

# GAMBLING COMMISSION

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By email: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk

Dear [REDACTED],

## **Regarding the invitation to give evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee**

I am writing to you following the Clerks of your Committee reaching out to my team to invite the Gambling Commission to give evidence on the Commission's involvement in and approach to prevention and the reduction of gambling-related harms, in light of the introduction of the Statutory Levy.

The Gambling Commission takes its duty to provide updates and evidence to Parliamentarians very seriously, including supporting Select Committees with their work. However, before the session we have been invited to, I wanted to make clear our role with regard to the Statutory Levy and the new system that the levy will fund for research, prevention and treatment of gambling harms.

The Gambling Commission's role is tightly defined with regard to the Statutory Levy as set out by government in its consultation response [on the structure, distribution and governance of the statutory levy on gambling operators](#). Our role will be limited to administration of the levy collection process - collecting the funds from operators as required by legislation and passing the funds on to the bodies responsible for the delivery of the levy activity, in line with the strategic direction set by government. We will also have a role in commissioning some research under the levy, alongside UKRI. Beyond this we have no involvement in setting the priorities for funding, how the levy will be used or overseeing delivery. Government has confirmed that the governance of the levy will be headed by a Gambling Levy Programme Board (LPB) which will be established as the central oversight mechanism for the government, bringing together key government departments, including DCMS, HM Treasury, DHSC and DSIT, as well as representatives from the Scottish and Welsh governments.

Government has also confirmed that levy funding will be directed in specific proportions for the purposes of research, prevention and treatment and each stream of the levy system will have a lead commissioning body. For prevention, government [announced in February](#) that 30% of funding will be allocated to the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) in the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) who will be responsible for developing a comprehensive approach to prevention and early intervention for England, alongside appropriate bodies in Scotland and Wales. The Commission will have no direct role in prevention activity under the new levy system. Our focus will continue to be on the effective exercise of our existing regulatory powers and duties under the Gambling Act 2005 and the regulation of the National Lottery.



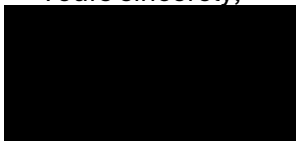
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Should you still wish to hear from us on the 2 April I will of course ensure that the most appropriate colleague can join you for the hearing to give evidence.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries on this or any other area of the Commission's work.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Rhodes  
**Chief Executive**