

ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware issues Invitation to Tender to build a GB Network of People with Lived Experience of Gambling Harms

London, 13 October 2020: GambleAware has today released an invitation to tender for the design and creation of a GB-wide network of people with lived experience of gambling harms.

There is no single, inclusive network which is representative of all people with lived experience of gambling harms. However, the meaningful involvement of those with lived experience is crucial at all levels of service delivery, research, policy and legislation formation.

The project, which will be carried out over an 18-month timeframe, has two expected outcomes:

- Target Operating Model – for a network that is representative, sustainable, accessible, diverse and accountable; designed collaboratively with communities of people with lived experience of gambling harms; and informed by evidence and best practice from other movements and sectors
- Setup and Operation – of a network, organisation or entity that delivers the Target Operating Model

The new network, which although commissioned by GambleAware, will be entirely independent. The network will also set its own priorities and develop sufficient capacity, resource and membership so that it can meaningfully participate in and influence national debate and policy making.

Prior to enabling the creating of a GB-wide inclusive network, GambleAware commissioned a [short evidence review](#) to identify ‘what works’ in developing engagement infrastructure in other sectors. GambleAware also published a [guidance document](#) for engaging and involving people with lived experience of gambling harms.

The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday 17 November**. The ITT can be accessed via the GambleAware website: <https://about.gambleaware.org/media/2272/itt-gb-wide-le-network-october-2020.pdf>

GambleAware will also be hosting a Bidders Engagement Event for this work on 28 October and more information can be viewed [here](#).

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About GambleAware

- GambleAware published an updated briefing note, which can be viewed online: <https://about.gambleaware.org/media/2238/briefing-note-july-2020.pdf>
- GambleAware is an independent charity (Charity No. England & Wales 1093910, Scotland SC049433) that champions a public health approach to preventing gambling harms – see <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware is a commissioner of integrated prevention, education and treatment services on a national scale, with over £40 million of grant funding under active management. In partnership with gambling treatment providers, GambleAware has spent several years methodically building structures for commissioning a coherent system of brief intervention and treatment services, with clearly defined care pathways and established referral routes to and from the NHS – a National Gambling Treatment Service.
- The National Gambling Treatment Service brings together a National Gambling Helpline and a network of locally-based providers across Great Britain that works with partner agencies and people with lived experience to design and deliver a system, which meets the needs of individuals. This system delivers a range of treatment services, including brief intervention, counselling (delivered either face-to-face or online), residential programmes and psychiatrist-led care.
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2019, provisional figures show that the National Gambling Treatment Service treated 10,000 people and this is projected to rise to 24,000 people a year by 2021. Helpline activity is currently running at about 30,000 calls and on-line chats per annum. GambleAware also runs the website BeGambleAware.org which helps 4.2 million visitors a year and signposts to a wide range of support services.
- GambleAware produces public health campaigns including Bet Regret. A Safer Gambling Board, including representatives from Public Health England, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and GambleAware, is responsible for the design and delivery of a campaign based on best practice in public health education. The Bet Regret campaign is being funded through specific, additional donations to the charity, in line with a commitment given to the government by the broadcasting, advertising and gambling industries. See <https://about.gambleaware.org/prevention/safer-gambling-campaign/>.