

# NEWSLETTER

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

We are still accepting referrals. Client facing services are available online and/or by phone and now is a good time to seek support. Engagement and training are on hold until further notice. Please feel free to contact the Leeds team on **0113 3886466** for any enquiries or information.



## ENGAGEMENT

Our engagement work focuses on building effective working relationships with partner services and other with relevant organisations. We work closely with them to raise awareness of gambling related harms, providing knowledge and support so they can support and refer on any service users.

We're working hard to target often hard to reach communities across the city through our outreach work. We provide early brief interventions and prevention strategies at local community hubs and centres across Leeds.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice element of our work encompasses the ethos of Engagement, Training and brief interventions. We will be working alongside our Criminal Justice partners from the Police, Courts, Prisons, Approved Premises, Probation and community support agencies to support them in identifying those with problem gambling and offer support to the individual and/or their affected others

We can provide brief interventions in the setting that the client or affected other are most comfortable and can visit in prison where needed. Referrals will then be allocated to our treatment team if a higher level of support is needed.

We have self-help cell packs available that can be posted out to prisons if requested.

## TRAINING

We also have free 3-6 hour accredited training programmes available for professionals who work with individuals that may be at risk of gambling related harms.

## LEEDS COMMUNITY GAMBLING

### SERVICE

GamCare is working in partnership with the NHS Northern Gambling Service, NECA & Leeds City Council to provide integrated support services to anyone experiencing gambling harms across Leeds and the surrounding area.

We offer a range of support which can be provided face to face, online or over the phone. We can support gamblers as well as those who are affected by the gambling behaviours of a family member or friend.

## GET IN TOUCH...

- Self-referrals can be made via our website at [www.gamcare.org.uk/leeds](http://www.gamcare.org.uk/leeds)
- Call 0113 388 6466 to speak to our team about gambling related concerns.
- Email us at [leedscommunitygamblingservice@gamcare.org.uk](mailto:leedscommunitygamblingservice@gamcare.org.uk)
- OR contact the 24 hour National Gambling HelpLine on 0808 8020 133 to speak to an adviser.

If you have any engagement, training or drop in enquiries, please contact the engagement team directly on: **07425 330403**

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