

# GambleAware

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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **GambleAware announces new 3 year funding arrangement with the Gordon Moody Association**

**London, 8 March 2017:** GambleAware has announced that it has reached a new agreement with the Gordon Moody Association to fund residential support and treatment services for problem gamblers until 2020.

GambleAware has awarded funding for Gordon Moody Association totalling £2,196,699 over 3 years. The funding will enable Gordon Moody Association to continue to operate residential and outreach services in the West Midlands and South London. It also extends the recent pilot of a mixed-mode service for women, combining short-term residential and outpatient therapy, enabling the service to additionally be offered to men who may not be able to attend a 12-week course of residential treatment due to work or family commitments.

Gordon Moody Association provides residential treatment services for those who suffer severe problems arising from their gambling behaviour via a 12-week programme of cognitive behavioural therapy based treatment and support for men at two residential centres in Dudley and Beckenham. In addition the charity provides online support to those waiting for a residential treatment space and for those who have completed the 12-week programme. This new funding agreement will also see the provision of ongoing counselling for those who need it after leaving residential treatment.

**Kate Lampard, Chair of GambleAware, said:**

“GambleAware and its predecessors have supported Gordon Moody Association for more than a decade, and we are delighted that for the first time we have been able to make a commitment to them to provide funding for 3 years. We will work closely with Gordon Moody Association over the coming funding period to examine the efficacy of different modes of treatment, to ensure that the funding available allows us to help as many people as effectively as possible.”

**Rekha Wadhvani, Chair of Gordon Moody Association, said:**

“Gordon Moody Association was the first charity in Britain dedicated to providing help to problem gamblers. As a charity we rely on donations to maintain our services and this agreement with GambleAware helps to guarantee the future success of our treatment services. We are delighted to be able to offer new modes of treatment to both men and women, opening up residential care for those most severely affected by problem gambling to those who may be unable to attend 12-week residential course.

GambleAware's support will enable us to provide residential treatment for many more problem gamblers and develop our ambitious plans for the charity."

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**NOTES**

- The Responsible Gambling Trust operating as GambleAware is the leading charity in Great Britain 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>.