Systematic approach in tackling gambling related harm

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Background legislation

• The Lotteries Act, section 52: Problems caused by participating in lotteries shall be monitored and researched, prevention and treatment developed.

• Monitoring, research, and prevention of gambling related harm as well as treatment development is the responsibility of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

• The Ministry has given the operative task to the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL from 2009, former Stakes and KTL)
Case Finland – some steps by National Institute for Health and Welfare

Coordination starts: focus cooperation, networking

2nd National Preval. Study (SOGS 12-Month, 3+, 3,3%)

Information dissemination begins (www)

Internet based selfhelp: 1st evaluation, programme’s development starts

Report on Finnish treatment system

First youth analysis

Gambling clinic starts: Various services incl helpline (NGO’s, State, Municipalities together)

3rd Preval. Study (SOGS 12-month, 3+, 3,0%)

Material on youth to educators

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Research on age limits

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2 new treatment service developm. projects start

Significant others

Evaluation group for supply risk assessment starts

CBT treatment reasearch starts

4th Prevalence study

Treatment manual + workbook

Service developm. evaluation done

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Competence enhancement: continuous and targeted net based training and support materials for professionals mainly in health and social sector. Seminars, conferences.
Latest research articles…

• This presentation as well as our latest research articles in English:
• http://www.slideshare.net/THLfi/easg-case-finland-mustalampi-38866866
Articles published in English by the research members of THL Problem Gambling Network 2012-2014


