

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 23 September 2014

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

Time: 10.15 – 14.30

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

In attendance: [Marc Etches (ME),]

Ref	Action:	Status	Minute number / Page
45	[] to produce a summary of what different bodies are doing on responsible gambling (such as SENET, IGRG).	In progress	3.3/p 2
46	[] to draft a response from the Board to the Commission on the LCCP consultation.	Done	3.3/p 2
47	[] to thank the Young Gamblers Education Trust for its response to the position paper on young people and gambling-related.	Done	3.4/p 2
48	[] to include within the strategy development paper an assessment of where the Board is not making progress against its key priorities.	To be done	3.6/p 2
49	[]/ME to consider how the Trust can approach a piece of work on the epidemiology of gambling-related harm to inform a public health approach.	To be done	4.2/p 3
50	Board members invited to provide feedback to NCF about Playing Safe and its SENSE system.	Done	5.11/p 4
51	[] to check that the Board has seen the latest version of Playing Sense.	Done	5.11/p 4
52	[Redacted – information provided to RGSB in confidence]	Done	6.1/p 4
53	[Redacted – information provided to RGSB in confidence]	In progress	6.1/p 4
54	[] to ascertain whether the data reporting framework includes data on debt.	Done	6.4/p 4

1: Apologies and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies received from Gerda Reith.

2: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 22 July 2014: RGSB 14 05 (01)

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved.

2.2 All actions are either in hand or completed.

3: Developing the Strategy: RGSB 14 04 (02)

3.1 CK commented that this is a positive paper.

3.2 The Board welcomes the Senet Group but would like to see how this fits in with other bodies.

3.3 RI noted evidence from the alcohol and food field that action from industry is not always effective. Industry led initiatives should deliver interventions that work and are not counterproductive.

Action: [] to produce a summary of what different bodies are doing on responsible gambling (such as SENET, IGRG).

Action: [] to draft a response from the Board to the Commission on the LCCP consultation (with input from the Board), stressing the need for industry efforts to address social responsibility to be brought together to maximise effort and ensure a coherent response.

3.4 The Board discussed the response from the Young Gamblers Education Trust to the RGSB position paper on young people and gambling-related harm.

Action: [] to thank the Young Gamblers Education Trust for its response to the position paper on young people and gambling-related harm - the Board notes the contents of the response.

3.5 DM referred to the future of the Research Group. This should take into account:

- the commitment to research
- the capacity to respond and be proactive
- an assurance that key priorities are being met
- the monitoring of research being done within the industry.

3.6 Research is one of RGSB's defining characteristics. CK, DM and [] to discuss after the meeting.

Action: [] to include within the strategy development paper an assessment of where the Board is not making progress against its key priorities.

4:Public Health: RGSB 14 05 (03)

4.1 The Board discussed this paper. Its approach to public health is three fold:

- Awareness raising – encouraging gambling-related harm as a priority at Public Health England
- Action through RGT[Redacted – information provided in confidence].
- Sharing evidence of effectiveness and best practice

4.2 The Board needs to know more about harm to inform a public health approach. The impact of gambling on the brain development of young people should be explored further.

Action: []/ME to consider how the Trust can approach a piece of work on the epidemiology of gambling-related harm to inform a public health approach.

5: National Casino Forum: RGSB 14 05 (04)

5.1 Tracy Damastani (CEO) and Roy Ramm (Chair of Playing Safe) from the National Casino Forum (NCF) attended the meeting to talk about the NCF Playing Safe Principles and its Playing Safe SENSE system.

5.2 **[Redacted – information provided in confidence].**

Action: Board members invited to provide feedback to NCF about Playing Safe and its SENSE system.

Action: [] to check that the Board has seen the latest version of Playing Sense.

6: Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 14 05 (05)

6.1 **[Redacted – information provided in confidence].**

6.2 There has been a change in Trustees. Liz Barclay is stepping down and Professor Chris Brady is to take her place.

6.3 **[Redacted – information provided in confidence]**

Action: [] to ascertain whether the data reporting framework includes data on debt.

6.5 ST confirmed that prevention does form part of the discussions of the Trust's Treatment Panel.

7: LCCP session with the Commission: RGSB 14 05 (06)

7.1 [] delivered a presentation to the Board on the LCCP consultation. The Board is to draft a response to the LCCP consultation (see action reference 46 above).

8: AOB

8.1 None.

Next meeting: 20 November 2014, 10.15am – 2pm, Government Art Collection, London