

GambleAware

Minutes of the Education & Treatment Committee

DATE	Tuesday 30 May 2017
TIME	10.30am – 12.30pm
VENUE	Covent Garden Suite, 7 Henrietta Street, London, WC2E 8PS

PRESENT	INITIALS	NOTES
Alan Jamieson	AJ	Trustee
Annette Dale-Perera	ADP	Trustee
Sian Griffiths	SG	Trustee
Anthony Kessel	AK	Trustee
IN ATTENDANCE		
Marc Etches	MWE	Chief Executive
Jennifer Denchie	JD	Research and Commissioning Assistant - Minutes
Joanne Higgs	JH	RGSB Observer
Simon Tanner	ST	RGSB Observer
Clare Wyllie	CW	Director of Research and Evaluation
Simon Thompson	STh	GamCare Interim Director (for item 9 only)

1. Welcome and apologies

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting. Trustees confirmed contentment of the appointment of AJ as the chair. It was agreed that it would be the decision of the committee to appoint a chair subsequently.

Apologies were received from Jane Rigby and Iain Corby.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Terms of reference

Minor word adjustments to the text was recommended; specifying that 'members' refers to 'trustees'.

4. Use of experts to support committees and projects

The committee agreed to the establishment of expert steering groups to support the specific needs of education and treatment. Trustees were in agreement of the proposed payment for the use of experts.

5. GambleAware core messages

The panel were asked to review and agree our core messaging.

It was recommended by AJ that GambleAware adopt the language of the sector and use 'key' instead of 'core' messages.

Modifications were suggested under the 'Treatment' section which will be reviewed and revised by ADP.

It was agreed that the core messages should be reordered to allow for a more logical flow, bringing public health to the forefront. This will inform the layout of the strategy and commissioning plan.

6. Public health strategy/action plan

This item was held.

7. Spending priorities for 2017-20

Trustees expressed a need for more priorities under prevention and an emphasis on social marketing. Also, educational options introduced through GPs, counterbalanced by therapy and brief intervention.

8. CNWL NHS Trust funding agreement, 2017-20

The paper was received as presented. All members of the committee were in support.

9. Update on support for GamCare

STh was welcomed and introduced by AJ to the committee. STh expressed a keen and positive response from GamCare and Partners.

An oral update was provided on the appointment of three new trustees and a new Clinical Governance Committee in place.

10. Commissioning plan 2017-2019

The paper was noted as presented.

11. AOB

There were no other comments.

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DATE	Tuesday 19 September 2017
TIME	10.30am – 1pm
VENUE	Covent Garden Suite, 7 Henrietta Street, London, WC2E 8PS

PRESENT	INITIALS	NOTES
Alan Jamieson	AJ	Trustee
Sian Griffiths	SG	Trustee
Anthony Kessel	AK	Trustee
IN ATTENDANCE		
Marc Etches	MWE	Chief Executive
Iain Corby	IC	Deputy Chief Executive
Jane Rigbye	JR	Director of Commissioning
Jennifer Denchie	JD	Research and Commissioning Assistant
Clare Wyllie	CW	Director of Research and Evaluation
Joanne Higgs	JH	RGSB Observer
Simon Tanner	ST	RGSB Observer
Tim Miller	TM	Gambling Commission Observer
APOLOGIES		
Annette Dale-Perera	ADP	Trustee

1. Welcome and apologies

AJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies were received from Annette Dale Perera.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. GamCare procurement process

The timetable set out within the paper was agreed.

The Committee should like opportunity to be briefed by GamCare's management team at the proposal review meeting scheduled for 10 October 2017 – JR/MWE to arrange.

JR agreed to draft a covering guidance note for bid reviewers when proposals are circulated to the Committee and Treatment Expert Panel.

4. Research and Evaluation Projects

Needs Assessment: CW briefed the Committee on the Needs Assessment work currently being planned. It was agreed that RGSB will refocus the brief to ensure it is aligned with strategic priorities, and that CW/JR will subsequently ensure the commissioning process takes into account the requirements of GambleAware regarding generating evidence around treatment needs. The Committee were asked to provide input around potential suppliers for this work. A budget was recommended in the region of £150k.

Effectiveness of treatment: The Committee recommended that robust evaluation is built into the commissioning of all treatment services, and that GambleAware should be thinking ahead to the possibility of conducting RCTs in the coming years.

Effectiveness of education: The Committee recommended that a project to explore best practice in relation to education should take into account the forthcoming evidence from GambleAware-funded harm minimisation projects, and should also look to evidence of effective intervention from other fields. It was suggested that such a project need not be particularly large in scale.

5. Public health strategy developments

IC updated the Committee on engagement with various stakeholders aimed at raising awareness of gambling-related harm amongst the general population, and at moving gambling-related harm up the public health agenda.

MWE reassured the Committee over the governance arrangements related to the potential advertising initiative. SG recommended that the aim of the advertising initiative be about information dissemination, rather than behaviour change, and emphasised the importance of evaluation.

TM gave an update on the Gambling Commissions engagement with Public Health England. The GC, RGSB and GambleAware will work jointly through the GC to engage effectively with PHE.

6. Capacity building: recruitment

The discussion around capacity building was postponed until January.

7. Activity update

The contents of this paper were noted.

8. Any other business

There were no other comments.