

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 17 March 2016

Venue: Bloomsbury Park Hotel, The Cellar Bar Meeting Room, 126 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London, Greater London, WC1B 5AD

Time: 10.15 – 14.00

Attendees: Kate Anthony (KA), Henrietta Bowden-Jones (HBJ), David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Russell Hoyle (RH), Chris Kelly ((CK) (Chair)), Rachel Lampard (RL), Richard Ives (RI), David Miers (DM), Simon Tanner (ST), Heather Wardle (HW)

In attendance: Amanda Allen (AA) (minutes), Laura Balla (LB), Marc Etches (ME), Joanne Higgs (JH), Paul Hope (PH), Tim Livesley (TL), Fiona Phillip (FP), Jon Watkin (JW)

Ref	Action:	Status	Minute number / Page
6	Secretariat: Identify a suitable time in the forward plan to prepare a paper on lotteries and different national lottery products that potentially could be associated with gambling-related harm.	Done	2.3/p2
7	HB-J: circulate to Board members details of the National Lotteries meeting to be held in Paris in September.	In progress	2.3/p2
8	Board Members: to provide any further comments on the Strategy and/or the Executive Summary to TL by 18 March.	Done	3.2/p3
9	Secretariat/GC Comms: prior to Strategy publication and as part of the Communication plan, prepare press releases and have external lines ready. Make interview plans for CK with Industry press. Review and update the communication tiers and include Government and (APPG) for Betting.	Done	4.2/p3
10	TL/HB-J: explore the possibility of Board members attending meetings at the (NPGC).	In progress	4.2/p3
11	TL/ME: meeting to be set up to discuss the practicalities of putting the research procedure into place.	Done	4.2/p3
12	Secretariat: to develop a framework to measure progress/performance against the Strategy.	In progress	4.2/p3
13	Secretariat: the forward plan for Board to include Treatment, Research (including research not directly commissioned by RGT) and Education.	Done	4.2/p3
14	Secretariat: to progress work with the sub-group to prepare advice for the Triennial Review on stakes and prizes.	In progress	6.1/p4

15	Board Members: to provide comments on the draft Responsible Gambling Trust Strategy to TL by 29 March for collation into a single RGSB response to be provided to the Trust w/c 4 April.	Done	7.1/p4
16	Secretariat: to forward copies of the presentation given on participation in gambling and rates of problem gambling to Board members.	Done	9.1/p4
17	Secretariat: to explore the possibility of Board Members attending the quarterly National Lottery/Camelot Responsible Play Strategy meetings.	Done	9.1/p4

1: Apologies and declarations of interest

- 1.1. HW notified the Board that she has now signed a contract with the Wellcome Trust to fund her research work. This will mean that she will not be applying for any further research funding from RGT while this arrangement was in place.

2: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 26 January 2016: RGSB (16 02 (01))

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.
- 2.2 CK welcomed FP & LB from the Gambling Commission and noted that it was HB-J & KA's last Board meeting.
- 2.3 There was a discussion regarding lotteries and different national lottery products that potentially could be associated with gambling-related harm. It was agreed that Secretariat will look for a suitable time in the forward plan to prepare a paper on this topic and to facilitate a discussion at a future Board meeting. HB-J also offered to circulate details of a National Lotteries meeting to be held in Paris in September.

Action: Secretariat: Identify a suitable time in the forward plan to prepare a paper on lotteries and different national lottery products that potentially could be associated with gambling-related harm.

Action: HB-J: to circulate to Board members details of the National Lotteries meeting to be held in Paris in September.

3: National Responsible Gambling Strategy: sign off: RGSB 16 02 (02))

- 3.1 CK asked the Board if they were content to sign off the Strategy. Some comments were received at the meeting and noted by the Secretariat for incorporation. It was agreed that pending these minor amendments the Strategy was signed off by the Board. Any further comments can be forwarded to TL for consideration by 18 March. We are aiming for a publication date of 7 April. (*Post meeting note –publication is now planned for 11 April*).
- 3.2 It was also agreed to include an Executive Summary as part of the Strategy document. A draft version of this was given to Board members at the meeting and they were asked to provide comments to TL by 18 March 2016 for consideration by CK & TL.

Action: Board Members: to provide any further comments on the Strategy and/or the Executive Summary to TL by 18 March.

