

Q14. Do you agree that the Government should consider alternative options including a mandatory levy if industry does not provide adequate funding for research, education and treatment?

GamCare's mission is to support those affected by problem gambling through advice and treatment, and to minimise gambling-related harm through education, prevention and communication.

GamCare has a range of support services that we offer directly to those affected by gambling-related harm. We also manage a national network of treatment providers delivering face to face and online treatment around the UK, funded by GambleAware. Based on our data and experience to date, we responded to the call for evidence stage of the consultation process.

GamCare has been providing support and treatment for those affected by problem gambling for 20 years, and we have a track record of achieving good outcomes for clients. We are adapting our approach to fit current commissioning needs, as well as broadening the range of interventions we offer to reach more of the population, including earlier interventions so that we can prevent problems from escalating.

Ultimately, it is for ministers to determine if a statutory levy to gather contributions for research, education and treatment for gambling-related harm is appropriate. If ministers pursue a levy, we would encourage careful consideration around the dissemination mechanism, taking into account the current and growing national treatment infrastructure and it's accumulated expertise in this specialist field.

We would welcome the opportunity to bring problem/compulsive gambling and gambling-related harm up the Public Health agenda, as well as greater collaboration with Local Authorities, particularly to ensure that we can build a better picture of the local impact of gambling-related harms.