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Addressing workplace gambling

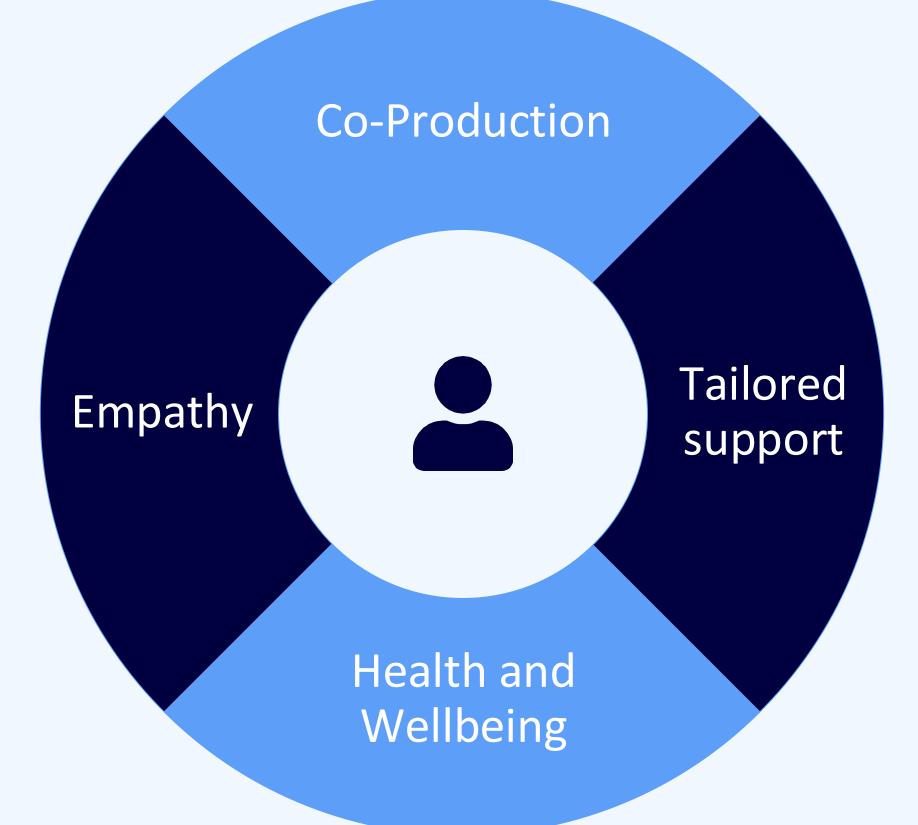
Introduction to Betknowmore UK and Worksafe

A workplace wellbeing initiative addressing gambling related harms









Person-centred approach

What are we trying to achieve?





Our mission is to raise awareness of gambling harms in the workplace and provide









Wellbeing Service Provider of the Year

BetKnowMore UK



Bet You Know Someone who Gambles

Gambling is available 24/7

27% of employees have been gambling while at work within the last four weeks (Gambling Commission 2023)

There is a strong alliance with the media and professional sport industries

of working age are in at-risk or harmful gambling England)

Over 1 million people identified as engaging (2021 Health Survey for





In June 2021, a Finance Manager was sentenced to 4 years in prison for stealing £1.3m from his employer. A mum-of-five transferred £111,000 from a pub she was working at into her own account to fund a gambling addiction.

BBC (2024)

A Financial Adviser in Australia stole \$4.4m from clients, family and friends

Moneymanagement.com.au (2025)

Metro (2022)

Manager of pub at Newcastle Racecourse stole £46,000 to bankroll addiction to betting on horses.

Chronicle Live (2020)



Who is affected by gambling?

For every 1 gambler there are 6 to 10 other people affected



Adults have a problem with gambling







(Goodwin et al., 2017)

Affected negatively by another person's gambling

(Public Health England, 2023)

Emergence of the public health approach

"A public health approach is one based on collective action to advance the public good by promoting health, equity, and social justice, and by adopting a broad and populationlevel perspective to gambling harms."

