

Gambling Policy Representation Response		
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GamCare's comments on the revision of the statement of principles:	<p>GamCare is an independent charity and the leading national provider of information, advice, support and free treatment for anyone affected by problem gambling. They operate the National Gambling Helpline, provide structured support for anyone harmed by gambling, and create awareness about safe gambling and treatments.</p> <p>GamCare interacts with all parties involved in Gambling.</p>	The response is noted and appreciated. However no action is required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome the position Broxtowe Borough Council is taking to go beyond the mandatory and default conditions of the Gambling Act 2005 in its statement of principles. 		Noted. No action.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authorities can play a greater role in reducing gambling harm, particularly for those of our clients who experience harm in land-based gambling venues, due to council's licensing responsibilities. 		Noted. No action.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is vital that Broxtowe Borough Council develops a local picture of the level of gambling harms, in order to best target resources and tailor service provision. This could be achieved by gathering data from the National Gambling Helpline, as well as those already providing services in the area. 		Noted. It is suggested that the Committee consider putting this forward as a potential topic for a future Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building on the proactive approach the council is already taking, we would like to see Broxtowe Borough Council commit in its statement of principles to a public health approach to gambling. 	<p>Whilst it is recognised that Public Health is not a licensing objective. NALG entered into dialogue with the County's Public Health Team a number of years ago as part of the licensing process. The team has written paragraph 2.8 to reflect the Gambling Commission's concerns and give an overview of the issue.</p>	<p>Noted. No action.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This commitment should include training frontline and primary care staff to recognise the signs of gambling harm and develop referral pathways to the National Gambling Helpline or local treatment providers. GamCare has worked with Haringey Council to implement a similar system, that has received widespread support. 		<p>Noted. The Council will explore the training undertaken by Haringey Council and consider whether to adopt a similar approach</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of Cumulative Impact Assessments as a method by which the "aim to permit" approach can be challenged, Broxtowe Borough Council should continue to pursue a Local Area Profile approach that specifically analyses gambling risk, and use this data as a basis from which to scrutinise and possibly oppose a licensing application. 		<p>Noted. See above comment relating to the potential to refer this to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration</p>
<p>The changes to Broxtowe Borough Council's statement of principles should be viewed in the context of the Gambling Act Review and subsequent process of white paper consultations, so take account of the rapidly changing regulatory environment.</p>		<p>Noted. No action</p>