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The Responsible Gambling Trust appoints an Assistant Director of Commissioning

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that Jane Rigbye has been appointed as the charity's Assistant Director of Commissioning.

As one of the Trust's earlier recipients of PhD grant funding, Jane is now in the final stage of completing her doctoral research in the psychology of gambling – 'Problem gambling amongst youth: the barriers that prevent them from seeking treatment' - at Nottingham Trent University. The original purpose of funding PhD students was to develop the research capacity within Britain and the Trust now looks forward to benefiting directly from this investment.

Prior to her appointment, Jane Rigbye was Head of Youth Services and Policy Development at GamCare and Director of The Gambling Lab. She also lectured on gambling studies at Salford Business School, University of Salford and on gambling behaviour at Nottingham Trent University (Division of Psychology). In addition, Jane has published consultancy and training reports for the Gambling Commission and Manchester City Council as well as a variety of gambling related journal articles, educational materials and conference papers.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive, explained:

"It is imperative that our grant funding achieves the best possible outcomes both in terms of minimising problem gambling and in offering good value for the money spent. Therefore, as we move forward, our goal will increasingly be on commissioning evidence-based evaluation of service provision through a fair, consistent and objective decision-making process."

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In accepting the appointment, Jane Rigbye, said:

“I am most grateful to the Responsible Gambling Trust for its funding of my PhD in Psychology of Gambling and I am delighted to be able to join the charity as its Assistant Director of Commissioning. I very much look forward to contributing to the delivery of the Trust’s research strategy and helping implement an effective and robust evaluation of its grant funded activities.”

Neil Goulden, Chairman, added:

“Following Jane Rigbye’s appointment, I am delighted to advise that the Trust has now achieved its full complement of staff. In the process, the Trust has managed to reduce annual staffing costs by 36% compared with the combined annual payroll total for The GREaT Foundation and Responsible Gambling Fund. This represents a saving of £193k which will now be spent on front-line services.”

The complete Responsible Gambling Trust team of employees is as follows:

- Marc Etches - Chief Executive
- Karen Churches Peacock – Director of Fundraising
- Jonathan Parke - Director of Commissioning
- Jane Rigbye – Assistant Director of Commissioning
- Rose Wheeler – Administrator and Assistant to Director of Fundraising

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NOTES TO EDITORS

To request a copy of the images please contact Karen Churches Peacock (Director of Fundraising) either by phone on 020-7287-1994 or by email at Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk.

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity committed to minimising problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain through effective education and prevention techniques, which stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensuring that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).

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- The Responsible Gambling Trust commissions research, education and treatment services as prioritised in a national responsible gambling strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The evidence-based strategy will be a three-year rolling strategy that will be developed in a collaborative, open manner between the RGSB and Responsible Gambling Trust.
- In August 2012, a 'governance and assurance framework' was published describing the new arrangements for prioritising, commissioning, funding and evaluating research, education and treatment (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/PDFs/statementofintent.pdf).
- Since April 2009, the British gambling industry has raised over £17million to fund research, education and treatment in relation to problem gambling.