

**GBG Members' Teams Meeting held on
Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 11.00am**

		<u>ACTIONS</u>
1.	<u>Dave Richardson (Better Change) Presentation attached</u> PH introduced Dave Richardson who talked through their soon to be launched Positive Player Zone site, which has been developed with support from Bet Victor and Entain. The PPZ is an additional tool to operators' existing Safer Gambling Information, and which will help inform and educate consumers on positive play. Dave advised that the 3rd cohort of Regulatory Compliance Officer level 4 apprenticeships would start in Sept and that additional Apprenticeships were being launched (see slide 10), which are either 95% or 100% funded by the Apprenticeship Levy. Contact Dave if you are interested in either product david@better-change.org	
2.	<u>Matters brought forward from the last meeting – 15 April 2026</u> • There were no declarations of interest • All actions from the last meeting have been dealt with. No actions were outstanding, and no matters were brought forward. • Apologies were all noted	
3.	<u>Feedback from recent GC Operators Forum</u> GC is seeking suggestions of ways to reduce the regulatory burdens. Please send in suggestions to Charlotte. GBG will submit a response by the end of Sept. A members raised the example of the difficulties of having very specific dates on regulatory returns. <u>The GC has prepared a draft MLRA4.</u> - the next steps are to share a draft of the MLRA with select industry bodies. This is not to invite debate on risk scores but to provide opportunity for any clarifications prior to publication. Noted the recent ML regulation changes (euro thresholds changed to sterling; changes to high-risk countries and changes to large and complex transactions).	
4.	<u>Legislation and Regulation Update</u> <u>Bingo/Cat D consultations</u>	

	Both responses expected in “due course”. DCMS has dispensation to publish after summer recess if they don’t publish before. Noted that as drafted the proposal would mean that variations would be needed to change from a bingo to AGC licence. There is no such variation process in planning. <u>Gambling Impact Assessments (GIAs)</u> Increasing pressure on Government to implement these, although DCMS is alert to the need to progress the bingo changes first. The Minister Ian Murray responded to a PQ this week stating <i>“The Government will bring GIAs into force in due course and is currently considering what preparations and guidance will be needed for their introduction, to enable local authorities to use them effectively. As this guidance is crucial to the introduction of GIAs, we do not expect to bring GIAs into force until the guidance is ready. We do not anticipate bringing GIAs into force ahead of summer recess but expect them to be place by the end of the year.”</i> GC is expected to consult on updates to the statutory Guidance to Licensing Authorities starting this summer, with GIA guidance included as part of that. It’s not clear if there will also be separate GIA guidance for industry. <u>Illegal machines</u> GC has advised LAs to be alert to the fact they are finding more illegal machines on their high street visits and encouraged them to check that their licensees are meeting al legal requirements. <u>GMTS update</u> The machines group would convene soon to discus the GC’ s GMTS update (circulated to Members on 2 July. <u>Operator Fees</u> Please let us know what impact the re-banding and 25% increase has had on your businesses. To find out whether the GC will automatically move operators into the new banding or if operators are expected to apply (and pay) to move.	Action CM
5.	GBG Strategy update The GBG quarterly update on the Strategy is attached to the minutes.	
6.	Responsible Gambling Charter There were no updates. PH noted thanks to CM for her work on a draft Social Responsibility Framework for the pub sector, on behalf f the BBPA&UKH , which will be discussed at their next machines group.	
7.	Any Other Business Noted that following the publication of the recent Social Market Foundation report, the industry was discussing their collective	

	response, as well as bilateral pieces of work in relation to specific sectors. Members stressed that cross industry working was important. Andrew Cotton provided examples of the impact of increased taxes in other countries.	
8.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The date of the next Teams meeting is <u>Wednesday 21 October 2026 at 11.00 am</u>. CM will send out a calendar invite for the next meeting.	Action CM

List of attendees:

Anna Davies	Better Change
Rob Mabbett	Better Change
David Richardson	Better Change
Rhodri Evans	Boomerang Digital
Pete Fagg	Boomerang Digital
Brendan Cosgrave	Boylesports
Ross Whitfield	Boylesports
Howard Chisholm	BTC
Reynolds, Simon	Buzz Bingo
Moore, Samuel	Buzz Bingo
Andrea Rushworth	Crown Leisure
Neil McCartney	Crown Leisure
Roz Sage	Dransfield
Matthew Stadius	Entain
Sarah Hill	Evoke
Laura Lovell	Evoke
Robert Mace	Evoke
Jason Sharp	Evoke
Alex Bristow	Evoke
Nindi Dhanjal	Game Nation
Mark Jepp	Game Nation
Peter Hannibal	GBG
Charlotte Meller	GBG
Steve Sharp	GBG
Gavin O'Neill	Greene King
Debbie Bollard	Hough & Bollard
Alina Zwicklbauer	IGT
Thomas Trabi	IGT
Sharon White	IGT
Andy D Bullock	Innovative Technology
Simon Ainge	Inseinc
Amos Davis	Inseinc
Lee Jefferson	Inseinc
Craig Taylor	Inseinc

Andrew Cotton
German, Stuart
Paul Monkman
Maxwell Gawryla
Huw Lewis
Martin Quinn
Imogen Moss
Robert Luckwell
Mark Purdy
Quentin Stott
Louisa Clark
Richard Nokes
Steve Jones
Dave Newman

Irwin Mitchell
Light & Wonder
Luxury Leisure
Novomatic
Playnation Genda
Playnation Genda
Poppleston Allen
Punch Pubs
Reflex Gaming
Reflex Gaming
Ruleplay
Ruleplay
Stonegate
Welcome Break