

Minutes of the meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board held on 18th January 2010

Present:

Chris Bell
Paul Bellringer
Henrietta Bowden-Jones
Neil Goulden
Richard Ives
Alan Jamieson
Julia Neuberger (Chair)
Gerda Reith
Eleanor Roaf

In attendance:

Stephen Dunmore
David Forrest (items 12 and 13 only)
Jane Glastonbury
Ben Haden (items 12 and 13 only)
Natalie Simpson (minutes)
Carol Stone

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from David Miers.

2 Welcome and introductions

CS was welcomed to the meeting as the new joint Chief Executive of RGSB and RGF from 1 February 2010.

3 Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting on 9th November 2009 were approved as a true record, subject to minor amendments to the wording.

The action points were updated.

4 Update on RGF's additional grants / invitations to bid

The Board noted that RGF has begun to develop appropriate terms and conditions of grant for its intended future grant making, which will ensure better accountability and focus on outcomes and measuring the impact of its funding.

5 Update on forums

Helpline and website seminars

The minutes of the first helpline seminar were introduced and there was discussion about a number of organisations already providing helpline services, who may be able to partner with an existing service provider.

The Board noted that data collected from the helpline would also feed into the national database of service provider data in the future. This standardised data would be available to the providers.

The second helpline seminar for existing service providers, to explore the specification and next steps in the process, will be held around the end of January.

Provider and clinicians forums

The Board noted these forums will be held in February in both London and Birmingham.

Research forums

There will be an open session at the London and Glasgow forums on research priorities.

The user, prevention and commissioning forums will be organised for March to June.

6 RGSB – remit to RGF

The draft remit from RGSB to RGF reflecting the strategy and priorities was discussed and noted.

7 Minutes of expert panel meetings

The 2 December Treatment Panel minutes were discussed and noted. The 'Treatment Panel advice to RGF' paper was tabled.

The 22 December Prevention Panel meeting minutes were discussed and noted.

The 4 December evaluation meeting minutes with Professor Elliot Stern were discussed and noted.

8 Strategy development / next steps

Research into high stake high prize machines

The Board and the Research Panel will both have sessions on how machines operate at their respective awaydays.

The Board noted that Category B2 machines should not be the only focus, and discussed whether the risk of problems caused by internet gambling should be incorporated into the strategy.

Commissioning

The Board noted that the commissioning process will need to begin by April/May 2010, with a view to implementing projects by April 2011.

NHS pilots

The Board discussed and noted the current planned pilot NHS schemes.

Engaging the industry

The Board discussed how best to engage industry stakeholders with the strategy development process.

9 Recruitment of Board member

The Board discussed the recruitment of a Board member to replace Dr David Guy.

10 RGF staff recruitment update

The Board noted the RGF staffing update paper.

11 Pool of experts – list

The Board noted the pool of experts list.

12 RGSB's costs 2009/10

The Board noted RGSB costs 2009/10 paper.

13 RGSB budget 2010/11 – Commission / RGF SLA

The Board noted the 2010/11 budget and draft SLA.

14 Underage gamblers

Professor David Forrest from the Centre for the Study of Gambling, University of Salford made a presentation to the Board: Child Gamblers and Child Problem Gamblers. The presentation was based on the data from the IPSOS MORI survey of school children for the National Lottery Commission (NLC), which is on the NLC website.

15 A.O.B and future meetings

The Board noted that all health and adult social care providers need to register with the Care Quality Commission by 1 April 2010.

As agreed at the last Board meeting, the minutes of Board meetings will now be published on the RGSB website.