A public health approach to gambling regulation: countering powerful influences (Schalkwyk et al., 2021)



Why the NICE guidelines matter to employers

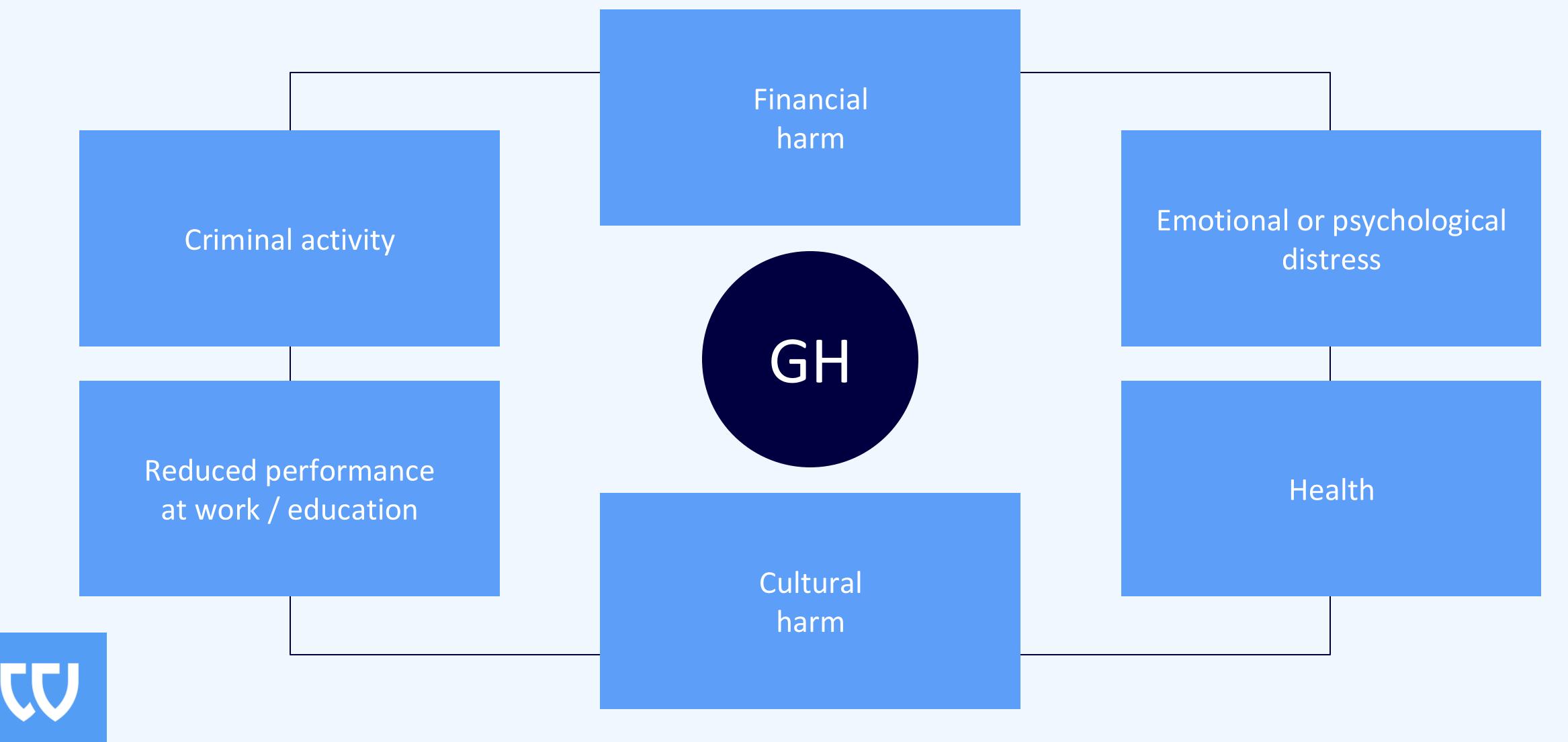
in their employees:

- Mental health concerns, including stress, anxiety, depression etc.
- Alcohol or substance dependence
- At risk of, or experiencing, homelessness
- **Financial concerns**
- Safeguarding issues or violence, including domestic abuse
- Family history of gambling harms or alcohol or substance dependence



Taking inspiration from the NICE guidelines, we are encouraging HR and wellbeing teams to ask about gambling if they notice any of the following

