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Welcome to the fortnightly email bulletin from the Gambling Commission (the Commission).

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1. Gambling Commission publishes revised Guidance to Licensing Authorities

The Gambling Commission's revised Guidance to Licensing Authorities on gambling under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Gambling Act) is now published.

This is the third edition of the guidance and includes changes announced last year following the Commission's consultation on split premises and primary gambling activity.

2. Statement of principles consultation

The Gambling Commission has previously published two statements of principles - one on the principles for licensing and regulation, and the other on principles for determining financial penalties, as required by the Gambling Act 2005.

Now that the regulatory regime is established, we have decided to review our regulatory processes and to consult stakeholders on proposals for an updated set of associated documents.

3. Recovery from problem gambling: a qualitative study

Dr Gerda Reith and Scottish NatCen carried out qualitative analysis examining the routes in and out of problem gambling. They explored the motivations, attitudes and self-perceptions of 45 gamblers and problem gamblers. Among other findings the researchers reported that gamblers their gambling behaviour in a variety of ways and distinguished between more and less damaging ways to gamble. The research showed that ceasing to gamble meant different things to different individuals. While some ceased all gambling activity others only ceased temporarily. The authors suggested that there is a need for a more differentiated view of gambling.

4. Proposed Gaming Machine Standards - Supplement 2

Following consultation, the Gambling Commission has published our proposed gaming machine standards supplement 2, which sets out changes to the category C speed of play and game links section of the Machine Standards Category C and complex Category D.

5. Gaming machines seized in Southampton area

A multi-agency operation involving the Gambling Commission (the Commission) has led to seven gaming machines being removed from premises in Southampton.

6. Investigation into illegal betting in Hayes

A 65 year-old man from Uxbridge has been cautioned following an investigation into illegal betting in Hayes.

The man was cautioned under section 37 of the Gambling Act 2005, following an operation which centred on an alcohol licensed premises in Hayes and involved officers from the Gambling Commission and the Metropolitan Police.

7. Fees consultation workshop

The fees consultation has now been published and can be found on the DCMS website.

There is a consultation workshop taking on place on Friday 29 May at the DCMS offices on Cockspur Street, London. We anticipate the workshop will run from 11.00am until 3.30pm. If you are interested in attending please contact [Jessica Loveland](#) at the Gambling Commission.

8. Annual fees deadlines coming up

The bulk of the Gambling Commission's annual fee collections happen August – October, so licence holders should be aware that their annual fee may be due shortly.

Operators whose licence was granted on 1 September 2007 will be required to pay their next annual fee by 31 August 2009 at the latest. We will be sending out letters to all our licence holders in due course, saying when their annual fee is due, how much and how to pay.

If a licence holder needs to update their details before then, or anything about their business has changed, please let us know through our notification of change or application to vary a licence forms.