
PRESS STATEMENT

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**Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) appoints Kate Lampard CBE
as new independent Chair**

London, June 22: The Responsible Gambling Trust is pleased to announce Kate Lampard CBE as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees with immediate effect.

Ms. Lampard was appointed following an open and rigorous recruitment process conducted over the last four months. The selection panel comprised a representative nominated by the Gambling Commission, an independent recruitment adviser and the RGT's senior independent Trustee, Professor Jo Wolff.

Ms. Lampard was formerly the Vice Chair (non-executive) of the South of England Strategic Health Authority. A former barrister, Ms Lampard has recently headed independent investigations into allegations of sexual abuse by Jimmy Savile in NHS hospitals, and into allegations of abuse at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre.

As a result of this appointment, for the first time the RGT Board now has a majority of Trustees who are wholly independent of the gambling industry.

Kate Lampard CBE said:

"I am very pleased to accept this appointment to help prevent and protect vulnerable people from gambling-related harm. The Responsible Gambling Trust plays a vitally important role in enhancing our understanding of harm arising from gambling and the best ways to tackle it. I look forward to working with our research, treatment and gambling industry stakeholders to address the evolving challenge of minimising gambling related harm."

Neil Goulden, who is today stepping down as RGT Chair said:

"I am delighted to be succeeded by an extremely impressive, high calibre individual with a proven track record in dealing with contentious matters impartially and authoritatively. I am confident the industry will wish to support her and the RGT, continuing to contribute what is now over £7 million a year for research, education and treatment to reduce gambling-related harm."

Philip Graf CBE, Chair of the Gambling Commission said:

"The Gambling Commission warmly welcomes Kate Lampard to her new role as Chair of the Responsible Gambling Trust. We look forward to working with her on the delivery of the RGSB and RGT strategies to treat and prevent gambling-related harm."

Sir Christopher Kelly, Chair of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, said:

"The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board and Responsible Gambling Trust collaborate closely to understand, treat and prevent problem gambling. We look forward to working with Kate as she takes up her new leadership role as a wholly independent chair of the Trust."

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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: <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/media/1216/statementofintent.pdf>.
- All RGT research is governed by its Research Committee of only those trustees who are independent of the gambling industry. Research is conducted under the terms of a 'Research Commissioning and Governance Procedure' agreed in 2016 by the RGSB, the Gambling Commission and RGT: <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/media/1270/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-may-2016-final.pdf>.
- RGT previously had 5 trustees representing the wider gambling industry, 5 independent Trustees and an eleventh Trustee who sat as a non-voting Chair. With the appointment of an independent Chair, the Chair's voting rights have been restored, giving the balance of power to independent trustees for the first time.