

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 19 November 2014

Venue: Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street, London, W2 2HF

Time: 11.00 – 15.00

Attendees: Kate Anthony (KA), Chris Bell (CB), Henrietta Bowden-Jones (HBJ), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), David Miers (DM), Simon Tanner (ST)

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

Guest speaker: Clive Hawkswood (CH)

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55	Secretariat to speak to individual Board members before the next meeting to update on progress made with their strategic key priorities (Secretariat) .	Done	3.1/p 2
56	Explore the concept of measuring the economic cost to society of gambling-related harm (Secretariat) .	To be done	3.4/p 2
57	Circulate to Board members the details of the closed session meeting with machine researchers (Secretariat) .	Done	5.1/p 2
58	Progress work on building the evidence base around social gaming (Secretariat) .	In progress	6.2/p 2
59	Explore with the Trust the possibility of providing relevant information about social gaming for treatment providers (for example, through the GambleAware website or InfoHub) (Secretariat) .	In progress	6.2/p 3

1: Apologies and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies received from RH, GR and RI.

2: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 23 September 2014: RGSB 14 06 (01)

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved.

2.2 All actions are in hand or completed.

3: Developing the Strategy: RGSB 14 06 (02)

3.1 CK is keen for Board members to take responsibility for the key priorities assigned to them. HBJ suggested that the secretariat schedule telephone calls with Board members for the purpose of updating on progress. More direction on what is needed would help.

Action: Secretariat will speak to individual Board members before the next meeting to update on progress made with their strategic key priorities (**Secretariat**).

3.2 DM discussed his letter dated 9 October 2014 to Professor Jonathan Woolf about research governance arrangements.

3.3 The Board noted the outcome of the ASA's review into gambling advertising. It will consider the issue of gambling advertising as a whole once the four strands of work, announced by the Government in [Gambling Protections and Controls](#), is complete.

3.4 The Board discussed the merits of different approaches to understanding gambling-related harm, from identifying markers of harm to quantifying the economic cost to society.

Action: Explore the concept of measuring the economic cost to society of gambling-related harm (**Secretariat**).

4: LCCP update from Commission: RGSB 14 06 (03)

4.1 The Commission has received 128 responses to the consultation.

4.2 The Commission is setting up a task and finish group to review **[Redacted – prejudicial to conduct of public affairs]** the amount of income received by the industry from problem gamblers.

5: Implications from machines research: RGSB 14 06 (04)

5.1 The Trust's annual conference on 10 December will focus on the machines research. The following day there is also a closed session with the machine researchers, which Board members are invited to attend.

Action: Circulate to Board members the details of the closed session meeting with machine researchers (**Secretariat**).

5.2 **[Redacted - information intended for future publication]**

6: Social Gaming RGSB 14 06 (05)

6.1 The first order and second order concerns set out at paragraph 14 of the paper are hypotheses only (they have not been tested).

6.2 The Board agreed that the secretariat should continue to build the evidence base around social gaming. This should, if possible, be via the Millennium Cohort Study and the Commission's national lottery youth tracker survey.

Action: Progress work on building the evidence base around social gaming (**Secretariat**).

Action: Explore with the Trust the possibility of providing relevant information about social gaming for treatment providers (for example, through the GambleAware website or InfoHub) (**Secretariat**).

7: RGA Presentation

7.1 Clive Hawkswood (CH), Chief Executive of the RGA, attended to deliver a presentation.

7.2 **[Redacted - information provided in confidence]**

8: Affected Others: RGSB 14 06 (06)

8.1 This paper links to paper RGSB 14 06 (04) in relation to markers of harm.

8.2 ST suggested that the secretariat review safety literature which has an emphasis on minimisation of risk. For example, air pollution.

8.3 The Board agreed that it should be more conscious of affected others in its approach to gambling-related harm.

9: Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 14 06 (07)

9.1 Marc Etches (ME) attended for this part of the meeting to discuss this paper.

9.2 **[Redacted - information provided in confidence]**

10: AOB

10.1 None.

Next meeting: 27 January 2015, 10.15am – 2pm, Government Art Collection, London