

# Gambling Harms Training for Elected Members

**Cross-Council Gambling Team** (Public Health,  
Licensing and Financial Inclusion)

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## Background 1/2

- We had already delivered alcohol harms training to elected members on Licensing Committee
- We had delivered a report on Gambling Harms to Executive Board which highlighted some gaps and misunderstandings
- Planning and Licensing premises applications where gambling businesses had been viewed as positive for the Leeds economy had revealed the need to share OHID (2023) evidence on the economic burden of gambling-related harms

## Background 2/2

- We were offered the opportunity by Members Development to offer an induction session on gambling-related harms to elected members on Licensing and Planning Committees
- There was a need to dispel myths and share evidence
- Councillors had asked for signposting information for treatment services

# Who was involved? 1/2

- Leeds has a small cross-council gambling-related harms matrix team which comprises: Licensing, Financial Inclusion, Public Health. This training was co-designed and delivered by this team.
- It was important to us to involve experts by experience/people with lived experience so we asked Gambling with Lives to help us deliver the training
- It was important to promote treatment services so we asked the NHS Northern Gambling Service to help us deliver the training. We made the decision not to involve industry funded treatment services.
- We asked Simone Aratoonian to support the training in terms of the evidence base. We also wanted Simone to observe the training as this was pilot and provide feedback – which she did!
- This was unfunded work and all our external speakers generously gave their time free of charge for the pilot – we would like in future to be able to remunerate

# Who was involved? 2/2

## Public Health

- Magdalena Boo
- Helen Goddard

## Licensing

- Sue Duckworth

## Financial Inclusion

- Grace Imrie (first sessions)

## Gambling With Lives

- Catherine Wilkins
- James Grimes

## NHS Northern Gambling Service

- Daniel Hall

## OHID on behalf of ADsPH

- Simone Arratoonian



# Content 1/2

- We were offered two 90 minute sessions – one face to face and one virtual session.
- We designed the session with adult learners and elected members in mind
- The session was designed to have interactive elements as well as presentation and discussion.
- We considered whether to use technical elements such as Microsoft whiteboard, Mentimeter polls for the session but we decided against this as this could be a distraction for those less confident with technology.
- Instead, we went very low-tech and used thumbs up, chat function in teams, and true/false cards – this worked well
- The timing is very tight for the sessions and sometimes we have had to move on from very engaged discussion in our face to face sessions.

## Content 2/2

Introductions and check in	10 minutes	Helen
Framing and gambling related harms summary	10 minutes	Magdalena
<b>Exercise:</b> Fact or fiction	15 minutes	Helen
<b>Speaker:</b> Gambling with Lives	15 minutes	James/Catherine
<b>Exercise:</b> Identifying harms	15 minutes	Magdalena/Helen
<b>Speaker:</b> Support available	10 minutes	Sue / Dan
What can you do in your ward?	5 minutes	Sue
Q&A panel	10 minutes	Simone

# Evaluation 1/2

## **Attendance**

4 sessions

March – 6 online, 3 in person

October – 26 online, 4 in person

Face to face sessions have much smaller attendance but much more engagement than online sessions

## **Impact**

Speeches at full Council

Referral to NHS Gambling Service

Commitment to regulate through advertising, sponsorship, licensing, planning

As a cross-council gambling harms matrix teams we feel these outcomes justify our investment of time.



# Evaluation 2/2

## Comments

*"Thank you, you changed my thinking."*

Public thanks at full Council from Exec Member

Public thanks from Chair of Licensing Committee

Thanks from Director of Public Health

# Thank you for attending

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