

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 17 July 2018

- Venue:** Elizabeth Fry Suite, Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ
- Time:** 10.15 – 14.00
- Attendees:** David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Hermine Graham (HG), Russell Hoyle (RH), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), Rachel Lampard (RL), Simon Tanner (ST)
- In attendance:** Paul Hope (PH), Helen Rhodes (HR)
[Staff names other than the Leadship Team have been redacted]
- Apologies:** Heather Wardle, Marc Etches

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94	Board to further reflect on items discussed in this session	Completed	7.1/p.3
95	GC to map the current gambling prevention and education landscape	In progress	7.1/p.3

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

- 1.1 CK welcomed Board members to the meeting and extended a special welcome to external speakers [] from the PSHE Association and [] from Balance, the North East Alcohol Office who joined the session to talk about their experiences of developing preventative education programmes in their organisations. CK reminded Board members that the focus of the meeting was to have a deep dive on the topic of preventative education, one of the priority actions in the National Responsible Gambling Strategy. The purpose of having a deep dive was to learn more about the topic, create space to discuss it in-depth, and to put RGSB in a better position to provide advice on preventative education in the future. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Minutes and matters arising from 16 May 2018: RGSB 18 04 (01)

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and there were no matters arising. All actions from the previous meeting were in progress or complete.

3. Shaping the work programme for the new Strategic Analysis team: RGSB 18 04 (02)

- 3.1 PH joined the meeting to discuss priority actions for the Commission's new Strategic Analysis team whose role is to develop a more analytical approach to prioritising Commission resources and policy thinking in relation to issues that cut across the licensing objectives. The purpose of this item was for Board to provide any additional issues or significant points to consider in relation to the issues already identified.

4. Preventative Education: An overview of GambleAware's Education and Harm Minimisation programme 2018-19: RGSB 18 04 (03)

- 4.1 [] gave an update on GambleAware's education and harm minimisation plans for the year ahead and explained that their aim is to be a 'go to' resource for information on how to prevent gambling-related harms. The planned programme of work involves four strands which will look at commissioning a review of best practice in school-based education; training different sectors to spot the signs of problem gambling; identifying good practice in the industry; and raising awareness of gambling-related harms through advertising.

5. Preventative Education: Best practice in PSHE preventative education and an update on the Demos/PSHE Harm Minimisation Project: RGSB 18 04 (04)

- 5.1 The PSHE Association has developed and published best practice guidelines on preventative education offered in schools for children and young people. [] from the PSHE Association talked about their experiences of delivering expert advice, training and high-quality resources to PSHE practitioners and provided PSHE's view on what works best in preventative education.
- 5.2 The Board had a detailed discussion about the issues and the relevance it has for gambling, specifically as PSHE prepares young people for life, providing them with a safe space to discuss and explore topics that relate to risky behaviours. An effective approach to preventative education would be developing cross-cutting skills and underpinning knowledge and information to help young people make and act on informed decisions. The benefits of a gambling specific PSHE module was discussed and the elements of that might include facts, compulsive behaviour, and financial management skills. Board thanked [] for his input.

6. Preventative Education: What can we learn from experiences of preventative education in the alcohol field?

- 6.1 [] from Balance, the North East Alcohol Office talked about their experiences of delivering mass media campaigns with an aim to raise awareness of alcohol-related harms and shift opinion to increase support for future policy changes. Balance's approach is to view education and awareness campaigns broadly and not simply to focus on individual behaviour change.
- 6.2 The Board had a detailed discussion about the issues and the relevance it has for gambling, especially the opinion that parents have more power than they realise but need support to have the right conversations. It was incredibly important to hear the view that people have a 'right to know', as they are unable to make an informed individual choice without resources -this is reflected in PSHE's approach and GambleAware's plans for the year ahead. Board thanked [] for his input.

7. Reflection and Next Steps

7.1 CK took the opportunity to summarise the main discussions from the day and invited Board to share their thoughts and identify any next steps.

Action: Board to further reflect on items discussed in this session

Action: Gambling Commission to map the current gambling prevention and education landscape

8. Any other business

8.1 There were no additional items for discussion.

9. Preventative Education: a quick review of the evidence: RGSB 18 04 (05)

9.1 This paper was provided for information only and was not discussed.

10. Safer Gambling Team: update report: RGSB 18 04 (06)

10.1 This paper was provided for information only and was not discussed.

11. Update from GambleAware: RGSB 18 04 (07)

11.1 This paper was provided for information only and was not discussed.