

GBG NEWSLETTER - 9TH AUGUST 2023



ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE OF LICENSING (IOL)

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Building on the relationship between GBG and the IOL we are pleased to be presenting at two forthcoming IOL events:

- Peter is speaking at the IOL's Gambling Conference at the Hippodrome on 11 September, alongside other speakers including Sarah Fox Deputy Director of Gambling from DCMS and (Popleston & Allen).
- We have 2 sessions at the IOL's National Training Event in Stratford on 16th November which will focus on how gambling premises can benefit local communities.

The July edition of the [IOL's Journal of Licensing](#) featured Charlotte's article "*Gambling and the statement of Principles – where LAs get it wrong*" and Charlotte's article "*Once in a generation reform can't be gambled with*" was published in the [Summer edition of the IOL's Link magazine](#)

UPDATE FROM GORDON MOODY

Matthew Hickey CEO of Gordon Moody recently presented to the GBG's Land Based Responsible Gambling Group and has followed it up with an update for all GBG members. It's been a busy year for Gordon Moody since they helped launch the GBG's Responsible Gambling Charter at ICE in February. They have expanded and are offering new and increased services for those with a severe gambling addiction. During the last financial year, they saw applications rise from 619 to 885, an increase of 43%. Gordon Moody's pre-support sessions increased by 200% and their wrap-around programme went from strength to strength with an increase in one-to-one and group sessions. Meanwhile, their end-to-end treatment services and their Retreat & Counselling (R&C) programmes both saw improvements in PGSI and CORE-10 scores. Further information is available in its recently published [Data Insights Report 2022/2023](#).

Gordon Moody have just opened a new residential women's service in Wolverhampton, are offering new services in Manchester, and more people than ever are accessing the R&C services. However, the people who are coming through the doors have more complex needs and their numbers are increasing year-on-year. The cost-of-living crisis brings its own challenges, and Gordon Moody expects this to have an impact

on those accessing their treatment services. Read more about their achievements and future plan in a LinkedIn article [What a busy year it's been ...](#)

WELCOME GERALD

We are delighted to welcome Gerald Gouriet KC to the Gambling Business Group – bringing a wealth of experience of the Gambling Act to the GBG Licensing Group.

KEY GBG MEETINGS DURING AUGUST

10 August – GBG Machines Group (focusing on the DCMS & GC WP consultations)

14 August – DCMS data request meeting (**Note:** this meeting is subject to change as we have yet to receive the DCMS's 'intent & purpose' regarding their machines data request)

14 August – GBG Exec meeting with Gambling Commission to discuss its WP consultation

15 August – GBG Licensing Group (focusing on the DCMS & GC WP consultations)

30 August – GBG Exec bi-monthly catch up with DCMS land based team

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