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ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware funds support for friends and family of problem gamblers

London, 25 October: GambleAware is pleased to announce that it will be giving a grant worth £180,000 over 3 years to Adfam to improve the help available to family members and friends who are affected by the problem gambling of a loved one.

Adfam is well known as the national UK charity working to improve support for those affected by someone else's substance use. The grant from GambleAware will enable them to extend their work to people affected by gambling. Adfam will work alongside the existing network of treatment providers to enhance the support to family members and friends.

The project will aim to support, educate and empower families and frontline workers who work with family members and carers.

John McCracken, Director of Commissioning for GambleAware said:

“We know only too well the impact that one person's problem gambling can have on the people around them: their families and their friends. It is important that we support them as well as providing treatment for problem gamblers and the partnership with Adfam will make a real difference to the lives of people in very difficult situations.”

Vivienne Evans OBE, Chief Executive of Adfam said:

“At Adfam, we are delighted to have received funding from GambleAware to enable us to support families of gamblers. We have been working with families affected by substance misuse for over 30 years and this project marks an important development for our organisation, and for the affected families. We are looking forward to working with key partners to deliver a range of support and to raising the national awareness of the needs of those who do not gamble themselves but are nonetheless acutely affected by it.”

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NOTES

- GambleAware is an independent charity tasked to fund research, education and treatment services to help to reduce gambling-related harms in Great Britain. GambleAware is a commissioning and grant-making body, not a provider of services.
- GambleAware published a [5-year strategy](#) in November 2016, and in July 2018 published a [Strategic Delivery Plan](#) that sets out how the charity proposes to broaden the range of services and activities it funds, supports and works with between 2018 and 2020.
- Guided by the [National Responsible Gambling Strategy](#), the charity's strategic aims are to: broaden public understanding of gambling-related harms, in particular as a public health issue; advance the cause of harm-prevention so as to help build resilience, in particular in relation to the young and those most vulnerable to gambling-related harms; and help those who do develop gambling-related harms get the support that they need quickly and effectively. For more information, please go to: <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- The current National Responsible Gambling Strategy was published in April 2016 by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. GambleAware develops its commissioning plans in collaboration with the RGSB and the Gambling Commission. These arrangements are underpinned by an 'assurance and governance framework' 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 between the RGSB, the Gambling Commission and GambleAware: <https://about.gambleaware.org/media/1332/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-september-2016-final.pdf>. A revised [RGSB and Gambling Commission research programme](#) was published in September 2018 and sets out priorities for research to be commissioned from 2018 to 2022.
- GambleAware requires a minimum of £10 million annually to deliver its current responsibilities, and looks to all those that profit from commercial gambling to support the charity. This donation-based system was proposed after the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission's Social Responsibility Code Provision 3.1.1.(2). The RGSB endorsed GambleAware's £10m 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 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 free treatment for problem gamblers and support for those affected by them. GambleAware also runs the website **BeGambleAware.org** which helps 2.7 million visitors a year, and supports the **National Gambling Helpline – 0808 8020 133**.