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Subject: Request for correction to article on 'all-night slot machines.'
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Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this message finds you well. We've recently read your article titled "Fears grow over rise of 'under the radar' all-night slot machine halls in UK" published in The Observer on 21 July 2024. I appreciate the effort put into discussing the topic, but I noticed a discrepancy regarding the statistics/data presented.

Specifically, in relation to the Gambling Commission data, the article attempts to build a connection between two data sets and individual methodologies.

We're concerned that this discrepancy could misinform readers about rates of gambling harm, and I kindly request a correction to accurately reflect the correct information. I would be happy to provide further details or additional sources if needed to facilitate this correction process.

We have drafted as follows:

The concerns raised over the rapid expansion of the sector come as the Gambling Commission prepares to publish its research on gambling harm this week. Preliminary **experimental findings published last year found that 2.5% of the adult population may be suffering from problem gambling. **Previous estimates from the 2021 Health Survey for England**, put the proportion of people **experiencing problem gambling** much lower, at **0.4%** of adults in Britain. **However, these results are not comparable due to a change in the way the data has been collected.****

We have published guidance on using the new Gambling Survey for Great Britain data: [Guidance on using statistics from the Gambling Survey for Great Britain \(gamblingcommission.gov.uk\)](https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/guidance-on-using-statistics-from-the-gambling-survey-for-great-britain)

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Many thanks

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