

Press Release

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Players welcome focus on Betting Education

The PPF today welcomed the focus on player education within the report by the Minister for Sport's expert panel on sports betting.

The Minister's Panel, chaired by Rick Parry, concluded that "it is imperative that sports provide regular education and communication programmes on sports betting integrity to all competitors and participants"

In August 2007 the PPF published its Code on Sports Betting which said there was an urgent need for a comprehensive, well-funded education programme for all players.

Brendon Batson MBE, Chairman of the PPF said,

"An effective player education programme must form the foundation of any plans to promote sporting integrity. We look forward to working with all the stakeholders in a constructive manner to help implement these recommendations."

Notes for Editors

1. The Minister for Sport's expert panel on sports betting published its report on 1 February 2010.
2. Simon Barker, a director of the PPF, was the players representative on the Minister's expert panel.
3. For more information please call Simon Taylor, general secretary of the PPF, on 07726 627422.