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Clarification Q&As

Question	Answer
Do you have an idea upfront of how many people should be engaged - either by survey, interviews or in workshops?	No, we do not want to be prescriptive about this and would largely depend on the methodologies used.
Are international partners allowed?	Yes, although we would expect the research lead to be based in GB
Do you offer support in connecting the research team to potential participants or is it up to the research team to identify groups / links / participants?	Yes, we will share the contact details of all people who attended the engagement event, so it is possible to link up.
Are the 3 aims to be covered exhaustively by the research project or can they be addressed cross-sectionally, as long as they answer the issues raised in the scoping phase?	It may be that a research project has one core aim, however we would expect all three to be addressed in some way through the programme of work.
How much funding is available and how do you anticipate allocating such funding?	The budget envelope for each research programme is £250k including VAT for up to 18 months.
Can a charity be the lead partner for the project or would you rather look for a research agency, academic institution or think tank as a lead partner?	Yes, a charity could be a lead partner

Can you share your views on the balance between representing gamblers and affected others in the research? Are both audiences equally important?	We would welcome applications that focus on both women as gamblers and women as affected others. This doesn't have to be a 50/50 split but we would expect all research projects to include both
Will you be touching on problem gambling and criminality at all?	We are open to all ideas/topics related to women and gambling (not just the themes identified in the brief) so this can be included in a proposal.
Is there a specific application template to be completed and submitted by 7th of June?	No, there is no template, the brief sets out the eligibility criteria and explains what should be included in your proposal
Does the team have to include an academic?	We would like the research findings to be published in peer reviewed journals. It is therefore advised to have an academic on the team.
Is GA open to different/other innovative methods as opposed to the traditional survey methodology?	We are not wedded to a specific methodology and would certainly welcome innovative and creative methodologies
Can one application be submitted to cover both grants, or would separate applications be required?	We would welcome applications for both research programmes and are interested in your ideas around intersectionality of the two communities.
Is there an online application form that should be completed or would you like the proposal to be submitted by email in PDF/Word format?	No, there isn't an online application form that needs to be completed. Proposals should be submitted by email to commissioning@gambleaware.org and clearly marked with the relevant 'call for proposal title_Submission' in PDF format (where possible).
May I also confirm if you have any guidance on eligible/ineligible costs; for example, would you be willing to fund overheads?	Funding can be used for staff salaries and direct costs (i.e. travel, research incentives to participants) but not overheads or capital equipment.

Do you have a template to complete for the research proposal?	We don't provide a template, but bidders can use the criteria we have published for guidance on their proposals
Is it possible to share the powerpoint slides for this event?	Yes, we will be put the slides on our website
Will there be one successful bidder or can there be more than one?	As things stand, there will only be one bidder selected. We would have to go to trustees to extend this number. However, the single bidder will be a research consortium composed of multiple partners.
There has been an emphasis on the need for qualitative work on lived experience. How much use would quantitative work be in your view?	We don't have a predetermined view. It is important to acknowledge the dearth of research that looks qualitatively at the lived experience of minority communities around gambling. However, this doesn't mean that quantitative understandings are currently sufficient. For example, there is little quantitative evidence that dives deeper into the preferences of minority communities for particular gambling activities, as well as the many geographical variables in these relationships. We are open to different methodological approaches, as long as they are justified by a well-informed account of the issue and existing evidence.
Will the research be looking at crime and criminality?	It is not something we would rule out. Criminological understandings are important, including the disproportionate policing of minority communities and how this may intersect with gambling. This could be an important avenue.
Would you like the research to cover a wide range of communities or would you prefer cross-sectional studies of particular communities?	It will be up to researchers to determine the appropriate angle and approach, and this could mean drilling down into particular communities. We are looking for an inductive and flexible process of development, as this is an ambitious and long-term piece of research

<p>If you want to explore lived experience, would it be best for different teams to focus on particular communities?</p>	<p>It is important to clarify that a single bidder will constitute a research consortium, which can contain as many facets as necessary, including academics, research agencies, charities, etc. There is no limit to the size of the consortium. Each of these facets may take on a particular focus. However, this process would need to be collaborative and coherent.</p>
<p>We have heard that the research will touch on the experiences of Asian and African communities, however, would it be beneficial to look at white European communities, including Romanian, Greek, etc?</p>	<p>Yes and this is a really important dimension. Our framing of the research is around 'minority communities', and not 'minority ethnic communities'. This includes different religious communities and white European minority groups.</p>
<p>I am an individual who has experience with gambling harms, is there any way I can form a small group.</p>	<p>If people are willing to share their contact details we are happy to share this to facilitate the building of teams.</p>
<p>There was talk of a literature review, including reviewing grey literature and media. What are the expectations in this respect?</p>	<p>The expectation will be that researchers recognise the state of the literature and work to address gaps in important evidence. GambleAware has conducted a narrative literature review on the drivers of disproportionate gambling harms. This mainly served to identify the need for further research. There may be a need for an additional literature review to be carried out and published, but this is not an inherent part of the programme.</p>
<p>Will GambleAware present a menu of options and some possible configuration of methods?</p>	<p>GA are open minded, we are aware that there is a lot of innovative and creative thinking. It is less about what our preference is and up to providers to present robust research options that will build our knowledge. Were several options to be presented, it would be helpful to hear from prospective partners why one is the preferred/most suitable option, and the others are not the right way to proceed.</p>

