris Kelly	CK
Jonathan Parke	JP
Jane Rigbye	JR
Rebecca Sutherland (minutes)	RS
Jon Watkin	JW

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131	JR to circulate the link to the test site to Board members for comments.	In hand	4.6 / page 3
132	JR to contact policy workstream leads at the Commission regarding return-to-player to ensure consistency of information on Gamble Aware site.	Done	4.8 / page 3
133	JP and RC to discuss the Research Committee	Done	5.2 / page 4
134	A meeting to be set up with CK, RC, DM and Liz Barclay (Chair of Research Committee)	In hand	5.2 / page 4
135	RC will discuss contacting these groups with Julia Mackisack, Gambling Commission.	In hand	6.2 / page 4
136	GR to provide references for research on consequences of messaging on gambling behaviour.	Done	7.3 / page 5
137	RH to circulate Rank Group's social gaming policy to Board members.	Done	8.3 / page 5
138	The secretariat to re-circulate the Gambling Commission's scoping study research on social gaming.	Done	8.4 / page 5

1. Apologies

- 1.1 There were no apologies.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed CK, JP and JR to their first Board meeting.

2. Declaration of interest:

- 2.1 RH declared that he is assisting the new CEO and Finance Director of OpenBet in an advisory capacity.
- 2.2 BP reminded all Board members to register relevant interests with the secretariat.

3. Minutes and matters arising

- 3.1 The minutes from the meeting on 15 January 2013 were agreed, subject to minor drafting amendments.

3.2 Progress on actions was discussed and updated.

4. Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 13 02 (02a)

- 4.1 JP introduced and set out the key points from the delivery report including progress on fundraising, cash-flow forecast, research and programmes of work from the Responsible Gambling Trust (the Trust).
- 4.2 The Trust provided totals of funds for Research, Education and Harm Prevention and Treatment for 2013-14. It was noted that there was an unallocated amount of £100,000 for research in 2013/14.
- 4.3 The Board noted that Liz Barclay had been appointed the Chair of the Trust's new Research Committee (the Committee). The function of the Committee is to remove the industry Trustees from the decision making of research activity.
- 4.4 The Trust has appointed John Mellor-Clark (member of the RGSB Treatment Expert Panel) to conduct a review of the effectiveness of treatment services.

Gamble Aware presentation

- 4.5 JR provided an update on the Gamble Aware website:
- feedback collected in 2012 from key stakeholders had now been collated, which ranged from structural changes to the design to advice on content.
 - Current PDF factsheets will be removed, re-titled and re-written
 - the calculator and tools will be more accurate and useful
 - the whole site will be copy-edited before going live
 - the Trust intends to analyse the use of the site and can share this with the Board
- 4.6 JR agreed to provide a link to the test site.

Action – JR to circulate the link to the test site to Board members for comments.

- 4.7 The Trust is reconvening the Gamble Aware Liaison Group
- 4.8 Board members were pleased with the progress made with the Gamble Aware site and noted the update. DM suggested that JR contacts policy workstream leads at the Commission regarding return-to-player information to ensure consistency on the site.

Action – JR to contact policy workstream leads at the Commission regarding return-to-player to ensure consistency of information on Gamble Aware site.

Responsible Gambling Trust draft Commissioning Plan 2013/14: RGSB 12 02 (02b)

- 4.9 JP introduced the outline draft Commissioning Plan 2013/14 and provided the Board with an update on arrangements for prioritising, commissioning, funding and evaluating research, education and treatment services.

- 4.10 The Strategy 2013/14-2015/16 (the Strategy) identified eight key strategic priorities (KPs) and this has guided the activities and proposed funding of the draft Commissioning Plan. JR provided the Board with key streams of work that fall within each KP.
- 4.11 The Board found the Commissioning Plan useful, particularly as it mirrored the Strategy. The Board would also like to see focussed projects as a priority within the Commissioning Plan. Self-exclusion and young people were suggested as immediate priorities.
- 4.12 The Responsible Gambling Trust Trustees will sign-off the Commissioning Plan in May 2013.

5. Forward plan: RGSB 13 02 (03)

- 5.1 RC updated the Board on key achievements, progress and issues for escalation over the period 16 January to 19 March 2013.
- 5.2 The Board was concerned regarding the role of the Research Committee and its relationship with the RGSB's Research Expert Panel. JP and RC are to discuss this further. It was suggested that a meeting is set up with CK, RC, DM and Liz Barclay (Chair of Research Committee).

