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ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware signals new focus on public health with appointment of four new trustees

London, 9 March: GambleAware is pleased to announce the appointment of three new independent trustees to its Board.

These trustees were appointed following an open and rigorous recruitment process conducted over the last four months. The selection process was supported by an independent recruitment advisor.

The new independent trustees are:

- Professor Siân M Griffiths OBE, Past President of the UK Faculty of Public Health, Associate Non-Executive member of the Board of Public Health England and Trustee of the Royal Society for Public Health;
- Professor Anthony Kessel, former Director of Global Public Health and the Responsible Officer for Public Health England, and Honorary Professor and Co-ordinator of the International Programme for Ethics, Public Health and Human Rights at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; and
- Chris Pond, Chair of the Money Charity and the Equity Release Council Standards Board and the Lending Standards Board and Vice-Chair of the Financial Inclusion Commission.

In addition to the three independent trustees listed above, Jim Mullen, CEO of Ladbrokes Coral Group plc, has also been appointed. The GambleAware board now has a total of 13 trustees, eight of whom have no connections to the gambling industry.

GambleAware is committed to raising the profile of gambling-related harm amongst national and local government authorities and agencies and to encourage the use of public funding to provide a broader and more joined-up response to minimising gambling-related harm.

Professor Anthony Kessel, said:

“As a public health professional, I understand how inter-linked mental health and problem gambling can be, and know what a significant impact gambling-related harm can have on families and individuals. While we have made strides over recent years in bringing similar addiction-related issues into the public health agenda, gambling

addiction is not yet as recognised as others. I am excited to take on the challenge to do all we can to help get problem gambling more widely recognised as a public health matter, and to help tackle all the adverse health and social issues that problem gambling can cause.”

Kate Lampard, Chair of GambleAware, said:

“I am pleased to welcome our new independent trustees, who between them bring skills and knowledge in areas that are important to the delivery of our charitable objectives. Whilst we hold the view that it is right that the gambling industry stands first-in-line to contribute to research, education and harm-minimisation, we think that national and local government authorities and agencies too have a role to play in providing treatment and intervention services for those that need help, particularly where problem gambling is only one part of their need for support, or it has become so severe as to require qualified clinical treatment.”

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NOTES

- The Responsible Gambling Trust operating as 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. 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>.

- GambleAware is a commissioning body and trustees are committed to keeping commissioning costs and general overheads to no more than 10% of income.
- The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board was set up in late 2008 to advise the Gambling Commission and, in turn, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, on research, education and treatment programmes needed to support a national responsible gambling strategy and associated funding requirements.
- The Gambling Commission regulates gambling in the public interest alongside licensing authorities. It does so by keeping crime out of gambling, by ensuring that gambling is conducted fairly and openly, and by protecting children and vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling. The Commission also provides independent advice to government on gambling in Britain. It's advice on RET funding is here: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/for-gambling-businesses/Compliance/General-compliance/Social-responsibility/Research-education-and-treatment-contributions.aspx>