

## STAR GAMBLING SURVEY 2016

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016 the STAR Team carried out a sample survey of people who came into their offices, asking if they had any issues with gambling.

Of the 46 respondents who took part, 21 said that they had a problem with gambling – 46%

There were around 10 to 13 respondents from each STAR area, part from St Matthews, where there were only 3.

### THE FINDINGS

- The majority of people who said that they had a problem with gambling were in the Saffron area – more than 50% of all responses.

### RESPONSES BY STAR AREA

STAR team	NO GAMBLING PROBLEM	GAMBLING PROBLEM	GRAND TOTAL
Beaumont Leys	9	1	10
Braunstone and City	7	3	10
New Parks	6	4	10
Saffron	2	11	13
St Matthews and Highfields	1	2	3
Grand Total	25	21	46

### AGE BAND

- Most respondents were in the 25 to 50 age band, although a significant number were in the older 50+ age group.

AGE BAND	RESPONDENTS
18 to 25	1
25to 50	11
50 to 65	7
65+	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## ETHNICITY

- The majority of respondents with gambling issues were in the 'white British' ethnic group.

	ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH INDIAN	BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH CARIBBEAN	OTHER	WHITE BRITISH	WHITE OTHER	Grand Total
Count of Ethnic	1	1	1	17	1	21

## GENDER

- Most respondents with a gambling problem were male – 70%.

	FEMALE	MALE	Grand Total
Count of gender	6	15	21

## HOUSEHOLD TYPE

- Most respondents with a gambling problem were single – 67%

	COUPLE	COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	OAP 55+	SINGLE 25 – 54	Grand Total
Count of Household Type	3	2	2	14	21

## METHODS OF GAMBLING

- Most people with a gambling habit gambled in person, rather than on-line.

HOW DO YOU GAMBLE	RESPONSES
In Person	17
Online	4
Grand Total	21

## DISTANCE TRAVELLED TO GAMBLE

- All respondents travelled no further than half a mile to gamble.

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO GAMBLE	RESPONSES
Half to five miles	9
Home	3
Within half a mile	9
Grand Total	21

## WHERE DO YOU GAMBLE

- Just over 50% of those with a gambling issue gambled in a betting shop.
- Scratch cards and lottery were the second largest source of gambling

WHERE DO YOU GAMBLE	RESPONSES
Betting Shop	12
Bingo	1
Online	2
Scratch Cards/Lottery	6
Grand Total	21

## Experiences of those who said that they had a gambling problem

Respondents who said that they had a gambling problem were asked to describe the impact of gambling on their lives.

- The amounts of money spent on gambling varied from £4 to £250 a week, but even at the lower end, because many of the respondents appeared to be on lower incomes, these still had significant effects on their day to day ability to maintain their household.
- Six of the 21 respondents specifically mentioned their gambling habit meaning they could not afford food.
- Impacts ability to pay bills, on health, crime (shoplifting to support a habit), debt, relationships and maintaining tenancy were also mentioned by respondents.
- 13 of the respondents talked about the addiction having a significant negative impact on their lives.

**Distribution of respondents to STAR's gambling survey  
by postcode**

