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Sports Betting Group response to Call for Views on GDPR derogations

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We write to DCMS on behalf of the Sports Betting Group which is a cross-sport representative group established to provide leadership and share good practice in addressing the risks of sports betting corruption by putting in place measures to protect the integrity of sport. More information on the group can be found at: http://www.sportsbettinggroup.org

We thank you for circulating the Call for Views document and for giving us the opportunity to provide our views on the GDPR derogations. You will hopefully be aware that on 31 January 2017, a number of sports wrote to DMCS, via the law firm Bird & Bird LLP, to set out their views on the GDPR and how, in their view, the UK can nationally implement certain measures in the form of derogations to better preserve the regulatory responsibilities of sports governing bodies and in turn the integrity of sport in the UK. The letter set out types of activity that might be affected without such provisions. We understand that DCMS has received such letter and that a response is awaited.

The Sports betting Group supports the points raised in this letter of 31 January and wishes to reinforce its support for the suggestions made therein, with due regard to the principle of proportionality and the need to safeguard athletes' rights. We hope DCMS takes on board the suggestions when determining its position on national derogations.

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