
PRESS STATEMENT

Reference	0150
Release date	12 June 2014 - for immediate release
Available for interview	Marc Etches, Chief Executive
Images available	Responsible Gambling Trust logo

Responsible Gambling Trust announces appointment of new Independent Trustee

The Responsible Gambling Trust has today announced Professor Patrick Sturgis has joined the charity as an Independent Trustee. Professor Sturgis will sit on the charity's full Board of Trustees and on the research committee which oversees the development and delivery of the Trust's research strategy.

Patrick Sturgis is Professor of Research Methodology at the University of Southampton and Director of the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods. He has a BA in Psychology from the University of Liverpool and a Master of Science and PhD in social psychology from the London School of Economics.

Professor Sturgis replaces Hilary Stewart-Jones, an expert in gambling law, who recently stood down from the RGT Board of Trustees after two years with the charity.

Neil Goulden, Chairman of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said,

"I am delighted that Patrick has agreed to join the Responsible Gambling Trust as an Independent Trustee. The charity is at the forefront of education, research and treatment to minimise problem gambling in the UK and we have commissioned a number of important research projects which are underway. Patrick's involvement will help us to guarantee the rigour of that work. I would like to thank Hilary for the time and dedication she has shown to the RGT during her time as a Trustee."

-ENDS-

Contact:

Paul Scaping

Bell Pottinger

Direct line: +44(0)20 7861 2408

Mobile: +44 (0)7795 971022

pscaping@bell-pottinger.com

NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust 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, the Responsible Gambling Trust 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.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest strategy was published in December 2012.