

ANNOUNCEMENT

GambleAware commits £3m investment for new Gambling Harms Awareness and Support training programme

London, 10 September 2021: GambleAware has issued an Invitation to Tender to develop and deliver a new Gambling Harms Awareness and Support training programme across Great Britain.

The programme aims to increase awareness and knowledge of gambling harms amongst professionals and community leaders who work or volunteer in eight sectors: debt advisors, faith leaders, primary care, social care, occupational health, criminal justice settings, housing and homelessness services and community pharmacies.

Currently, people working in these settings may lack sufficient awareness, knowledge, and skills to identify gambling harms or provide the appropriate support. But because members of the public may turn to them for help and advice, they can be well placed to offer early interventions and help reduce gambling harms in the community.

The programme is expected to provide the tools required to effectively identify and support individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing gambling harms. Investing £3m over a three-year period, GambleAware anticipates the training will encourage earlier intervention and will, in turn, facilitate a reduction in gambling harms.

Upskilling professionals and community leaders through the new training programme will also contribute to expanding the National Gambling Treatment Service (NGTS) provision and promoting a whole-system, community-based approach.

GambleAware is seeking bids from qualified organisation(s) to develop and deliver the training and resources, in collaboration with and building on GambleAware's existing networks, on a national and local level, across England, Scotland and Wales.

The selected bidder will work with and alongside existing and future providers of training on gambling harms awareness and intervention, playing a convening and collaborating role to bring together providers, fostering an environment of mutual support and development, rather than one of competition.

This new commissioned programme will be in addition to GambleAware's current portfolio of training and educational resources; with an increased scope, it will reach more people geographically and be tailored to meet the needs of specific groups.

More information about the programme of work and Invitation to Tender is available [here](#). The deadline for applications is **12pm on 5 November 2021**.

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

GambleAware is currently commissioning another piece of work, to expand the Scottish Gambling Education Hub Service, aimed at young people, to both England and Wales. Learn more about this other Invitation to Tender [here](#).

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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 <https://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: <https://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.