

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## Cross Party Group Details

### Cross Party Group Title:

Gambling Related Harm - Cross Party Group

## Group membership and office holders

### Name of Group Chair:

Jane Dodds MS

### Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Jenny Rathbone MS

John Griffiths MS

Delyth Jewell MS

Darren Millar MS

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

### Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Cheryl Williams, Adferiad

### Names of other external members and organisations represented:

- Anthony - Lived Experience
- Stephanie Barnhouse – WG

- Steven Bunting - Church in Wales
- Simon Dymous - Swansea University
- Wynford Ellis Owen - The Living Room, Cardiff
- Sarah Flourentzou - Recovery 4 All
- Katie Fry - Citozen's Advice
- Oliver John - Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Sarah Lou Grant - Lived Experience
- Bev John - Church in Wales
- Shannan Jones - DCAB
- Jacob Kendal - DCAB
- Mathew King - WG
- Dee Lally-Osborne - Beat the odds
- Karren Ozzati - WCADA
- Rob Palmiz - Citizen's Advice
- Gareth Roderique Davies - University of South Wales
- Sam Robinson - YGAM
- Gethin Rhys - Cytûn - Churches Together in Wales
- Nick Shapley - Beat the Odds
- Marina Smith - GamCare
- Caitlin Tempest - CARCT
- Robbie Thornhill - Recovery 4 All
- Diana Yorath - Recovery 4 All
- Simon Dymond - Recovery 4 All

- Andy Todd - RCA Trust

## Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

### Meeting 1

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#### Date of Meeting:

8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

#### Attendees:

Jane Dodds MS; Jenny Rathbone MS; Ryland Doyle; Lee Gonzalez; Ieuan Parry; Simon Dymond; Dr Jamie Torrance; Cheryl Williams; Helen Erswell; Robbie Thornhill

#### Summary of the issues discussed:

Helen Erswell – Public Health Wales, gave an update on the Statutory levy - 50% to Treatment Services, 20% to research UKRI and 30% to Prevention. £110million in total. There is no NHS clinic in Wales at the moment, a pathway group is to be set up April 2025. No clarification on how much of the levy will come into Wales. Welsh Government will hold the money for Treatment. Focus on Prevention – currently no provider has been named as the prevention commissioner. Action Points include inviting Sarah Murphy MS to the next meeting, crafting a cross party letter to the CS for Health, crafting a proposal to the Business Committee for a members' debate or an opposition debate on Gambling Harms, writing to the chair of the Sports Committee.

### Meeting 2

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#### Date of Meeting:

1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

#### Attendees:

Jane Dodds MS; Helen Erswell; Dr Jamie Torrance; Simon Dymond; Ieuan Parry; Ffion Price; Robbie Thornhill; Cheryl Williams; Tegan Waites

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

ARA gave an update on their early integration with NHSE. Helen Erswell gave an update in regard to the Statutory Levy; Treatment and prevention to sit with NHSE & PHW. Commission a pathway for the whole of Wales. Identify what services are needed and then identify Stakeholder groups. Integration between Scotland, England and Wales. DCMS – Waiting for regulation on where the money can be spent. Actions taken to write a letter to the chair of the health boards to create a link in for Adferiad and ARA, attend GambleAware event in the Senedd with GambleAware 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, pledge of the APPG on Gambling to be shared from Ffion, offer introduction to the CPG armed forces group.

**Meeting 3**

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**Date of Meeting:**

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

**Attendees:**

Jane Dodds MS; Cheryl Williams; Ieuan Parry; Simon Dymond; Tegan Waites; Theano Ntoko; Sarah Evans; Dean Cawsey; Helen Erswell

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

Presentation by Dr Jamie Torrence which included some key points. Loophole exploitation and decoy brands in televised sports - Bewtin360.tv Leovegas.news Links back to the gambling website. Free offers and the miscomprehension, they often come with complicated conditions. From December 2025, the Gambling commission new regulations around predatory conditions. Points to consider: What can the Welsh Gov do in terms of advertising and a watershed ban. Impact on children and young people. Advertising on sports events. Contact local authorities in regard to the banning of advertising in bus shelters. Support to Adferiad and ARA and the location of a specific centre in Wales for people experiencing Gambling Harms. Actions - Motion for a debate in the Senedd. Preamble to be put together with key points and put to the group. Supporting letters for Dr Jamie Torrence. Link in with Bristol Council who have banned advertising in bus stops.

**Meeting 4**

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**Date of Meeting:**

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Attendees:**

Jane Dodds MS; Helen Erswell; Dr Jamie Torance; Simon Dymond; Ieuan Parry; Sarah Evans; Will Smeeton; Cheryl Williams; Tegan Waites; Lee Gonzalez

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

Proposal on Gambling Motion, sent over to attendees. – open for discussion/feedback. Only one response back from the Swansea Health board. Jane to re-write another letter to CEO. Extend invite to new members – Charlotte Thomas. Jane to write to British heart foundation, for a meeting to discuss sponsorship of CPR training.

**Meeting 5**

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**Date of Meeting:**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Attendees:**

Jane Dodds MS; Cheryl Williams; Ieuan Parry; Simon Diamond, Tegan Waites, Dean Cawsey, Jamie Torrance

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

Annual General Meeting. Confirmation of Chair as Jane Dodds MS. Confirmation of Secretary as Cheryl Williams of Adferiad. Discussion regarding the need to press for opposition debate with Lee Gonzalez, next meeting confirmation of this.

**Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.**

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

**Name of Organisation:**

GambleAware

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## Annual Financial Statement

**Cross Party Group Title:**

Gambling Related Harms – Cross Party Group

**Date:**

17/10/25

**Name of Chair:**

Jane Dodds MS

**Name of Secretary and Organisation:**

Cheryl Williams, Adferiad

Title	Description	Amount
<b>Group’s Expenses</b>	None	None
<b>Costs of all goods</b>	None	None
<b>Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies</b>	None	None
<b>Any financial support or other support.</b>	None	None
<b>Total</b>		<b>£0.00</b>

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for by donations received.

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
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<b>Total</b>		<b>£0.00</b>