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Responsible Gambling Trust invites research into problem gambling and licensed bingo premises

The Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT) has launched a programme of research into the nature and extent of problem gambling behaviour in licensed bingo retail operations in Great Britain.

The charity has issued an invitation to tender to researchers to complete a review of existing evidence, develop a method of identifying any problem gambling behaviour in licensed bingo premises and to collect data on problem behaviour. Researchers will be expected to report key findings, including commercial implications of improved player protection, possible regulatory implications, and make recommendations for future research.

RGT and The Bingo Association will facilitate participation of licensed bingo retail operators to provide data and practical support to the research programme, which will have a total budget of up to £125,000. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2015 and a final report is expected in Spring 2016.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said:

“The Responsible Gambling Trust is committed to working with whichever researchers are most able to do the job and that is why we are issuing this open invitation to tender. RGT has developed and maintains good relationships with the bingo industry and The Bingo Association has confirmed that bingo operators will participate in this project. This industry collaboration will be vital to producing useful, informative research.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. As an independent national charity funded by donations from the gambling industry, the Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5 million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest strategy was published in December 2012.