

ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware invests over £2.5m to expand the Gambling Education Hub Service to England and Wales

- GambleAware has today released two new Invitations to Tender to expand the Scottish Gambling Education Hub Service to both England and Wales.
- The charity has invested £2.58 million into the new Hubs across both nations to help prevent and reduce gambling harms among young people.
- The new Gambling Education Hubs are based on the existing Scottish Gambling Education Hub, which is run by Fast Forward, and has been operating for over seven years.

London, 8 September 2021: GambleAware has issued two new Invitations to Tender for the design, delivery and development of new Gambling Education Hubs in England and Wales to help reduce gambling harms among young people.

The overall aim of these projects is to use early intervention and prevention methods to reduce gambling harms among children and young people. The new Hubs will be expected to deliver training that focuses on core youth sectors, including youth services, family services and formal education. As a result of the training, youth practitioners, teachers and youth organisations should have an increased awareness and understanding of the risks related to gambling and the impact of gambling harms, as well as what services are available to young people.

In Great Britain, young people may experience difficulties as a result of their own gambling, but many are also affected by someone else's gambling. To reduce the risk of young people experiencing gambling harms, these new Hubs will help provide youth practitioners and organisations in England and Wales with the skills and confidence to educate young people about the risks related to gambling, the harms associated with it and where to go to for support and advice.

The new Hubs will be based on the existing Scottish Gambling Education Hub model, delivered by Fast Forward, and the specifications have been adapted based on learnings and recommendations identified in the external evaluation of the existing programme. The Hubs will also reflect differences in curriculums, languages, regions, need and demand, and political and other contexts, specific to each nation.

The winning bidders are expected to demonstrate the involvement of people with lived experience of gambling harms in the development of the training content, its delivery and any supporting tools or resources. GambleAware expects that equality, diversity and inclusion policy and procedures will be at the heart of the service design, provision and day to day operations.

More information about the programme of work can be found in the Invitations to Tender (ITT).

- The English Gambling Education Hub ITT is available [here](#).
- The Welsh Gambling Education Hub ITT can be found [here](#).

The deadline for applications is **12pm on 2 November 2021**.

Those who would like more information, or are interested in applying, please email zoe.blood@gambleaware.org

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About GambleAware

- GambleAware is an independent charity (Charity No. England & Wales 1093910, Scotland SC049433) that champions a public health approach to preventing gambling harms – see www.begambleaware.org/for-professionals/about-us
- GambleAware is a commissioner of independent evidence-informed prevention and treatment services in partnership with expert organisations and agencies across Great Britain, with over £56 million of funding under active management.
- In April 2021 GambleAware published a new five-year strategy which defined the charity's vision of **a society where people are safe from gambling harms**. This vision is based on a whole-system approach, which acknowledges the many other organisations, networks and individuals, including those who have lived experience of gambling harms, that already play a key role across the system, or have the potential to do so in the future. Alongside this, GambleAware outlined its four key strategic priorities and four commissioning objectives which will help guide the charity as it strives to achieve its vision.
- 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.
- GambleAware produces public health campaigns including 'Bet Regret' and is responsible for the design and delivery of the campaign based on best practice in public health education. See: www.begambleaware.org/for-professionals/safer-gambling-campaign.

About the National Gambling Treatment Service

- The National Gambling Treatment Service is a network of organisations working together across Britain to provide confidential treatment and support, free at the point of delivery, for anyone experiencing gambling-related harms.

- 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.
- It is jointly commissioned by NHS England and GambleAware, and includes NHS, third sector and private sector providers delivering services across England, Scotland and Wales. Wherever someone makes contact throughout the network, these providers work alongside each other through referral pathways to deliver the most appropriate package of care for individuals experiencing difficulties with gambling, and for those who are impacted by someone else's gambling.