

# GambleAware

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **GambleAware funds research on gambling-related suicide**

**London, 21 January 2019:** GambleAware is pleased to announce that it has provided two grants of around £20,000 each for preliminary research on gambling-related suicide, to Dr Heather Wardle with NatCen and the University of Swansea with the charity Gambling with Lives.

The two teams will collaborate on analysis of existing data sets, to provide initial insights into the prevalence of this form of gambling-related harm. They will also talk to researchers, policy-makers and people with lived experience to identify the most fruitful avenues for a second phase, which may require new primary research and data collection.

**GambleAware Director of Research and Evaluation, Clare Wyllie** said:

“Gambling-related harms take many forms, with negative impacts possible on peoples’ resources, relationships and health. Suicide is one of the most serious of the possible harms associated with gambling. Suicide has devastating consequences for individuals, families and communities. This is an important first step in developing research to understand and inform action to prevent gambling-related suicide.”

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#### **NOTES**

- GambleAware is an independent charity tasked to fund research, education and treatment services to help to reduce gambling-related harms in Great Britain.

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GambleAware is a commissioning and grant-making body, not a provider of services.

- GambleAware published a [5-year strategy](#) in November 2016, and in July 2018 published a [Strategic Delivery Plan](#) that sets out how the charity proposes to broaden the range of services and activities it funds, supports and works with between 2018 and 2020.
- Guided by the [National Responsible Gambling Strategy](#), the charity's strategic aims are to: broaden public understanding of gambling-related harms, in particular as a public health issue; advance the cause of harm-prevention so as to help build resilience, in particular in relation to the young and those most vulnerable to gambling-related harms; and help those who do develop gambling-related harms get the support that they need quickly and effectively. For more information, please go to: <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- The current National Responsible Gambling Strategy was published in April 2016 by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. GambleAware develops its commissioning plans in collaboration with the RGSB and the Gambling Commission. These arrangements are underpinned by an 'assurance and governance framework' in place since 2012:  
<http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1216/statementofintent.pdf>.
- Research is conducted under the terms of a 'Research Commissioning and Governance Procedure' agreed between the RGSB, the Gambling Commission and GambleAware: <https://about.gambleaware.org/media/1332/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-september-2016-final.pdf>. A revised [RGSB and Gambling Commission research programme](#) was published in September 2018 and sets out priorities for research to be commissioned from 2018 to 2022.
- GambleAware requires a minimum of £10 million annually to deliver its current responsibilities, and looks to all those that profit from commercial gambling to support the charity. This donation-based system was proposed after the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission's Social Responsibility Code Provision 3.1.1.(2). The RGSB endorsed GambleAware's £10m funding goal in January 2017:  
<http://www.rgsb.org.uk/press-releases/responsible-gambling-strategy-board-publishes-assessment-of-the-quantum-of-funding-required-to-deliver-the-national-responsible-gambling-strategy.html>
- GambleAware funds the *Gordon Moody Association*, the *NHS National Problem Gambling Clinic*, *GamCare* and a network of charities across Great Britain to provide a full range of free treatment for problem gamblers and support for those affected by them. GambleAware also runs the website [BeGambleAware.org](http://BeGambleAware.org) which helps 2.7 million visitors a year, and supports the **National Gambling Helpline – 0808 8020 133**.