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**Responsible Gambling Trust commissions research into product-based harm minimisation**

The Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) has commissioned an international evidence review of product-based harm minimisation.

The review will be carried out by Sophro Ltd. They will seek to provide an authoritative overview of the international evidence relating to product-based harm minimisation and offer a critical examination of relevant policy issues.

This evidence review follows the publication by RGT in June 2014 of a similar review of operator-based approaches to harm minimisation in gambling and will take regard of the Gambling Commission's current Licensing Conditions and Codes of Practice. The final report is due to be published in autumn 2016.

**Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said:**

"The Responsible Gambling Trust is committed to minimising gambling-related harm and we hope that this international evidence review of product-based harm minimisation will prove to be as authoritative and as helpful as the review into operator-based harm minimisation that RGT commissioned with the same researchers and published in June 2014."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. As an independent national charity funded by donations from the gambling industry, the Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their

gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support.

- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5 million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest strategy was published in December 2012.