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## Lived Experience involvement in the MLS (Mobilising Local Systems) bids review panel

### Role description

#### Overview

The GambleAware 'Mobilising Local Systems' (MLS) programme aims to support the continued development of an integrated system: ensuring that organisations, at a local and regional level, can deliver preventative interventions, support early identification of gambling harms, deliver holistic support and treatment, as well as ensuring people are able to live in communities that support their ongoing recovery.

This is in line with one of GambleAware's strategic priorities to transform capacity and capability by collaborating with public and voluntary sector organisations across England, Scotland, and Wales to support growth of an integrated system to prevent and reduce gambling harms.

As part of the wider MLS programme, GambleAware has developed the MLS funding programme, consisting of two phases. Phase 1 of the funding programme aimed to support opportunities to build collaborative ways of working with stakeholders across each region to help create a more integrated approach to gambling harms. Phase 2 of the MLS funding programme, starting in 2024, will provide a funding opportunity for each of the 10 NGSN Regional Boards across Great Britain to develop new approaches which lead to improved integration within local systems. The overall aim is to enable more people experiencing gambling harms to access support and treatment in a way that best meets their needs.

#### The opportunity

To ensure the funding allocation process is fair and transparent, GambleAware intends to create a Funding Panel to review the MLS funding applications. The purpose of the panel is to discuss the reviewers' comments and decide whether applications should be funded.

It is important that this panel is representative of the lived experience perspective, and that all panel members have a robust understanding of GambleAware's Strategic Framework and commissioning processes. Therefore, **GambleAware is looking for up to two individuals with lived experience of gambling harm to help review proposals and collectively make decisions about whether they should receive funds.**

Panel members will not be required to score the applications but rather read the reviewers' comments on the applications and use this to help inform their own view. Panel members will be asked to provide their verbal feedback during the Funding Panel meeting. The panel will need to come to a consensus about which applications should be funded. These recommendations will be shared with GambleAware's Chief Commissioning and Strategy Officer to ratify the decision.

## What you'll be doing

- Attending an **induction call** – to learn more about the work and ask any questions.
- **Reading the proposals** – each proposal will be 10 pages (max.) in length. We are currently expecting up to 10 proposals between June and October 2024 (i.e. an estimated 100 pages of reading in total).
- **Reviewing the proposals** – you will be asked for your perspective on the application as a whole but with particular intention to their plans on embedding lived experience into the work and their overall commitment to the principles of EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion).
- **Attending a panel meeting** – to provide verbal feedback on proposals and form collective decisions.

## The skills you need

- Provide insights and advice based on your own lived experience of gambling harms.
- Experience of integrated ways of working across organisations or experience in working with a partnership approach and/or with statutory bodies.
- An appreciation of the need to ensure lived experience is meaningfully reflected in the design and delivery of support services
- Computer skills and access to computer, tablet, or mobile phone. You will be required to access emails and to participate in an online meeting.
- An understanding of confidentiality.
- Collaborative approach to working together, bringing constructive comments and feedback.

## The impact you'll have

- Ensuring the perspective(s) of those with lived experience is meaningfully reflected in GambleAware decision-making.
- Helping to ensure the right proposals are awarded the MLS Phase 2 Fund.

## Location

The role is remote and will require attendance at online (Teams/Zoom) meetings.

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## Timelines

The individuals selected to be part of this panel will be invited to an **online induction meeting via Teams/Zoom**, expected to be no longer than 1 hour long and to take place during office hours, at the start of the **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

**The panel will review a total of 10 funding proposals, these will be sent for scoring during the period between June till October 2024.** Please note these 10 proposals will not be received all at once: we expect to share with panel members 1 or 2 proposals at a time during the funding window. We expect reading the proposals to take between 7 and 10 hours in total. After receiving these proposals, the review panel will meet to make a funding decision: in total we expect the panel will have between **5 and 7 meetings (each 1 hour long) in the period June – November 2024**. Exact days and timings will be agreed with panel members, however these are expected to take place during office hours.

## Conflict of interest

If interested in taking part, you will be asked to complete a Declaration of Interest form. Any potential conflict of interest will be reviewed in light of the list of organisations applying to the Improving Outcomes Fund. If there is a conflict of interest that might impact decision-making processes, we will discuss this with you.

## Register your interest

To register your interest in this opportunity **please complete [this short online form](#)** no later than 12noon **on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions: we are looking for a diverse range of applicants and are happy to discuss adjustments.

## Additional Information

### Remuneration and reimbursement policy

To find out more about the remuneration options as well as reimbursement of expenses, please read the policy: [Remuneration Travel and Expenses Policy 02.11.22 \(1\).pdf \(begambleaware.org\)](#).

Please note that you will be able to choose between two remuneration options: to be self-employed or to act as a volunteer. More details on these options and on our approach to the reimbursement of expenses can be found in the policy.

## Eligibility criteria

Please note that in order to qualify you must:

- Be 18 years old or over.
- Reside in England, Scotland or Wales.
- Have lived experience of gambling harms.
- Not work – either paid or unpaid - for the gambling industry.
- Not receive (yourself or the business you may be a director of or have financial interest in) LCCP RET funding (gambling operators' contributions). To note this does **not** apply to employees below Director level or to consultants of organisations directly receiving RET funding, or to employees and consultants of organisations being awarded RET funding via GambleAware.
- Be more than 6 months in recovery (this applies only to those who have experienced gambling harms due to their own gambling, e.g. this does not apply to applicants identifying as 'affected others').

**For more information** about Lived Experience Involvement at GambleAware, please visit our [webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact [involvement@gambleaware.org](mailto:involvement@gambleaware.org).