

Bidders Engagement Event, 5th November 2020, 1.30pm-3.00pm

Do you have experience of setting up national forums or networks for diverse and marginalised communities? If so, we welcome you to respond to our invitation to tender to build a GB-wide network of people with Lived Experience of Gambling Harms. See [here](#).

Whether you have worked in the gambling sector before, or are new to the field, you are invited to a Bidders Engagement Event on **Thursday 5th November**, hosted on Zoom from 1.30pm-3.00pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the context and ambition for this work and to ask specific questions on the tender document.

The Ask

GambleAware wishes to commission the design and creation of a GB-wide network of people with lived experience of gambling harms, that is delivered through consultation with people with lived experience. The network will set its own priorities and develop sufficient capacity, resource and membership to be able to meaningfully participate in and influence national debate and policy making. Whatever form the network takes, from its inception it will be independent, representative, sustainable, accessible, diverse, and accountable.

Expected Outputs

The expected outputs of this project over an 18-month period are:

1. The development of a model and approach for creating a single, inclusive network for people with lived experience of gambling harms that is open to everyone across Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales)
2. The setup and establishment of the network in line with the model and approach.

1. Model and approach

The model and approach should:

- Draw on the diverse views of the wide range of communities of people who have experienced gambling harms including those not currently represented by any existing group, network, or organisation.
- Be informed by the 'what works' evidence from academic, practice and grey literature, and by learning from other sectors.
- Be creative and innovative in addressing the specific opportunities and challenges of building an inclusive engagement infrastructure for people with experience of gambling harms.

And include, but not be limited to:

- Membership and governance arrangements
- Primary communication platforms (peer to peer and external)
- Short- and medium-term priorities for the network
- Key indicators for measuring implementation
- A project plan for implementation
- Options for longer term funding to ensure sustainability and independence
- An outline of how the model and approach has been developed.

2. Set up and establishment of a network

Until the model and approach have been developed it is not possible to state in detail at this stage what form the outputs will take. However, the expectation is that the network will be functioning sufficiently within 18 months so that anyone across GB with lived experience of gambling harms wishing to join the network can easily do so, and that there is something of value and benefit for them to engage in.

The Budget

A range of £70-90k excluding VAT.

The expected timeframe

The contract will be awarded in December 2020 for the project to begin in early January 2021. The full timeframe for this project will be circa 18 months from signing of contracts.

For more information about the bidders event please contact the team at commissioning@gambleaware.org.