

## Sports Betting Intelligence Unit terms of reference

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### 1 Introduction

1.1 In the summer of 2009 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) established a Sports Betting Integrity Panel (the Panel), bringing together experts from the betting industry, the police, players, fans, Sports Governing Bodies (SGBs), the legal profession and the Gambling Commission (the Commission), to make recommendations as to the design and implementation of an integrated strategy to uphold integrity in sport and associated betting. One set of the recommendations of the Panel's report concerned the Commission, building on its existing work, establishing a Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU)<sup>1</sup>. The Commission welcomed this recommendation and the SBIU is operational. This document sets out the terms of reference for the SBIU, based on the recommendations of the Panel.

### 2 Terms of Reference

2.1 The terms of reference for the SBIU are:

- The SBIU will produce intelligence products to inform investigative decision making on the prosecution or disruption of criminal offences (eg cheating) or regulatory action under the Gambling Act. Where relevant and appropriate, these intelligence products may be made available to third parties to assist disciplinary action.<sup>2</sup> The intelligence products will also inform strategic analysis on Sports Betting Integrity issues.
- The SBIU will focus upon collecting and analysing information and intelligence relating to potentially criminal activity in respect of sports betting, where that activity:
  - relates to a sporting event that occurred in Great Britain, and/ or
  - involves parties based within Great Britain, and/ or
  - occurred with a Gambling Commission licensed operator.
- The SBIU will undertake targeted monitoring of betting on specific events and by specific individuals. It will not undertake general, pre-emptive monitoring of betting markets or sporting events. This remains the role of betting operators and sports governing bodies respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> The report can be found at

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/reports\\_sports\\_betting\\_integrity\\_panel.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/reports_sports_betting_integrity_panel.pdf). Recommendations 1.12-1.15 of chapter one concern the SBIU.

<sup>2</sup> A criminal investigation for cheating may be undertaken by the Commission, police or jointly as appropriate. Regulatory action may be taken by the Commission against one of its licensees. Disciplinary action may be taken by a SGB under a sports rule or by a betting operator against an employee. Other disruptive action may be taken by any of the parties.

- The SBIU will act as the Commission's gateway for sports betting intelligence matters by establishing national and international channels of communication for the receipt and dissemination of information and intelligence with relevant partners.
- The SBIU will undertake debriefings of sports betting integrity cases conducted by the Commission and partners to develop and share knowledge, working practices and techniques.

### **3 Further information**

- 3.1** If you would like more information about the SBIU please consult the Commission's website ([www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk](http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk)) or contact the enquiries line (0121 230 6666).
- 3.2** If you have information concerning illegal gambling activity that you would like to report please contact the Commission on our confidential intelligence line on 0121 230 6655.

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