<p>We have been given a timeline of 18 months, but are there any milestones within that for deliverables?</p>	<p>We are hoping you will tell us about these specifics. In the past we have issued tightly defined research briefs, but this does not take full advantage of the expertise of researchers. We would like researchers to provide their own timescale and clear milestones to align with the grant process</p>
<p>We'd be very much interested in this call as our centre is especially focused studying gambling related harm, and one of our priority areas is women's gambling behaviour. I'm wondering however if the University of Gibraltar (situated in a British Overseas Territory) is eligible for application or only UK based universities can apply?</p>	<p>We are happy for you to be part of a consortium led by a GB university, research agency or charity but would not expect you to lead the bid, given the focus is very much on GB.</p>
<p>Can organisations planning to apply for both programmes submit one application and discuss intersectionality within this?</p>	<p>We are open to a single bid that covers both the women and minority communities programmes as you have described.</p>
<p>Can people who are currently experiencing gambling harms be included in the research? Can people who are currently receiving treatment / using support services for gambling harms be included in the research? If not, is there a specified timeframe after which they can be included?</p>	<p>Unclear as to whether this is referring to these communities working as researchers on the research, or as to whether as respondents. Either are acceptable, and we emphasise that research should serve to include and amplify the voices of those communities to which it pertains. If research focusses on communities currently experiencing gambling harms, then those communities should therefore contribute to said research. Our research guidelines note: "In order to ensure research that focusses on communities is comprehensive and ethical, those communities should be included directly in the research. This is the case with communities of people who have lived experience of harms associated with gambling. The inclusion of these diverse communities in research is important to ensure that the support and</p>

	<p>treatment GambleAware commissions meets the multi-faceted needs of these communities, particularly of those who are marginalised, vulnerable, and who can be invisible [...] People are experts on their own lives and lived experiences. Engagement and involvement of communities in research – and of people with lived experience of harms associated with gambling – can be labour intensive. However, to truly understand these communities, it is essential they are engaged with directly, and respected as experts on their own lives and lived experiences. Since these communities are the beneficiaries, key stakeholders, and participants in GambleAware’s work, GambleAware’s funded partners’ research and evaluation frequently includes participation and involvement of people with lived experience of harms associated with gambling.”</p> <p>Participants can also be experiencing harms and not be accessing treatment/support.</p>
<p>Can affected others who’s loved one is currently experiencing gambling harm or undergoing treatment / using support services be included in the research? If not, is there a specified timeframe after which they can be included?</p>	<p>As per response above</p>
<p>Is there a requirement for proposals to include a quantitative element?</p>	<p>There is no specific requirement for inclusion of qualitative or quantitative, but we would expect proposals to provide justifications for their methodological approach in the broader context of research that has already been undertaken. One response to questions in our other recent bidders event that is of relevance: “We don’t have a pre-determined preference. It is important to acknowledge the dearth of research that</p>

	<p>looks qualitatively at the lived experience of minority communities around gambling [and women and gambling]. However, this doesn't mean that quantitative understandings are currently sufficient. For example, there is little quantitative evidence that dives deeper into the preferences of minority communities [and communities of women] for particular gambling activities, as well as the many geographical variables in these relationships. We are open to different methodological approaches, as long as they are justified by a well-informed account of the issue and existing evidence."</p>
<p>Will GambleAware be able to supply any sample?</p>	<p>We would expect prospective partners to sample respondents as an element of their research methodology; sampling considerations would be central to methodological considerations, in particular with regard to accessing marginalised and more hidden communities via any prospective qualitative research, participant observation, and/or ethnographic research.</p>
<p>Will GambleAware be able to help facilitate recruitment for qualitative work through your programmes and services? Can you provide any details about what assistance is feasible?</p>	<p>We would expect a proposal to specify how respondents would be accessed and sampled, and through which types, spaces, communities, entities, and organisations. These considerations are of great importance (and present specific challenges) regarding research that focusses on more socially excluded and hard-to-reach communities.</p>
<p>For the minority communities brief, do you have a definition of minority language communities?</p>	<p>We would define minority language communities as those who speak a minority language of the normative population of a state/country. Alternative synonyms include linguistic/language minorities/communities.</p>

