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ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware to focus on children and young people at its 7th annual conference

London, 9 September 2019: GambleAware will hold its 7th annual conference on Thursday 5 December at The King's Fund, London.

The overall theme for this year's conference will be focused on reducing gambling harms for children and young people.

Confirmed speakers include Liz Barclay - moderator (broadcaster, writer & author), Neil McArthur (Gambling Commission), Vicki Shotbolt (Parent Zone), Professor Alan Emond (University of Bristol), Jono Baggaley (PSHE Association) and Chiara Marin (Fast Forward).

Registration for the conference is now open:

<https://gambleawareconference2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

Last year, GambleAware's conference registration closed almost 6 weeks before the conference date as all 280 spaces were taken. This year's conference is expected to fill up as quickly, and so delegates are encouraged to reserve a space as soon as possible.

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NOTES

- Further details about the conference can be found [here](#).

- GambleAware is an independent charity (Charity No. England & Wales 1093910, Scotland SC049433) that champions a public health approach to preventing gambling harms – see <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware is a commissioner of integrated prevention, education and treatment services on a national scale, with over £40 million of grant funding under active management. In partnership with gambling treatment providers, GambleAware has spent several years methodically building structures for commissioning a coherent system of brief intervention and treatment services, with clearly defined care pathways and established referral routes to and from the NHS – a National Gambling Treatment Service.
- The National Gambling Treatment Service brings together a National Gambling Helpline and a network of locally-based providers across Great Britain that works with partner agencies and people with lived experience to design and deliver a system, which meets the needs of individuals. This system delivers a range of treatment services, including brief intervention, counselling (delivered either face-to-face or online), residential programmes and psychiatrist-led care.
- In the 12 months to 31 March 2019, provisional figures show that the National Gambling Treatment Service treated 10,000 people and this is projected to rise to 24,000 people a year by 2021. Helpline activity is currently running at about 30,000 calls and on-line chats per annum. GambleAware also runs the website BeGambleAware.org which helps 2.7 million visitors a year, and signposts to a wide range of support services.
- GambleAware produces public health campaigns including **Bet Regret**. A Safer Gambling Board, including representatives from Public Health England, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and GambleAware, is responsible for the design and delivery of a campaign based on best practice in public health education. The Bet Regret campaign is being funded through specific, additional donations to the charity, in line with a commitment given to the government by the broadcasting, advertising and gambling industries.
See <https://about.gambleaware.org/prevention/safer-gambling-campaign/>.