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1. Research, education and treatment - proposal to introduce a statutory levy

Last October the Commission published a report on the funding of research, education and treatment. While we indicated our preference for improved voluntary funding arrangements the report also recommended that preparations be put in hand for the introduction of a statutory levy from April 2009.

The Department for Culture Media and Sport is consulting on a proposal to introduce a levy under section 123 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The consultation period is due to run until 31 March 2009 and you can download the consultation downloaded from the DCMS website.

2. Gaming machines conviction

The Gambling Commission has once more warned illegal suppliers of gaming machines that it will prosecute those who supply gaming machines illegally, as illegal machine supply is one of its key priorities for enforcement action.

The warning follows the successful conclusion of the Commission's first prosecution under section 242(1) and 243(1) of the Gambling Act 2005, which took place in Birmingham Magistrates' Court on 13 and 14 January 2009.

3. Regulatory decisions registers now available online

The Gambling Commission now publishes details of our regulatory powers and actions on the revamped Compliance section of the website.

This includes a register of regulatory decisions, which include:

- warnings
- imposing additional conditions or amending existing ones
- financial penalties (in the event a licence condition is breached)
- suspensions
- revocations.

4. Gaming machine prosecution for fish and chip shop owner

A press release regarding a joint initiative involving the Gambling Commission and Harborough District Council is available on the [Harborough District Council website](#).

The press release refers to a case in which the operators of a fish and chip shop in Market Harborough pleaded guilty to the offence of making a gaming machine available for use by another.