









Drinking & Gambling

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Beat the Odds was an initiative set up to raise awareness of excessive gambling and help those for whom it cost more than money.

Achievements:

Helped over 100 clients across Wales with gambling issues

Partnered with the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation Melbourne Australia

Campaigned to reduce the Fixed Odd Betting Terminal stake from £100 to £2



4 Annual Conferences with expert speakers from across the globe

The first Youth Forum in Wales

Produced and disseminated academic research

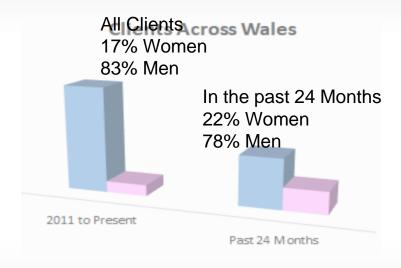
Featured on TV, radio and in the press

Cross Party Support from MPs & AMs (including Carolyn Harris, Diane Abbott, Tom Watson)

Representation at a Cross Party group on Problem Gambling - Welsh Government

126 clients across Wales with gambling issues





Gambling Adverts

















How about these?









Examples of shows sponsored by the gambling industry?



I'm a Celebrity



Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway

Jeremy Kyle



Loose Women



The Chase















...but there's nothing to lose...

Plenty more celebrity endorsements...



...and encouragement to bet on sports

The industry often targets the following people:



• Children, young people and students



 People at home during the day who may be vulnerable or lonely



People who watch sport



Through advertisements and celebrity endorsements



How about alcohol?







People who are lonely or vulnerable





Celebrity Endorsement









Sport







Suicide Prison Physical or mental Family conflicts/ health problems breakdown No time for things Job-related other things problems

Low self esteem Self-disgust

Reality for some



So what advice does the industry give?

WHEN THE STOPS STOP

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How?



Drink Responsibly

Guidelines:



Our clients have gone passed the ability to self regulate.

They need professional help.

At the Living Room Cardiff we offer:



One to One Counselling

Therapeutic Relationship (develop with the client)

Identify any Adverse Childhood Experiences

Create tailored treatment using some of the following:

Motivational Interviewing (MI) (the way clients view their addiction)

Relapse Prevention (Identify triggers)
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) (forming healthier coping strategies)

12 Step Approach

NB. Clients with gambling problems are also given our booklet 'HELP YOURSELF' (A self-help guide to overcoming gambling problems)



At the Living Room Cardiff we offer:







Interpersonal Group Therapy



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Group Belonging and Acceptance

Identification (feelings and emotions gaining a greater understanding of themselves and others)

Communication skills

Coping Skills

Enhanced problem-solving

Development Recovery Community (Improved relationships)

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Community
Telephone Support
Service

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Nationwide Support

Additional Support for Living Room clients

Re-engaging with previous clients

Improves Therapeutic Relationship



At the Living Room Cardiff we offer:



Opportunities



Group Therapy



Community Telephone Support Service

Retreats

Who accesses our services?



If a client does not deal with their underlying issues then ...

Whack a Mole



Conclusions

Commercial influences and societal norms lead us to a false sense of what is 'responsible'.

The onus on regulation lies with the individual rather than the industries.

Addiction is a symptom of an underlying problem, so people with gambling, alcohol or any other addiction need to seek treatment to deal with that problem – failure to do so may lead to other addictions or issues.











Questions

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