

ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware invests £500,000 to build evidence of lived experience of gambling harms amongst diverse and marginalised communities

London, 16 April 2021: GambleAware has released ‘calls for proposals’ for two research programmes, each with an investment of £250,000. The new research will build evidence of the lived experience of gambling harms amongst diverse and marginalised communities, with a specific focus on women and minority communities.

In Great Britain, there is limited research available on gambling and the lived experience of minority communities and women. However, existing evidence suggests the burdens of gambling harms are higher amongst minority ethnic communities and that these communities are less likely to access specialist gambling services compared with white communities. There is also evidence that indicates participation in gambling and the rate of women who experience gambling disorder is increasing more quickly than amongst men, but reasons for this are unclear. Women and people from minority communities are also more likely to be an ‘affected other’ - someone who reports being negatively affected by someone-else’s gambling behaviour.

GambleAware is seeking bids from consortia and multidisciplinary teams that may include research agencies and/or academics and institutions; and anticipates that the winning bids will take a mixed-methods, multidisciplinary and multi-sector approach to achieve the aims of the research programmes.

The knowledge accrued from this research will be used to inform GambleAware’s commissioning practices. This will ensure that services and interventions that are commissioned are accessible and tailored to the needs of women and prevent and reduce the high burden of gambling harms among minority communities.

GambleAware will be holding engagement events on both projects for those wishing to submit proposals, where there will be an opportunity to ask questions and FAQs will be published on the GambleAware website. Dates are as follows:

- **Wednesday 5th May, 2.00-3.15pm: Women and gambling research programme.**
- **Wednesday 12th May, 2.00-3.15pm; Minority communities and gambling research programmes**

The closing date for both submissions is Monday 7th June.

For more information on the women and gambling call for proposals please see the [brief here](#).

For more information on the minority communities and gambling call for proposal please see the [brief here](#).

If you have any questions about either of these call for proposals or would like to attend either of the engagement events, please email commissioning@gambleaware.org.

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About GambleAware

- GambleAware is an independent charity (Charity No. England & Wales 1093910, Scotland SC049433) that champions a public health approach to preventing gambling harms – see <https://www.begambleaware.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.
- 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/>.