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From: Iain Corby <iain@gambleaware.org>
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Thank you for consulting us on your draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

GambleAware is an independent charity tasked to fund research, education and treatment services to help to reduce gambling-related harms in Great Britain. We work in partnership with the Gambling Commission and its independent advisors, the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, to deliver many aspects of the National Responsible Gambling Strategy.

Due to the resource constraints on a small charity, we are not able to offer specific feedback on your policy.

However, we do strongly commend two recent publications by the Local Government Association which set out the range of options available to local authorities to deal with gambling-related harms using existing powers.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/tackling-gambling-related-harm-whole-council-approach>

<https://www.local.gov.uk/gambling-regulation-councillor-handbook-england-and-wales>

We fully support local authorities which conduct an analysis to identify areas with increased levels of risk for any reason, but particularly where there are higher than average resident or visiting populations from groups we know to be vulnerable to gambling related harm – children, the unemployed, the homeless, certain ethnic-minorities, lower socio-economic groups, those attending mental health (including gambling disorders) or substance addiction treatment services – and include additional licence requirements to mitigate this increased level of risk.

We do not hold data at local authority level for treatment services. We are undertaking a needs assessment for treatment services which we expect will report early in 2019, and this will give councils insight into the expected level of need in their areas. The report will be published on our website here when it is available:

<https://about.gambleaware.org/research/research-publications/>

Kind regards,

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