

# GambleAware

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**GambleAware to focus on lotteries, eSports and the relationship between professional sport and gambling at its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Harm-Minimisation Conference**

**London, 12 May:** GambleAware will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Harm-Minimisation Conference on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at The King's Fund, London.

The overall theme for this year's conference will be focused on how young people are gambling and gaming in a rapidly evolving technical and social environment, and asking what implications does this have for minimising gambling-related harm in the future.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sarah Harrison (CEO, Gambling Commission);
- Dr Heather Wardle (Public Health & Policy, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine);
- Professor Chris Brady (Director of Centre for Sports Business, Salford University);
- Dr Brett Abarbanel (International Gaming Institute, University of Nevada);
- Dr Sally Gainsbury (Gambling Treatment & Research Clinic, University of Sydney);
- Luc Delaney (CEO, International Social Games Association);
- Ian Smith (eSports Integrity Commissioner);
- Jean-Luc Moner-Banet (President, World Lottery Association);
- Blaine Graboyes (CEO, GameCo); and,
- Dr Phil Hopley (MD & Consultant Psychiatrist, Cognacity).

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## NOTES

- Further information about the GambleAware Conference, including registration details in due course, will be published on the GambleAware website: <https://about.gambleaware.org/about/harm-minimisation-conference-2017/>.
- 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. For more information, please go to: <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware aims to raise a minimum of £10 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 Strategy Board (RGSB) endorsed GambleAware's £10 million funding goal in January 2017: <http://www.rgsb.org.uk/press-releases/responsible-gambling-strategy-board-publishes-assessment-of-the-quantum-of-funding-required-to-deliver-the-national-responsible-gambling-strategy.html>
- GambleAware's programme of treatment, education, harm prevention and research is guided by the National Responsible Gambling Strategy, which is defined by the independent 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>.
- GambleAware funds the *Gordon Moody Association*, the *NHS National Problem Gambling Clinic*, *GamCare* and a network of charities across Great Britain to provide a full range of treatment for problem gamblers and support for those affected by them. GambleAware also runs the website **BeGambleAware.org** which helps 2.2 million visitors a year.