<p>Can you provide any further information on what is expected from the model of a gendered approach to women and gambling?</p>	<p>We would define a gendered approach to women and gambling to be one that takes into account social and structural constructions of gender. This would in particular include considerations of power, inequality, discrimination, and social exclusion in broader patriarchal, heteronormative society. It would be informed by gender theory and feminist theory.</p>
<p>Do GambleAware have connections with individuals with lived experience who might be relevant to invite to take part in this research? For example, I attended a briefing session in 2019 PROJECT: <i>Lived experience – including people with lived experience in understanding, raising awareness and addressing gambling-related harms</i> and relevant contacts attended.</p> <p>Is accessing connections made through your previous research a viable part of that jigsaw.</p>	<p>An element of the methodological considerations will be approaches to sampling and accessing marginalised and less-visible communities of people. This will form an important element of proposals in undertaking this research.</p> <p>Further to your proposed sampling, we will wherever possible put our research partner in touch with pertinent stakeholders, networks, and communities. In terms of participants in previously commissioned research, these respondents would be the contacts of respective commissioned partners, and not GambleAware directly, so there is a distinction there, and we would not be in direct contact with these respondents or communities. I hope the distinction makes sense.</p> <p>Some access to connections may be possible but would require further discussions.</p>
<p>I am wondering if there are any requirements to be followed in terms of the application form? Also, what would be an appropriate budget for each project? Will £ 60-70 k be suitable?</p>	<p>No there are no specific requirements other than what is set out in the Call for Proposal. In the document it sets out the criteria under which the bids will be assessed (in Appendix 1). We also ask for you to include the following in your proposal:</p> <p>A list of recent relevant publications by research team members and a short</p>

	<p>overview of each publication / piece of research.</p> <p>The names and contact details of two clients whom you would be content for us to contact if you are shortlisted.</p> <p>GambleAware’s work centres around the principles of equality, inclusion, and diversity at all levels of governance, human resources, policy, and commissioning. Please set out separately, how equality, inclusion, and diversity inform and support your proposal at all stages of design and delivery; Please include any relevant policies, procedures, and approaches to governance.</p> <p>You are able to spend the 250k budget however you think most appropriate, you do not have to spend equal amounts on each aspect of the study, for example the quant may cost 150k and the qual may cost 100k, all we ask is that a clear budget is included with a rationale against each cost.</p>
<p>Could I please request any relevant paperwork or information relating to any terms and conditions linked to the funding call?</p> <p>If there are relevant terms and conditions, could you please advise whether we are bound by these at the point of submission, or whether we are able to review these again should our colleague be successful?</p>	<p>We have agreements with standard T&Cs (that are non negotiable) which the successful bidder will certainly be able to review ahead of signing, We’re used to working with the legal teams of partners to accommodate specific institutional requirements, if appropriate.</p> <p>Going forward, with all new competitions (from June onwards), agreeing to our T&Cs will be a pre-requisite for bidding.</p>
<p>Am I correct in understanding that with this particular competition (women and gambling), agreeing to the T&C’s is appropriate to do post award, if our colleague is successful?</p> <p>But that any future ones which are launched from this month onwards, the</p>	<p>Yes and Yes</p>

T&Cs will need to be agreed ahead of/at the point of submission?	
Could I also please confirm if you would be funding 100% full economic cost of the project? Do you also account for inflation or should this not be included?	We are not funding full economic costing
Could you please advise whether you fund estates and indirect costs/overheads please?	We will fund staff salaries and direct costs only (e.g. travel, research incentives to participants) but not overheads or capital equipment
Can you please confirm whether you are happy for academic journal article processing charges to be included in the budget so that published academic articles are freely available via the gold open access route?	We are happy for academic journal article processing charges to be included in the budget
Please can you confirm whether funding will be awarded as a service agreement or as a grant? If the latter, can you confirm VAT is not chargeable? We seek clarification because the brief states the budget includes VAT.	The award of the contract will be on a grant basis (not a service agreement). The VAT issue is a matter for the bidding organisations – they will need to determine the nature of the services they provide and whether VAT is chargeable for the work. The total budget for this project is £250k and we have referenced VAT as we anticipate bids may come from a range of organisations - some of whom are VAT registered and some who are not.