

Minutes of the Education & Treatment Committee

DATE	Tuesday 20 July 2021
TIME	12.30pm – 2:30pm
VENUE	Virtual zoom

PRESENT	INITIALS	NOTES
Sian Griffiths	SG	Trustee / Committee Chair
Michelle Highman	MH	Trustee (items 11 to 15 only)
Rachel Pearce	RP	Trustee
IN ATTENDANCE		
Zoe Blood	ZB	Prevention Lead
Helena Ross	HR	DCMS Observer
Patrick Browne	PB	Gambling Commission observer
Ruth Champion	RC	Prevention Lead – Clinical Commissioning
Jennifer Denchie	JD	Prevention Lead
Jen Gould	JG	Campaigns Manager
Nicole Masters	NM	Communications Director (Interim)
Helen Owen	HO	Evaluation & Monitoring Director
Jane Rigbye	JR	Prevention Director
Katrina Williams	KW	Executive Support Officer (Minutes)
APOLOGIES		
Anthony Kessel	AK	Trustee

1. Welcome and apologies

SG welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were recorded from AK.

It was noted that MH reached the end of her first three-year term on the Committee in July 2021, and the full Board of trustees has re-elected MH onto the Committee for a final three-year term.

Marcantonio Spada stepped down from the Board in mid-July and so is no longer a member of the Committee. AK had sent apologies but it was his last meeting. Both were thanked in absentia for their support to the committee.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no further declarations of interest, beyond those already recorded.

3. Minutes of meeting – 6 May 2021

The minutes of the Education & Treatment Committee meeting held on 6 May 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

All matters arising are complete or discussed later in the agenda.

It was noted that the following project/funding had been approved offline:

- An additional £445k for a further burst of the NGTS Campaign targeting the work already underway to reach young men that was within the allocated budget was approved.
- A single tender waiver for Youth Hubs in Scotland and Primary Care gambling service. GA is now in the procurement process with Fast Forward in Scotland and negotiations with Primary Care Gambling Service with the option to extend for a total of 3 years. A separate competitive process to secure one or two primary care models will be discussed later in the agenda.

5. Safeguarding Report

JR advised that a new cover page has been developed that articulated the purpose of the paper, any major risks, key issues. The report now includes information about safeguarding concerns as a proportion of the referrals received during the reporting period of the last Quality Assurance meeting and any actions from the QA process.

The overview of safeguarding, monitoring and reporting across the NGTS was discussed. It was noted that there continued to be data issues with LYPFT and as a

result, future invoices will not be approved until the appropriate data is provided. JR will provide an update at the next meeting.

Action: Update on LYPFT's data reporting to be provided at the October ETC meeting.

Prevention and Treatment Updates

6. Updates and Issues

The overview of the status of the Treatment and Prevention portfolios was received as presented. JR advised this update was for information only and there were no approvals to be made. SG reiterated that funding recommendations may be circulated for approval offline in the interests of streamlining procurement and getting funding to services without delay.

7. Campaigns Update

It was noted that this paper was for information rather than for approval as indicated on the paper.

There was a discussion about how campaigns were being evaluated and SG requested that fuller evaluation data be provided to the committee to enable deeper discussion.

Action. NM to provide campaign evaluation data at the next meeting.

8. Budget Update

JR advised there was no variance from allocated funding. It was noted that a third of the overall annual prevention budget has been spent at the end of Q1 and a revised budget is expected to be presented to the Board for approval in September.

For Discussion

9. Prioritisation of workstreams and allocation of budget

HO provided a verbal update on the prioritisation workshop. A longer paper is set to be provided at the September Board meeting.

Following the workshop, 9 projects have been prioritised for additional funding and resources, all of which aligned with the strategic framework. Trustees advised that they looked forward to seeing the paper and noted that the process seemed very useful in terms of strategic alignment.

Action: Prioritisation will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

10. ALERTS - Lived experience group update

Item was carried forward to the October meeting as Steve Watts was not in attendance.

11. National Gambling Treatment Service

An overview of the paper was provided.

Trustees approved:

- **In principle an additional budget of £700k per annum to support more effective case management and increase capacity for Gordon Moody residential services.**
- **An extension of the LYPFT grant agreement for the Northern Gambling Clinic to the end of March 2023, costing £780k in 2022/23.**

There was further discussion about the need for greater transparency about all funding decisions. Trustees asked for information which could be used to gain a better understanding of the geographical spread of treatment services to enable an assessment of equitable access to services and where GA funding might be needed most to reach different parts of the country.

Further information about subcontracted services from GamCare was also requested.

Trustees approved both proposals but requested a follow up on the below items:

Actions:

- Trustees to be provided with more detailed information about subcontracted services.
- An update to be provided on how the geography of treatment clinics related to strategic reach into different parts of the country.
- Further information to be provided on the nature of /relative spend on residential provision.

The good progress between the commissioning team and Gordon Moody was noted and staff commended.

12. Engaging Primary Care

(1) JR noted that budget for work on primary care had already been approved but there were further opportunities to be developed.

The commissioning team has developed a brief which is going out to tender to explore the design of models of primary care.

Action: Progress will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

- (2) Primary Care Electronic Records: **Trustees approved an additional budget of £100k to the £20k already allocated in 2021/22 to deliver gambling screening and referral options.** In addition, it was suggested that GA monitors referral patterns within the system and whether there was proper follow up.
- (3) Workforce development: JR advised that funding had been allocated to the Hurley Group to enable them to develop a primary care training program and competency framework.

Trustees noted the good progress on work to improve recognition and response to gambling harms in primary care.

Research and Evaluation

13. Research and Evaluation Update

Research. HO noted the main activities were:

- Tenders have been sent out for Women's Lived Experience of Gambling Harms and Lived Experience with Gambling Harms in Minority Communities. Two companies have been appointed and there was a good mix of academic partners.
- The merged annual DB Treatment and support survey/NGTS Monitoring Survey was also out for tender with proposals expected this week.
- The data maps have been published and JR has made use of these with high levels of engagement. RP asked where the maps data has been sent. JR advised that a webinar was held across various stakeholder groups and the maps data has also been shared with MPs. RP recommended sending the maps data out to Directors of Public Health and local authorities to ensure it was on their radar.
- A Webinar on Bank/Transactional behaviour was held last week as part of the Gambling Commission's legacy projects.
- Surrey Prisons Gambling Service: HO advised that this is in full mobilisation phase, and we were also looking at implementing an evaluation monitoring strategy.

Action: JR to send maps data to Directors of Public Health in local authorities.

14. Stakeholders Update

No updates from PB or HR were recorded. However, both noted that the meeting had been very insightful, and they had learned a great deal by attending.

15. Any other business

Future meetings

Given the rapidly moving agenda, dates for meetings in October and December will be canvassed.

Action: KW to circulate a Google Poll to find new dates for the October and December ETC meetings.