



Gambling Related Harm APPG

Minutes – GRH APPG

Date: Wednesday 9th September 2020

Time: 3pm

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolyn Harris MP

Minutes taken by: Allaster Gair, Interel Consulting UK

Members Present

- Carolyn Harris MP
- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Rt Hon. Lord Foster of Bath
- Rt Hon. Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP (Joined at 3:05pm)

External Guests

- Jo Lloyd – Office of Carolyn Harris MP
- Sophie Worringer, Office of Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP
- Jack Capener, Office of Owen Thompson MP
- Chloe Black, Office of Fiona Bruce MP
- Katherine Morgan – Interel Consulting UK
- Holly Ramsey – Interel Consulting UK
- Allaster Gair – Interel Consulting UK

Minutes – Private Meeting of the APPG

- Carolyn Harris MP opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed members to the virtual meeting of the APPG for Gambling Related Harm.
- An update on the Groups' activity was then given by Carolyn Harris MP as Chair.
- Carolyn Harris MP spoke about communications she had received from gambling addicts and highlighted the importance of encouraging more interested MPs to join the APPG.
- Lord Foster then discussed the formation of Peers for Gambling Reform (PGR) with the APPG. The formation of PGR was welcomed by the Group.
- The Group then speculated timing of the Gambling Review. Carolyn Harris MP suggested setting up a meeting with the Secretary of State to get further information.
- The Group then discussed the future work programme and agreed a meeting with wider stakeholders on gambling reform on 29th September to discuss the Group's priorities ahead of the Gambling Review.
- Following this, the Group moved on to sports sponsorship by gambling operators, particularly in football. Members present expressed support for the 'Big Step' campaign and its 130 mile walk to call for an end to gambling promotion in football, and discussed the support they could offer.
- Members then briefly discussed the Gambling Commission's delay at responding to the Group's letter in regards to stakes and prizes.
- The Group agreed to continue to cooperate closely in the coming weeks. Carolyn Harris MP then concluded the meeting
- Meeting closed at 3:45pm.