

New report on priorities for gambling research

The Office of Responsible Gambling now has a comprehensive analysis of gambling research gaps, thanks to a research gap analysis conducted by Flinders University.

The gap analysis identified the need for research on the attitudes, behaviours, adverse consequences, and needs of low to moderate risk gamblers, at-risk populations, family and significant others, and the wider community. Other research priority areas include online gambling, sports betting, and the migration from simulated gambling to gambling for money.

Findings from the report will inform the commissioning of research by the Office in 2019/20, with work already underway to address areas identified in the gap analysis. The Office has recently awarded \$1.6 million in grants for research and technological innovation projects through the Responsible Gambling Fund and has also commissioned new research into the effectiveness of the Responsible Conduct of Gambling training.

The findings of the gap analysis support the focus areas of the Office's three year research agenda, which are:

- long term efficacy and effectiveness of treatments
- what works in prevention and harm minimisation
- emerging technologies and new trends
- attitudes and behaviours towards gambling in vulnerable or target groups
- gambling prevalence and understanding and measuring harm
- support for policy development and regulatory effectiveness

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