

Responsible Gambling

St Clare Hospice is committed to using its lottery to raise important and vital funds in a responsible way.

St Clare Hospice recognises that whilst the risk of 'problem gambling' associated with its lottery is extremely small, there may be circumstances that arise whereby players or their families may wish to discuss gambling related problems with specialist support advisers.

St Clare Hospice as a member of the Hospice Lotteries Association (HLA) which financially supports the work of the GREaT Foundation (formerly known as the Responsibility in Gambling Trust) which provides such support.

The GREaT Foundation

The GREaT Foundation is an independent charity that was established in response to recommendations made by the independent Gambling Review Body in the Budd Report, commissioned by the Government in 2001.

The report recommended that an independent Trust should be set up, and provided with voluntary funding by the gambling industry, to research and limit problem gambling. This recommendation was made as part of proposals for major changes to the legal framework for gambling, which became the Gambling Act 2005.

The Foundation was initially known as the Gambling Industry Charitable Trust (GICT) then the Responsibility In Gambling Trust (RIGT) in 2004 to reflect its independence.

GREaT Foundation's aims

The Foundation aims to make it less likely for people to become problem gamblers, and easier for those who do experience problems to get the help they need. We do this by funding treatment services, by commissioning and supporting research on problem gambling, and through education and awareness programmes.

Treatment

GREaT is the only/main funder of gambling treatment services in Britain. These include telephone helplines, face-to-face counseling and online advice services provided by GamCare, and residential services provided by Gordon House. The services we fund are available nationwide, free of charge, and open to everyone.

Education and public awareness

GREaT heads a national taskforce set up to improve public awareness of the dangers of gambling. We are developing a national campaign to help people manage their gambling and to let them know where they can get help if they have a problem. We are also funding education programmes aimed at schoolteachers and young people.

Policy and research

GREaT funds research into the treatment and prevention of problem gambling. We contribute to the development of gambling policy, and we act as an information resource for government, the media and the industry who want to understand more about problem gambling.

Help and support

Visit <http://www.thegreatfoundation.org.uk/> for further information on GREaT.

If you have problems with gambling, or know someone who does,

call the GamCare helpline on 08456 6000133

or visit <http://www.gamcare.org.uk>