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Dear editor,

We've recently read your article titled [Gambling with the numbers](#).

We 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 first par of your copy stats:

They appeared to show that 2.5 per cent of the UK population have a gambling problem whereas every official survey in the last 25 years has found the rate to be around 0.5 per cent.

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

This paragraph is a direct comparison.

And secondly, the tenth par of your copy states:

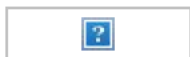
In the new survey, one per cent of gamblers had "sought help from gambling support services" in the last 12 months. That amounts to around 360,000 people a year.

Again 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).

Please may we request a correction?

Best regards,

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