4: National Responsible Gambling Strategy: next steps RGSB 16 02 (03)

4.1 This paper provided an overview of the areas of work that need to be progressed to maximise the impact of the Strategy. The following was noted:

- **Communication/Dissemination:** It was agreed that we should issue a press notice and prepare lines ready for media and 'volunteer' CK for an interview with a particular focus on Industry/trade press. We should also include Government and the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for betting as external target audience. The messages detailed in the Communications Plan will need to be reviewed and updated by Secretariat following this discussion.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Several suggestions were put forward by the Board to further improve our stakeholder engagement. These suggestions will be incorporated into the Stakeholder Engagement plan being developed. TL will liaise with HB-J regarding the possibility of Board members, on occasion attending the weekly meetings that are held at the National Problem Gambling Clinic to learn more about the work of this group.
- **Research:** The Board discussed how improvements could be made to the processes for RGSB providing its input to the development of research plans. This focused on the development of a research strategy and a process for providing research briefs to RGT for the research that they will commission from this strategy. It was agreed that TL and ME will set up a meeting to discuss the practicalities of putting a research procedure into practice on a day to day basis.
- **Measuring performance:** The next step will be to develop a framework to measure progress/performance against the Strategy and for this to be reported at future board meetings.

4.2 It was agreed that the Board's forward plan would also provide opportunities to discuss the findings of research projects beyond that commissioned by RGT. These would be sequenced to ensure that the research projects brought for discussion are relevant to issues that the Board may need to consider, and possibly give advice on. It was also agreed that the forward plan should consider suitable opportunities to discuss issues related to education and treatment as well as research.

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Action: TL/HB-J: To explore possibility of Board members attending meetings at the (NPGC).

Action: TL/ME: Meeting to be set up to discuss practicalities of putting a research protocol into place.

Action: Secretariat: To develop a framework to measure progress/performance against the Strategy.

Action: Secretariat: The forward plan for Board to include Treatment, Research (including research that isn't directly commissioned by RGT) and Education.

5: RGSB Secretariat: Update Report RGSB 16 02 (04)

- 5.1 This paper provided an update on RGSB's progress against current work priorities. CK highlighted two items from this report; the Gambling-related Debt seminar and the Department of Health visit. It was noted that both events had proved successful. The Debt seminar has resulted in a network forum being established and positive connections were made at the Department of Health meeting with a further meeting planned in April.

6: Plan for preparing RGSB advice for the Triennial Review on stakes and prizes: RGSB 16 02 (05)

- 6.1 The Board approved the paper and its recommendations. It was agreed to establish a sub-group of RGSB Board members to work on the development of our recommended position for the review. The proposed sub-group is DF, DM, RL and HW. ST also expressed an interest in joining this group. Progress reports and further discussion will take place at the May and July Board meetings.

Action: Secretariat to progress work with the sub-group to prepare advice for the Triennial Review on stakes and prizes.

7: Responsible Gambling Trust Strategy: RGSB 16 02 (06)

- 7.1 The Responsible Gambling Trust provided a draft of their strategy for the Board to provide comments on. ME stated that he hoped the Strategy would be ready for publication in May and would welcome comments from the Board. It was agreed that Board members would forward comments to TL by 29 March. These will be forwarded to CK for comment and then provided in a collated response to RGT w/c 4 April.

Action: Board Members: To forward comments on the draft Responsible Gambling Trust Strategy to TL by 29 March for collation into a single RGSB response. This will be provided to the Trust w/c 4 April.

8: Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 16 02 (07)

- 8.1 The Responsible Gambling Trust provided a briefing note for the Board updating them on their current activities. It was noted by the Chair that this was a very useful update on the Trust's activities. ME informed the Board that the Trust is in the process of publishing all their Board minutes and Treatment panel meeting minutes on their website. The link to this month's report can be found [here](#).

9: Participation in gambling and rates of problem gambling: RGSB 16 02 (08)

- 9.1 Fiona Phillip and Laura Balla from the Gambling Commission were invited to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the headline findings and key trends and issues within the recently published Gambling Commission data on gambling participation and rates of problem gambling in 2015. The presentation generated much discussion and questioning around the methodology of data collection. The Board also asked how GC data collection compares with that of Camelot and the National Lottery and also Camelot's recognition of problem gambling to which FP explained that the Gambling Commission attend NLC/Camelot quarterly Responsible Play Strategy meetings. Board

members expressed an interest in attending these meetings. The secretariat will explore the possibility of this.

Action: Secretariat: To forward a copy of the presentation on participation in gambling and rates of problem gambling to Board members.

Action: Secretariat: To explore the possibility of Board Members attending the quarterly National Lottery/Camelot Responsible Play Strategy meetings.

10: Final draft – Consultation responses document: RGSB 16 02 (09)

10.1 This paper provided Board members with a final copy of the RGSB consultation responses document. The intention is to publish the consultation document alongside the final national responsible gambling strategy and the responses themselves. Board members were asked to provide any comments on the document to JH.

Action: Board members to provide any comments on the consultation responses document to JH by 29 March.

11: Any other business

11.1 CK thanked KA and HB-J individually for their contribution as Board members and presented them both with a small gift. CK also encouraged them to keep in contact with RGSB.

**Next meeting: 18 May 2016, London Mathematical Society, De Morgan House,
57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS**