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Dear newsdesk,

We've recently read your article titled [Experts: More than 200,000 Scots are affected by hidden epidemic of problem gambling](#)

I appreciate the effort put into discussing the topic, but it is vital that as a regulator our statistics are not misrepresented. This is why we [published guidance on how this data can be interpreted](#) and highlighted this guidance in [our press release](#).

Your copy features two examples of misrepresentation of our statistics.

Firstly, the headline and par three of your copy – 'equating to 1.3 million problem gamblers across the UK' - scale up percentages for population.

For methodological reasons, our 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).

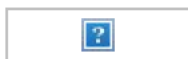
Secondly, the second par states that the 'harm from problem gambling in Britain may be up to eight times worse than previously believed.'

Our guidance states the GSGB should not be used to provide direct comparisons with results from prior gambling or health surveys, again for methodological reasons.

Please may we request a correction as I'm sure you appreciate how important it is that only scientifically sound information informs the public debate on gambling in society.

Best regards,

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