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ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware announces appointment of Clare Wyllie as Director of Research and Evaluation

London, 16 February: GambleAware has appointed Clare Wyllie as Director of Research and Evaluation as of 6 February 2017.

The role is a newly created position which will involve leading and developing GambleAware's extensive research programme. Clare previously worked as a Strategy Manager for the Care Quality Commission and was the Head of Policy and Research for the Samaritans.

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- The Responsible Gambling Trust operating as GambleAware 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, GambleAware 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://about.gambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware aims to raise a minimum of £10 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.

- GambleAware'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 GambleAware work together under the terms of an agreement in place since 2012: <http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1216/statementofintent.pdf>. Research is conducted under the terms of a 'Research Commissioning and Governance Procedure' agreed in 2016 by the RGSB, the Gambling Commission and GambleAware: <http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1270/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-may-2016-final.pdf>.
- GambleAware spends up to £1.5 million each year to commission research from academics, institutions, charities, and commercial organisations. Projects are commissioned by the GambleAware's independent Research Committee, primarily to deliver a research strategy determined by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board. However, GambleAware funds additional research to further its charitable goals, including support for PhD students.
- GambleAware is a commissioning body and trustees are committed to keeping commissioning costs and general overheads to no more than 10% of income.
- The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board was set up in late 2008 to advise the Gambling Commission and, in turn, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, on research, education and treatment programmes needed to support a national responsible gambling strategy and associated funding requirements.
- The Gambling Commission regulates gambling in the public interest alongside licensing authorities. It does so by keeping crime out of gambling, by ensuring that gambling is conducted fairly and openly, and by protecting children and vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling. The Commission also provides independent advice to government on gambling in Britain. It's advice on RET funding is here: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/for-gambling-businesses/Compliance/General-compliance/Social-responsibility/Research-education-and-treatment-contributions.aspx>