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Hi editorial team,

We read your piece [Gambling harms may be far more prevalent than we thought](#) with interest and appreciate you and your publication raising awareness of our Gambling Survey for Great Britain.

We would like to make a couple of observations which hopefully results in slight changes to your copy.

In your fifth par you state:

While previous studies by the Commission placed the prevalence of problem gambling as low as 0.3%, the results from this survey are much higher, setting it at 2.8%, or up to 1.3 million people in the UK. Certain types of activity were more closely associated with problem gambling; in-person non-sports related events and online slots in particular.

Firstly, the PGSI rate is 2.5% and not 2.8%.

Secondly, our [published guidance](#) states that the GSGB should not be used to gross up the prevalence of problem gambling or the consequences of gambling to whole population (until further work is completed). We are advising against grossing up to population because of the risk that the GSGB overestimates the proportion of people experiencing difficulties with their gambling. We plan to refine this guidance in the future as we carry out further work to understand the impact of the new methodology on the estimates.

Many thanks

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