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Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

National Platform Profile (check-list)

UNITED KINGDOM

	Yes > what / how (procedure, mechanism)?	No > who / which other body does this?
A. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to identifying the treats for society / sport?		
A.1 carrying multidisciplinary and intersectorial “risk assessment” (What are the risks that may be present internally and from external sources)	Yes. We have a risk assessment process that all NP members will contribute to is part of the national platform Strategy Group (Sports Betting Integrity Forum (SBIF) ¹ responsibilities. Risks that are identified by members are progressed through the Forum. The Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU) ² also conducts its own assessments and is currently assessing its processes to better manage reports received.	
A.2 awareness raising (of the issue, of how to recognize it, etc.)	Yes. Key priorities are identified by the SBIF and incorporated into the national action plan . The SBIF also provides good practice advice on their website and host an annual workshop. The SBIU also raise awareness of what they do via both operational support and proactive	

¹ Acronym: Strategy Group (Sports Betting Integrity Forum (SBIF)

² Acronym: Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU)

	engagement with the Sports Betting Group SGBs ³ and other relevant stakeholders	
A.3 other		
B. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to understanding the situation – the problems to be faced?		
B.1 gap analysis (Based on the risks, what is/is not already in place nationally)	Yes. Outcomes of the risk assessment progressed by the SBIF as part of their programme of work.	
B.2 need assessment (What are therefore the needs?)	Risks and issues are discussed and progressed by the SBIF. Quarterly meetings are held. Sub Groups are established to progress specific actions between the quarterly meetings.	
B.3 other		
C. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to deciding the national priorities?		
C.1 identifying and mobilizing national stakeholders (awareness of the NP, involvement of stakeholders, etc.)	Yes. We have the Sports Betting Integrity Action Plan which contains key priority actions against which we publish annual progress reports. The Plan is refreshed on an annual basis.	
C.2 building national strategies and action plans (implementation of priority action, including ratification of the Convention, setting up co-operation and coordination mechanisms, etc.)	This is done via the Gambling Commission (GC) ⁴ - and to some extent via the SBIF, though engagement with DCMS.	
C.3 other		
D. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to cooperating?		
D.1 building trust and confidence (meetings, awareness of each other's tasks and responsibilities)	Yes. Regular meetings are held (quarterly) Sub groups progress actions in between meetings, with individual members given lead responsibility to progress actions via sub groups.	
D.2 education programs (sectorial and cross sectorial,	Yes. Members are encouraged to share best practice on education	

³ Acronym : Sports Betting Group (SBG)

⁴ Acronym : Gambling Commission (GC)

national and international involvement)	(and other areas). Details are shared with others via the SBIF website. SBIU also engage with national and international partners to raise awareness of education as a key part of BI strategies to prevent and deter corruption. Work also undertaken by the SBG and UK Sport. Betting operators also offer some funding to sports trade bodies for education	
<i>D.3 Participating in trans-national mechanisms</i>	SBIU regularly engage with Interpol and Europol. We also work with international federations to provide support for tournaments held in the UK. We provide support to other regulators both in Europe and beyond. We are in regular contact with the Australian integrity unit. We are members of the Group of Copenhagen, and involved in KCOOS+.	
<i>D.4 other</i>		
<i>E. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to coordinating policies / actions / projects?</i>		
<i>E.1 action on improvement / reform processes of the legal framework</i>	GC would only be involved with reform related to the Gambling Act.	This would be undertaken by the relevant Government departments.
<i>E.2 interconnection / bridging between public policies and action</i>		No. This would be undertaken by the relevant Government departments.
<i>E.3 increasing efficiency of individual / sectorial action</i> (support structurally, financially, other ways)		
<i>E.4 establishing / following-up betting regulations</i>	The GC is responsible for all regulation of betting/gambling in Great Britain and is a lead member of the SBIF.	UK Sport and DCMS have limited sports governance controls in place
<i>E.5 encouraging / accompanying sport movement in adopting codes and regulations</i>	This is undertaken by the SBIF. Also the responsibility of the SBG and UK Sport to promote this.	
<i>E.6 discussing with competition organisers / betting operators before an event about suspicious persons, higher risks, bets offered, etc.</i>	This depends on the sport and the profile of the event. High profile international events are offered bespoke priority support via the SBIU Sports are encouraged to liaise with betting operators to gain	

	<p>knowledge about betting markets to assist with risk profiling.</p> <p>SBIU coordinate the sharing of intelligence with relevant stakeholders</p>	
E.7 other		
F. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to monitoring / following up activities?		
F.1 collecting information about persons / activities	Yes via the SBIU	
F.2 centralising / analysing information	Yes via the SBIU	
F.3 reporting suspicious activities (including setting up measures permitting the ability to report safely by persons, protection mechanisms within sport but also within the legal system, reporting mechanisms – involvement in any projects nationally and internationally, what sectors involved)	Betting operators are obliged under their license conditions to report suspicious betting to SBIU (and breaches of betting rule to some sports)	<p>Protection mechanisms - This is undertaken by individual sports.</p> <p>However, the GC does have a confidential hotline and a partnership with Crimestoppers so in theory these could be used by sports participants.</p>
F.4 other		
G. Does the National Platform carry out specific action in order to exchanging information (between members of the NP / with other national or international stakeholders)?		
G.1 maximising exchange of information opportunities according existing legal framework (respect of various types of legislation, any analyses carried out? Is it all unofficial? Personal / sectorial?)	GC and the SBIF have undertaken work to ensure the appropriate legal gateways can be applied to sharing of information between partners. This includes GDPR.	
G.2 organising a “triage process” (deciding what to do with information received? how is it dispatched to the right stakeholder, etc.)	This is done by SBIU.	
G.3 dispatching / passing information on possible infringements of laws or sports regulations (Police, anti-corruption bureau, prosecutors office, disciplinary committees)	This is done by SBIU	
G.4 other		
H. Does the National Platform have competencies to carry		

out specific action related to investigations?		
H.1 criminal investigation competencies	GC can undertake criminal investigations under S42 of the Gambling Act Law enforcement are members of the SBF.	
H.2 non-criminal competencies (administrative, corporate, disciplinary)	SBIU can support SGB investigations that involve betting integrity. SGBs are responsible for pursuing sports investigations	
H.3 other		
I. Does the National Platform have competencies to carry out specific action related to law enforcement / application of sanctions		
I.1 advising public authorities in adapting the legal framework (criminalizing sports manipulations) (links to risks, needs and gaps assessments)	LEA are members of the SBIF The UK does not have a specific offence of match fixing. We do have a suite of other offences that can be used in betting corruption/match fixing cases where criminality is suspected.	Reform of legislation is undertaken by Government (DCMS)
I.2 overseeing / following-up on sanctioning process (criminal, administrative, etc., ensuring coherence between different types of simultaneous procedures.	We have a Triage Process which is invoked in cases where criminality is suspected. This involves arranging an early meeting between stakeholders (SBIU, the relevant SGB, law enforcement and CPS) to agree what actions can be undertaken without jeopardizing investigations.	
I.3 other		
J. OTHER		
J.1 x		