Action – JP and RC to discuss the Research Committee

Action – A meeting to be set up with CK, RC, DM and Liz Barclay (Chair of Research Committee)

Update – a meeting took place on 2 May between RC, ME, DM and JP

- 5.3 There was concern that the Treatment Expert Panel (TEP) does not currently have a Chair. This was flagged as a risk area needing to be rectified as soon as possible.
- 5.4 The Board noted the forward plan.

6. Select Committee response and Triennial Review: implications for the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: RGSB 13 02 (04)

- 6.1 RC introduced the paper which set out key recommendations from the DCMS response to the Select Committee report.
- 6.2 The Board expressed the view that it could be useful to maintain links with Parliamentary Groups, and possibly offer them briefings from time to time.

Action – RC will discuss contacting these groups with Julia Mackisack, Gambling Commission.

- 6.3 The Board noted the paper.

7. Triennial Review: draft advice: RGSB 13 02 (05)

- 7.1 DM introduced the paper which set out the Triennial Review draft advice (the advice).
- 7.2 The advice is not a formal response to DCMS on the consultation. Instead, it aims to address specific points and key issues raised in the consultation.
- 7.3 The Board discussed the advice, in particular, Section E on player-centred harm mitigation approaches.

Action – GR to provide references for research on consequences of messaging on gambling behaviour.

- 7.4 It was agreed that CK would lead on re-drafting.

8. Social gaming update: RGSB 13 02 (06)

- 8.1 RC introduced the paper that provided an update on work undertaken by RGSB and by the Commission on social gaming.
- 8.2 The Commission's next step is to appoint an independent third party supplier to analyse industry data on participation and risk areas.
- 8.3 RH reported that Rank Group have created a social gaming policy. This will be circulated to the Board.

Action – RH to circulate Rank Group's social gaming policy to Board members.

- 8.4 HBJ suggested referring to Jeff Derevensky's work on adolescents.

Action – The secretariat to re-circulate the Gambling Commission's scoping study research on social gaming.

- 8.5 The Board agreed they would like to continue to improve their understanding on social gaming.

9. Public health and gambling: RGSB 13 02 (07)

- 9.1 ER introduced the paper which recommends a future engagement with NHS and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs) and proposed structured of actions.
- 9.2 The Board agreed that this is an area which needs exploring further.
- 9.3 This issue should be considered in the context of the Trust's discussion with the Royal College of General Practitioners about future funding.

10. Harm and prevention issues

Young Persons Expert Group: RGSB 13 02 (08)

- 10.1 ER provided an update on the progress of the Young Persons Expert Group (YPEG) which met on 21 January 2013.

- 10.2 YPEG is currently looking at a range of services and organisations working with young people.

Self-Exclusion Working Group: RGSB 13 02 (09)

- 10.3 PB provided an update on the progress of the Self-Exclusion Working Group (SEWG) which met on 5 February and 19 March:
- SEWG have drafted a questionnaire to provide to the industry.
 - PB and HBJ are working together to involve the Clinicians' Network.
 - Representatives from Bet Buddy and Count Me Out have been invited to speak at the next SEWG meeting in June 2013.

11. Expert group feedback

Machines Expert Group: RGSB 13 02 (10)

- 11.1 DM provided an update on the progress of the Machines Expert Group (MEG)
- 11.2 The Board noted the minutes from 13 February 2013.

Research Expert Panel: RGSB 13 02 (11)

- 11.3 DM provided an update on the progress of the Research Expert Panel (REP).
- 11.4 It was noted that REP had not met since May 2012 and that this requested the Panel to be brought up to date.
- 11.5 The Board noted the minutes from 13 February 2013.

Treatment Expert Panel: RGSB 13 02 (12)

- 11.6 RC provided an update on progress of the Treatment Expert Panel (TEP) which met on 30 January 2013.
- 11.7 TEP is currently running without RGSB membership and a Chair. This has been flagged as a risk.
- 11.8 The Board noted the minutes from 30 January 2013.

12. AOB

Communications plan

- 12.1 The Board was asked to consider how to deal with press queries. A communications plan will be brought to a future meeting.

Las Vegas conference

- 12.2 The Board agreed that RC could represent RGSB by attending the Las Vegas conference held in May 2013.

Recruitment update

- 12.3 Recruitment for an additional Board Member has begun with an advert in the Faculty of Public Health newsletter. The closing date is 28 March 2013.
- 12.4 The Commission has agreed to the recruitment of one manager level post and one senior officer level post to join the RGSB secretariat.
- 12.5 The Chair thanked ER for her contribution to the Board.
- 12.6 DM thanked BP for his contribution to the Board as Chair.