Research Advisory Group Member:
Lived Experience as an Affected Other

Role description

The opportunity

GambleAware is the leading charity with a vision to keep people safe from gambling harms. We do this by leading public health campaigns and driving the transformation of treatment and prevention services.

GambleAware established a Research Advisory Group (RAG) in 2023. The role of this group is to strengthen the links between GambleAware’s research and the work of our key stakeholders, and ensure that GambleAware’s research benefits from the collective expertise and wisdom of others across research, service provision, and the lived experience community.

We are looking for a new member with research interest who has lived experience as an Affected Other to join this panel in spring 2024, as per the person specification details outlined in this document.

The Research Advisory Group (RAG)

RAG has been established to provide review of GambleAware’s research plans and related activities carried out by external organisations. It helps to maximise the robustness, effectiveness and impact of GambleAware’s research. The RAG has Terms of Reference (TOR) which sets out the scope for the Group. According to the TOR, the RAG will:

- Constructively critique, challenge and advise on research activities at GambleAware.
- Share learning and insights from research activities of the wider gambling harms sector.
- Support the dissemination, reach and impact of GambleAware research, announcements and publications.
- Advise on new strategic research and collaboration opportunities.

Current panel members include:
- GambleAware’s Director of Evidence & Insights (the RAG Chair)
- GambleAware’s Acting Head of Inequalities Research
- External experts in gambling and wider health or social research
- Key research and policy stakeholders in relation gambling harm
- Representatives from the treatment and support sector
- Members from the Lived Experience Community, who have direct experience of gambling harms and an understanding of research
The agenda for each meeting is set as the group develops, and key areas of focus include:

- Key projects within the GambleAware research portfolio
- Research insights and analysis to inform treatment and support commissioning and delivery
- Inequalities in gambling harms and the experiences of diverse communities
- Issues in the measurement and definition of gambling harms
- Community-based research
- Children and young people
- Stigma

What you’ll be doing

- Attending, and actively contributing to panel meetings
- Working collaboratively with other panel members in a range of discussions
- Providing your feedback and opinions on the projects discussed
- Sharing other insights and experience that you feel are relevant

The skills and experience

- **Essential:**
  - Expertise, experience of, and/or an understanding of research and/or policy and law in relevant topics, including community mobilisation and advocacy, gambling, drug and alcohol policy, sexual and reproductive health and rights, human rights, and healthcare and service provision.
  - Confidence in providing constructive critique and insight using their knowledge and application of research in their own subject matter, discipline or sector.
  - Lived experience of gambling harms as an affected other (i.e. impacted by someone else’s gambling)
  - An understanding of confidentiality.
  - Collaborative approach to working together, bringing constructive comments and feedback.
  - Ability to share and clearly articulate your views, both in writing and in-person.
  - Computer skills. You will be required to access emails on a regular basis, to share and review documents online, and to participate in online meetings when needed.

- **Desirable:**
  - Experience of participation in the lived experience community movement, mobilisation, and/or capacity building and/or network development.
  - Experience of contributing to research advisory panels
The impact you’ll have

- Sharing insights and advice representing the views of groups affected by gambling harms.
- Ensuring the representation of lived experience in decision-making.
- Working to centre and meaningfully involve the gambling harms lived experience community broadly in research, as well as the designing of research, and the accountability and relevance of research to the community.
- Help ensure independent, external scrutiny on GambleAware’s approach to research.
- Support horizon-scanning and the development of insights across the research activities of the wider gambling harms sector.

Time commitment

- Member of the panel for one year.
- Availability to attend at least two meetings a year and read supporting papers before each meeting.
- Notice of each meeting, time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed and supporting papers, will be provided to you no later than five working days before the date of the meeting.

Location

All meetings will be online.

Conflict of interest

You will be asked to fill in a declaration of interest form. If there is a conflict of interest that might impact decision-making processes, we will discuss this with you.

In line with the Terms of Reference of the Research Advisory Group, interests which should be disclosed by members include:

- Connections to any organisation that may be applying for, or pitching for, GambleAware funding and/or connections to any organisation that may be assisting with an application or pitch for GambleAware funds;
- Consultancies and other external appointments (paid and unpaid) or other connections with organisations connected to the gambling industry and/or other organisations working towards the prevention of gambling harm where there may be competing interests with GambleAware (in the broadest sense);
- Receipt of funds, work, hospitality and gifts from organisations in the gambling sector, whether directly or indirectly through gambling sector sponsorship;
- Interests held by the members’ spouse, partner, children or other close relative.
Register your interest

To register your interest in the role, please complete an Expression of Interest form online to outline your motivation and suitability for the role.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on Thursday 25th April 2024. If you have any questions, please contact research@gambleaware.org.

Following the Expression of Interest form, there will be a shortlisting stage with an informal conversation with GambleAware’s Director of Evidence & Insights (Chair of the Research Advisory Group).

We particularly encourage applications from individuals from groups that are disproportionately affected by gambling harms, currently underrepresented, from minority communities and from a variety of geographical locations across Great Britain as well as overseas. For example, we encourage applications from:

- young adults (e.g. in the 18-25 age group);
- individuals who identify as women;
- members of minority groups (e.g., religious, ethnic or language minority);
- individuals with a disability or from other socially excluded groups.

Remuneration and reimbursement policy

The purpose of this role is to provide a diverse range of subject matter expertise to constructively critique, challenge and advise on research projects and directions of GambleAware. As such, their contribution as an independent subject matter expert in their respective subject matter and/or sector will be remunerated in line with GambleAware’s research consultants. Everyone on the RAG is an independent expert in their respective subject matter, discipline, and/or sector, and is therefore remunerated equitably.

The RAG is not be remunerated for group meetings themselves, in order to ensure that meeting discussions and decisions can take place independently of any financial consideration. Instead, remuneration will be offered for preparation time for the reading and review of papers ahead of each meeting, but not for meeting attendance itself. There is an upper limit of 0.5 days on the amount of preparation time that can be remunerated per meeting.

At a daily rate of £600 (in line with GambleAware’s typical consultancy day rate for subject matter experts), this equates to a fee of £300 that can be claimed per meeting.

Remuneration will be processed within the existing GambleAware arrangements for contracting consultants. All RAG members who are eligible and who wish to take this up will need to complete:

- a consultant’s agreement
- statement of work
- new supplier form
- non-disclosure agreement
- CEST
To note, while the opportunity to be remunerated would is offered to all RAG members, it is down to each member to declare whether they are permitted to take up remuneration in the context of their existing employment.

Please contact us for further information on GambleAware's remuneration guidelines

research@gambleaware.org

Eligibility criteria

Please note that in order to qualify you must:

- Identify as an Affected Other of gambling harms.
- Have research interest and/ or knowledge.
- Be 18 years old or over.
- Not work – either paid or unpaid - for the gambling industry.
- Not receive (yourself or the business you may be a director of or have financial interest in) LCCP RET funding (gambling operators’ contributions). To note this does not apply to employees below Director level or to consultants of organisations directly receiving RET funding, or to employees and consultants of organisations being awarded RET funding via GambleAware.