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Hi [Redacted],

We appreciate the effort put into discussing the topic of gambling harms, 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](#).

It has been brought to our attention that the evidence section of the CEGA website homepage features two examples of our statistics being misused:.

“[Indicative statistics](#) from the Gambling Commission suggest that 1.3million people in the UK could have a gambling problem,”

“[2024 official statistics](#) from the Gambling Commission suggest that there may be over a million people who experience severe negative consequences from someone else’s gambling in the UK each year”

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).

It would be appreciated if you could remove the misleading statements as soon as you are able.

Best regards,

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