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**Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) Director of Commissioning shares British advances in treatment data collection at the International Gambling Institute 16th International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking.**

**Las Vegas, June 13:** RGT Director of Commissioning, Dr Jane Rigbye, set out the British approach to data reporting in problem gambling treatment services in a speech to the University of Nevada, International Gambling Institute's triennial conference today. As a key stepping stone to gather better evidence to demonstrate demand and evaluate treatments, Dr Rigbye shared Britain's experience of developing a common Data Reporting Framework (DRF).

Speaking to a conference of more than 600 expert attendees from 27 countries, the Responsible Gambling Trust spokeswoman advocated international collaboration to improve our collective understanding of what works when tackling gambling related harm.

**Dr Jane Rigbye, the Responsible Gambling Trust,** said:

"Prior to 2015 there was no standardised approach to screening, assessment and outcome measurement in British problem gambling treatment. Developing a common standard has helped ensure we have consistent, clear requirements, meaning that robust and validated data can be used to inform evidence-based commissioning for treatment services.

The Responsible Gambling Trust exists to minimise gambling-related harm, through research, education and treatment services. Sharing our learnings about gathering good data and consulting on a shared vision is critical to this mission. Understanding how our treatment data compares with that held by other services and jurisdictions is a key part of that. I was delighted to speak at the International Gambling Institute's 16<sup>th</sup> Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking and invite feedback from experts around the world about our approach."

Three further research projects funded by RGT were also presented at the Conference. Dr. Heather Wardle spoke on the topic of "Who Loses? Losing Money on Machines in Bookmakers: Evidence from Great Britain". Professor Ian McHale shared the results of a recently published evaluation of "the Impact of the Uplift of Stakes and Prizes on Gaming Machines in UK Casinos" and emerging results about player behaviour based on the same data set.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

- The Data Reporting Framework (DRF) was introduced by the Responsible Gambling Trust in April 2015, setting out standardised measures for data collection for use across all RGT funded treatment providers and to include sessional outcome measurement. It is designed to enable RGT to:
  - Build a robust data archive to contribute to improvement of local and national problem gambling strategies and services.
  - Monitor service performance to improve quality and cost effectiveness for the benefit of services users and communities.
  - Ensure fair and equitable access to services for all sectors of the local population.
- The other two recently published reports presented at the Conference can be found on the RGT website: <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/research/research-publications/>. The report on Statistical analysis and modelling of player event data will be published shortly on the same website.
- 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. Click here to find out more: <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/>
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises over £7 million each year in voluntary contributions from the gambling industry operating in Great Britain. This donation based system was proposed under the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission in its Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust's programme of treatment, education, harm prevention and research are guided by the National Responsible Gambling Strategy, which is defined by the independent Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The RGSB, the Gambling Commission and RGT work together under the terms of an agreement in place since 2012.