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Hello

We have recently received an invitation to the future of gambling in the UK conference in which we have spotted an incorrect use of official statistics related to gambling.

Please could we kindly ask you to correct the following official statistics:

- '0.5% of the adult population has a problem with gambling'. You need to make this clear that this is 0.5% of adults aged 16+ who were classified as experiencing problem gambling according to either the PGSI or DSM-IV (2018 Health Survey for England)
- 'as many as 2.5% of people, according to a 2023 Gambling Commission survey'. You must make it clear these were experimental statistics, and to clarify that this is 2.5% of adults aged 18+ who scored 8+ on the PGSI.
- '3.8% are gambling at at-risk levels'. This needs to be referenced, if you have taken this information from the 2018 Health Survey, then it should be 3.6% of adults aged 16+ scored between 1-2 (low risk) or 3-7 (moderate risk) on the PGSI. We also do not recommend adding the low risk and moderate risk categories together, so it should be 2.7% scored 1-2 on the PGSI and 0.8% scored 3-7 on the PGSI.
- You should reference where the following statistic is taken from '7% are affected negatively by other people's gambling'

We request that these statistics are corrected as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

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