

ANNOUNCEMENT

New research funded by Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) into gambling-related harm.

London, July 21: The Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) has commissioned PwC to examine what is meant by gambling-related harm, what kinds of harms people experience and who experiences them, and to understand how these harms can be measured and monitored in Great Britain in order that attempts to minimise gambling-related harm might be more accurately evaluated.

The Responsible Gambling Trust ran an open and competitive tender process inviting proposals from organisations with the relevant expertise and experience. After a rigorous evaluation process by RGT's Independent Research Oversight Panel, the decision was made to award the tender to PwC by the RGT Research Committee. 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.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said: "It is vital that there is a shared understanding of what is meant by the term 'gambling-related harm' and the indicators that might assist in measuring, monitoring and minimising such harm in the future. I am delighted that we have commissioned PwC to deliver this highly important research."

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- 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>. 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 is commissioning this research at the request of RGSB to progress the first of their priority actions in the National Responsible Gambling Strategy: Understanding and measuring harm. This action involves research intended to create a more sophisticated understanding of the nature of harm associated with gambling. Success would help move away from more limited measurement tools, such as simply counting the number of problem gamblers: http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/media/1230/rgsb_strategy_2016-2019.pdf.