

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 18 March 2015

Venue: Kings Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

Time: 10.15am - 2pm

Attendees: Kate Anthony (KA), Chris Bell (CB), Russell Hoyle (RH), Richard Ives (RI), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), David Miers (DM), Gerda Reith (GR), Simon Tanner (ST)

In attendance: [] Marc Etches (ME) []

Apologies: Henrietta Bowden-Jones (HBJ)

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67	ST to follow up on his communication with Professor Dame Sally Davies (as part of action ref 61 from the Board meeting on 27 January 2015)	In progress	2.2, p.2
68	CK and secretariat to launch stakeholder consultation on the next three year Strategy at the RGSB Advisory Group meeting on 15 April 2015	Done	3.1, p.2
69	Secretariat to inform Board members of RGSB Advisory Group meeting dates	Done	3.1, p.2
70	Secretariat to look into an away day for Board members on the next three year Strategy.	In progress	3.1, p.2
71	ST to provide details of a potential facilitator for the away day	Done	3.1, p.2
72	Secretariat to circulate Rebecca Cassidy's article on industry funded research.	Done	3.1, p.2
73	ST and secretariat to review learnings from the alcohol, tobacco and sugar fields about industry funded research.	In progress	3.1, p.2
74	GR to provide an attendance list for the Money Advice conference held in Scotland two years ago.	To be done.	3.1, p.2
75	KA to speak to Professor Jeffrey Derevensky about his social gaming research article before the next Board meeting.	In progress	3.1, p.2
76	CK to write to the ABB and other trade bodies to ask what all sectors of the industry need to operationalise learnings from the Responsible Gambling Trust's (the Trust's) gaming machines research.	Done	4.1, p.2
77	ME to share revised invitation to tender document with the Board for comment.	Done	5.1, p.3

78	Secretariat and ME to discuss young people and gambling-related harm with a wide range of organisations to obtain their input into work on vulnerability.	In progress	5.3, p.3
79	CK/ST to write a letter to Duncan Selby about local authorities and public health.	In progress	6.1, p.3

1: Apologies and declarations of interest

1.1. Apologies received from HBJ.

2: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 27 January 2015: RGSB 15 02 (01)

2.2 The minutes of the meeting were approved.

2.3 All actions are in hand or completed.

Action: ST to follow up on his communication with Professor Dame Sally Davies (as part of action ref 61 from the Board meeting on 27 January 2015)

3: Delivering the Strategy: RGSB 15 02 (02)

3.1 The Board considered an outline for a stakeholder consultation on the RGSB Strategy for 2013-14 to 2015-16.

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Action: KA to speak to Professor Jeffrey Derevensky about his social gaming research article before the next Board meeting.

4: Industry harm prevention strategies – Evaluation Strategy: RGSB 15 02 (03)

4.1 The Board's discussion of the paper focussed around paragraphs 9 (further machines research) and 12 (evaluation). ST suggested that the Strategy should set out 'baby steps' in order to develop goals for three to five years' time on complex pieces of research. It would be helpful to have one pan-industry body to engage with on responsible gambling.

Action: CK to write to the ABB and other trade bodies to ask what all sectors of the industry are doing to respond to the need to operationalise learnings from the Responsible Gambling Trust's (the Trust's) gaming machines research.

4.2 GR suggested that there could be value in looking at the ERSC and big data centres. There are data centres in Glasgow and Cambridge. We could talk to these organisations about a range of issues, including capacity building and research protocols around ethics and evaluation.

5: Young people and gambling-related harm – update following the Board's position paper: RGSB 15 02 (04)

5.1 ME to invite the Board to input into its invitation to tender document on harm prevention and education.

Action: ME to share revised invitation to tender document with the Board for comment.

5.2 CK suggested that the Trust's harm prevention work should take into account local issues.

5.3 Should the proposed consultation meetings on young people and gambling-related harm wait for the next iteration of the Strategy? It is important to reach those in non-gambling services who work with young people. There may be some scope to progress this as part of the Trust's work on gambling-related debt and public health. ME confirmed that the Trust is to speak to ChildLine. It might be beneficial to speak to Centrepoint and the Kings Fund.

Action: Secretariat and ME to discuss young people and gambling-related harm with a wide range of organisations to obtain their input into work on vulnerability.

6: Local authority engagement: RGSB 15 02 (05)

6.1 The Board continues to encourage local authorities to take a wide view of its responsibilities in licensing premises. There may be some scope to reach those in public health at local authority level via licensing authorities.

Action: CK/ST to write a letter to Duncan Selby about local authorities and public health.

7: Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 15 02 (06)

7.1 ME provided an update from the Trust.

8: Research briefing: RGSB 15 02 (07)

8.1 The Board noted the research briefing.

9: AOB

9.1 All Board members are to receive a higher day rate of £270, effective from the start of the new financial year.

**Next meeting: 20 May 2015, 10.15am – 2pm, Government Art Collection, Queens Yard,
179a Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7PA**