
ANNOUNCEMENT

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Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) publishes new specification for treatment services from April 2017.

London, June 16: The Responsible Gambling Trust has published a specification for the treatment services it will fund from April 2017 following a detailed review of the existing provision.

RGT has initiated a three month commissioning process, negotiating with its existing preferred suppliers – GamCare and its national network of partners; Central NorthWest London NHS Trust, which runs the National Problem Gambling Clinic; and the Gordon Moody Association.

RGT trustees carefully considered the relative merits of an open tender against the closed process which is being adopted, and believed that the benefits of continuity justified building on existing supplier relationships, providing that suppliers can satisfy trustees that they will deliver as efficiently and effectively as might otherwise be achieved through a competitive process.

RGT has also commissioned the National Drug Evidence Centre (NDEC), based at the University of Manchester, to make accessible the data which all treatment providers have been collecting consistently since April 2015. This Data Reporting Framework allows RGT, in its capacity as commissioner of treatment, to monitor the effectiveness of services. Access to the data will also be provided to treatment providers, the research community, and other stakeholders, along similar lines to the way in which data is published on drug treatment services by NDEC. In addition, RGT intends to make treatment data freely available to researchers via the UK Data Archive.

In 2015-16, the RGT, thanks to donations from the gambling industry and others, was able to provide £4.2 million in funding for treatment services available across Great Britain. It is committed to maintaining this level of funding in real terms for the next three years, while increasing its investment in prevention and harm minimisation.

Dr. Jane Rigbye CPsychol, Director of Commissioning for Treatment and Harm Minimisation said:

“We are committed to achieving both value for money and high quality outcomes from the treatment services we fund. By considering benchmarks for similar services, we are confident we

can work with our current range of excellent treatment suppliers to deliver more help for those who are suffering from gambling-related harm. This is not just problem gamblers themselves, but also those around them affected by their gambling.

Early analysis of the data we have been collecting for the past year is already giving us valuable insights into the range of problems, and the effectiveness of different modes of treatment. We want to open access to this data to specialist researchers who can help us and our treatment services to learn even more from it as the data set grows each quarter.”

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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. Click here to find out more: <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/>
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises over £7 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.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust'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 RGT work together under the terms of an agreement in place since 2012.
- The specification is published on the RGT website [here](#).
- Information about the UK Data Archive can be found here: www.data-archive.ac.uk