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ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware makes changes to Board and committee structure

London, 22 June: Following a review of its governance arrangements, GambleAware's trustees have agreed to establish a set term for trusteeship and to re-organise its committee structure. Trustees will serve no more than two terms of three years. In the light of this decision, the charity's two longest-serving trustees, Clive Hawkswood and Nick Harding, have stepped down reducing the total number of trustees to eleven.

GambleAware has renewed the terms of reference for its Research & Evaluation Committee and established a new Education & Treatment Committee. Both of these committees involve trustees and observers from the Government, the Gambling Commission and the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, and independent expertise as necessary. A new Industry Engagement Committee will focus on ensuring GambleAware maintains positive engagement with the industry in relation to fundraising and funding research, education and treatment.

Kate Lampard, GambleAware's Chair of Trustees says: "We are all very grateful for the advice, support and industry expertise that both Clive and Nick have provided to GambleAware over so many years. On behalf of all concerned, I thank them for giving up so much of their time to help GambleAware meet its charitable objectives. I am pleased that both have agreed to continue to participate in our renewed efforts to engage positively with the industry and improve understanding of the research, education and treatment that GambleAware funds."

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NOTES

- 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. For more information, please go to:
<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 is 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>.
- The RGSB endorsed GambleAware's £10m funding goal in January 2017: <http://www.rgsb.org.uk/press-releases/responsible-gambling-strategy-board-publishes-assessment-of-the-quantum-of-funding-required-to-deliver-the-national-responsible-gambling-strategy.html>
- GambleAware funds the *Gordon Moody Association*, the *NHS National Problem Gambling Clinic*, *GamCare* and a network of charities across Great Britain to provide a full range of free treatment for problem gamblers and support for those affected by them. GambleAware also runs the website **BeGambleAware.org** which helps 2.7 million visitors a year, and supports the **National Gambling Helpline – 0808 8020 133**.