

# **Cross-Party Group Annual Report**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2020]**

## **Cross Party Group on GAMBLING**

### **1. Group membership and office holders.**

**CHAIR: Mick Antoniw MS**

#### **OTHER MEMBERS:**

Dawn Bowden, MS

Dai Lloyd, Dai MS

Darren Millar, MS

Jenny Rathbone, MS

Julie Morgan, MS

John Griffiths, MS

Jayne Bryant, MS

Mick Antoniw, MS

**SECRETARY: Wynford Ellis Owen – Specialist Counselling  
Consultant to CAIS Ltd.**

#### **Names of other external members and the organisation(s) they represent**

Gethin Rhys – Cytun

Oliver John – Royal college of Psychiatrists

Steven Bunting – Church in Wales

Gareth Roderique-Davies – University of South Wales

Bev John – University of South Wales

Simon Dymons – Swansea University

Rob Palmizi – Citizen’s Advice

Katie Fry – Citizen’s Advice

Diana Yorath – Recovery 4 All

Robbie Thornhill – Recovery 4 All

Sarah Flourentzou – Recovery 4 All

Nick Shelpey – Beat the Odds (Living Room Cardiff)

Dee Lally-Osborne – Beat the Odds (Living Room Cardiff)

Shannan Jones - - DCAB

Sarah Lou Grant – Lived Experience

Anthony – Lived Experience

Sam Robinson – Ygam

Stephanie Barnhouse – WG

Mathew King – WG

Caitlin Tempest – CARCT

Jacob Kendal – DCAB

Marina Smith – GamCare

Lisa Gillespie – Lived Experience

Karen Ozzati - WCADA

Lucy Dorey – Swansea University

Nicholas Wall - WG

## **2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.**

### **Meeting 1.**

***Meeting date:*** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

1. ***Attendees:*** Prof Carwyn Jones (Cardiff Met University), Dr Frank Atherton (CMO), Jonathan Wilsher (Swansea City A.F.C.), Profs Gareth Roderique-Davies & Bev John (University of South Wales), Marina Smith (GamCare), Sian Edwards (Cardiff Metropolitan University), Katie Fry (Citizen’s Advice), Ollie John (RCPsych), Dee Lally-Osborne (Living Room Cardiff and ‘Beat the Odds’), Urtha Felda (GamCare Womens Project), Sarah Flourentzou and Robbie Thornhill (ARA) and Wynford Ellis Owen (Secretary to the CPG).

***Summary of issues discussed:*** Mick Antoniw AM chaired a panel discussion about the links between sport and gambling which will give us an opportunity to explore one of Wales’ main football clubs’ strategies in respect of minimizing gambling related harm on young people

with Jonathan Wilsher, representing Swansea City A.F.C.; Professor Carwyn Jones, Cardiff Metropolitan University's School of Sport and Health Sciences; and Dr. Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer for Wales. Gavin Foxall from Newport County A.F.C. and the club's general manager, Nigel Stephenson, were unable to join us at the very last moment

## **Meeting 2.**

**Meeting date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Attendees:** NONE – MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

## **Meeting 3.**

**Meeting date:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 ONLINE VIA TEAMS

1. **Attendees:** Mick Antoniw MS/AS & Chair/Cadeirydd; Darren Millar MS/AS; Jenny Rathbone MS/AS; Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP/AS; Gerald Jones MP/AS; Jayne Howard; Stephanie Barnhouse; Andrew Bettridge; Bev John; Darren Bliss; Dee Lally-Osborne; Diana Yorath; Gareth Roderique-Davies; Katie Fry; Oliver John; Graham England; Robbie Thornhill; Shannan Jones; Helen Parfitt; Ryland Doyle; Wynford Ellis Owen.

**Summary of issues discussed:** Discussion about the recent case concerning Chris Bruney, 25, who killed himself after an online casino owned by Playtech plied him with £400 in bonuses. Issues re the fine imposed and how it is used / Discussion on the APPG report into online gambling harm which was published that day (16<sup>th</sup> June) / Update on the charity The Big Step, which is supported by the APPG, who are hoping to launch their Football Charter next week which is calling for an end to gambling sponsorship of football clubs / Discussion around gambling issues during Coronavirus and beyond / Discussion around working together across the UK - and how regular meetings can best be arranged.

## **Meeting 4.**

**Meeting date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020- ONLINE VIA TEAMS**

1. **Attendees:** Mick Antoniw MS/AS; Jenny Rathbone MS/AS; Jane Hutt MS/AS; Dr Dai Lloyd MS/AS & Diana Yorath, Urtha Felda, Sam Robinson, Gareth Roderique-Davies, Bev John, Louis Mertens, James Matthewson, Stephanie Barnhouse, Sarah Grant, Katie Fry, Alex Sims & Ara Recovery 4 All.

**Summary of issues discussed:** Professor Gareth Roderique-Davies delivered a brief report prepared by himself and by Professor Bev John (USW) on CPG members' responses to the question, 'What does Wales need from a new U.K. Gambling Act?' This was followed by a Q&A session.

The main conclusions were: A new UK-wide Gambling Act and/or changes in existing secondary legislation are likely to see changes to Advertising, Public Health Initiatives, taxation/levy, regulation and to elements of product design consistent with the opinions received in this survey. The main theme received in this survey related to changes to the Licensing of Gambling Outlets and Local Authority Planning. This is consistent with a recommendation from the House of Lords Select Committee: *"The Act should be amended to give licensing committees deciding on the licensing of premises for gambling the same powers as they already have when deciding on the licensing of premises for the sale of alcohol."* (p168)

The CPG should consider whether such UK-wide changes are sufficient or whether additional devolved elements are necessary.

### **3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.**

THE CPG did not meet any of the above during this report timeframe

# Annual Financial Statement.

7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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CHAIR –Mick Antoniw MS

SECRETARY & ORGANISATION – Wynford Ellis Owen, Specialist  
Counselling Consultant to CAIS Ltd.]

<b>Group's Expenses.</b>	None.	£0.00
<b>Costs of all goods.</b>	No goods purchased.	£0.00
<b>Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.</b>	No benefits received.	£0.00
<b>Any secretariat or other support.</b>	No financial support received.	£0.00
<b>Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.</b>		
NONE SOUGHT OR PROVIDED		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description and name of provider</b>	<b>Cost</b>
		£0.00
<b>Total cost</b>		<b>£0.00</b>