Gambling harm in the workplace



Where's the evidence? Lived Experience Introduction





Clarke Carlisle

Former Premier League Footballer

Former Commentator & Pundit for ITV, BT

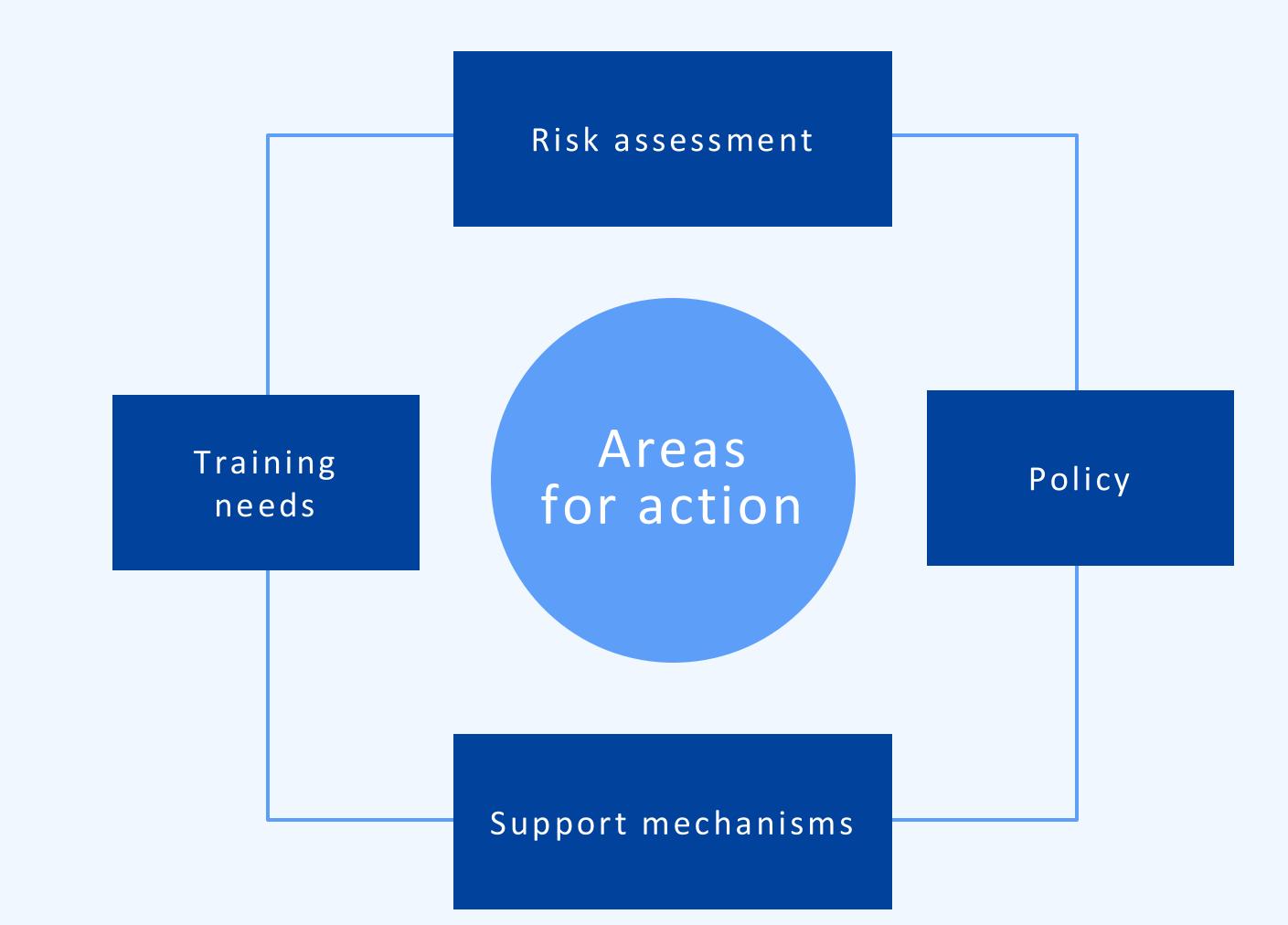
Sport & Absolute Radio

Ambassador for Betknowmore UK, MIND and Lancashire MIND





What could you do in your organisation?





What does the Worksafe programme offer?

Online or in-person training

Lived Experience Sessions

Two-hour workshops as well as bespoke deliveries

Policy consultation

Who will benefit from Worksafe training?

- HR Departments
- Line Managers / SMT
- Health & Safety Leads
- Mental Health Champions
- CSR Leads
- Occupational Health



Information





www.betknowmoreuk.org/help/getting-help





www.linkedin.com/showcase/92938487





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Any Questions?





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