

# GambleAware

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **GambleAware funds three new PhD students**

**London, November 21:** GambleAware is funding three new PhD students, in order to allow the in-depth exploration of research questions, and to develop the researcher's abilities and knowledge, thus increasing research capacity in the field.

The three students commenced their three-year projects in autumn 2016:

- Elena Gomis; University of East London; The role of neuromodulation, cognitive processing and behavioural inhibition in problem gambling
- Lucy Pointon; Sheffield Hallam University; Problem gambling and family violence - A life course analysis
- Glen Dighton; Swansea University; Gambling on civvy street: Assessing the impact of gambling-related problems on UK armed forces veterans and their families.

Following an open tender, bids were assessed by GambleAware's Independent Research Oversight Panel and the decision was made to award the three PhD's by the Research Committee.

**Marc Etches, Chief Executive of GambleAware,** said: "I am delighted that we have resumed our PhD funding programme. The British-based capacity for research into problem gambling and gambling-related harm is small, but growing. We consider it important both that our research is diverse and covers all disciplines relevant to problem gambling and gambling-related harm, and also that it is recognised for the quality of its outputs. Funding PhD-level research is a vital means of meeting those objectives."

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#### **NOTES**

- The Responsible Gambling Trust operating as GambleAware 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, GambleAware 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://about.gambleaware.org/>

- GambleAware 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.
- GambleAware'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 GambleAware work together under the terms of an agreement in place since 2012: <http://about.gambleaware.org/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 GambleAware: <http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1270/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-may-2016-final.pdf>.
- All GambleAware-funded PhD theses are available to download on the GambleAware [InfoHub](#).