Participant Information Sheet:
Targeting interventions for problem gambling in the ACT

About the researchers:
This research is being carried out by the Centre for Gambling Research (CGR), at the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Australian National University (ANU). Researchers at the CGR will be conducting the interviews for this project. You can find out more about the research team, including the project manager (Tanya Davidson), on our website: http://sociology.cass.anu.edu.au/centre-gambling-research.

General outline of the project:
• The project is designed to find out more about the health and wellbeing, and gambling experiences of people who gamble. We will be conducting interviews with people who completed our 2014 Survey on Gambling, Health and Wellbeing and who agreed that we could re-contact them.
• About 65 people who indicated they were current or past gamblers will be interviewed. Interviews will be carried out in person. However, if you prefer we can interview you over the phone-whatever suits you best.
• The findings will be available on our website and will also be published in academic journal articles, mentioned in student reports/theses and presented at conferences.
• The project is funded by the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission, which is an independent statutory body responsible for regulation of gambling and racing activities in the ACT.
• The findings will inform the ACT government about what people think about gambling and how we might prevent harms arising from gambling.

Participant involvement:
• Taking part is voluntary, you can stop or skip questions at any stage during the interview. Whether or not you do the interview will not affect current or future access to any service providers. You can withdraw your participation without any negative consequences and without providing an explanation, and your recording and data can be deleted at any stage before the work is prepared for publication. You can also have your contact information deleted at any time. To do so please contact the ANU research team.
• The interview will ask you to reflect about your experiences with gambling, your health and wellbeing, and your use of a range of services. If you agree to the interview, we will ask for your consent to record the interview. If we interview you in person, we will ask you to sign a consent form. If we interview you over the phone, we will ask for (and record) your consent before the interview progresses.
• We will schedule a time and location that is convenient for you. It could take 40 to 60 minutes, depending upon your circumstances.
• To show our appreciation, after the interview we will give (or send) you a $50 Woolworths gift voucher.
• The interview includes some sensitive and personal questions about gambling and health but remember you are free to skip any questions you would rather not answer.
• The research has the potential to make a significant contribution to the way services are tailored to engage with people who might be experiencing gambling problems in the ACT.
Confidentiality:
The results may be published in journals and presented at conferences but your individual identity will not be disclosed. We will take great care not to present any information that might be identifying when reporting findings. The confidentiality of information can only be guaranteed as far as the law allows. All interview information will be password protected and held at the Australian National University. Only those researchers directly involved in the research project will be able to access the interview results.

Privacy Notice:
In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can:
- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

Data Storage:
The information you provide will be handled with care. All information collected will be stored under secure password protected conditions at The Australian National University. Your data from the 2014 telephone survey will be stored separate from this current survey. Your data will be allocated a unique identification number so your answers can be linked across surveys. The University is required to keep the data for at least five years after we publish any findings. However, by comparing the findings with future research we can look at how gambling changes over time in the ACT. So the data will prove useful, and be kept securely, for a much longer time period. Only researchers approved by the ANU ethics committee will be able to access the interview data.

Queries, concerns and support:
- If you have any questions or complaints about the study please feel free to contact the ANU research team on 1800 251 880 (freecall). You can also email the Project Manager, Tanya Davidson (Tanya.Davidson@anu.edu.au) or contact the research team by post (Centre for Gambling Research, The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 2601).
- The 2014 Survey on Gambling, Health and Wellbeing is available on the CGR website.
- Counselling information and support for gambling related problems is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phoning 1800 858 858 (freecall) and via an online service http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au/. A more detailed list of support services is also available on this website.

Ethical concerns and queries:
The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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