

# Preventing harms – gambling and the cost-of-living

## [Presentation slides](#)



Jo Evans

### **Greater Manchester Combined Authority**

Jo has over 10 years' experience in the public and third sector across a wide range of policy issues. Jo is leading Greater Manchester's ground-breaking gambling harms programme, taking a whole system public health approach to address inequalities and improve health and wellbeing for our residents.

## **GREATER MANCHESTER** **DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY**

In Greater Manchester we are thinking differently about gambling harms. Gambling is often described as a hidden harm, but we now know that one in 15 Greater Manchester residents experience gambling related harms, with serious consequences for not only the person who gambles, but for their friends and family. Through the Communities Addressing Gambling Harms initiative, the GMCA has supported 13 community and voluntary sector projects to lead the way in developing new approaches to prevent and reduce harms. Additionally, the programme is working with partners to improve access to and quality of specialist treatment and support for people experiencing the negative impacts of gambling.



Beth Sammut

### **Deal Me Out**

Beth has previously worked for mental health services within the NHS and secondary schools across Greater Manchester. Beth is currently the Head of External Affairs for Deal Me Out CIC, recently Beth has led their current project funded by Greater Manchester Combined Authority, The Patchwork Programme. Outside of work Beth also volunteers for Baguley Athletic Football Club as their Head of Community Operations.



### **Deal Me Out**

Deal Me Out is proud to deliver the national education and gambling harms awareness programme for Wales. We aim to reduce the adverse impact of gambling on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, communities, and society through education, prevention, and support. We do this by bringing education and training to the population about gambling and gaming-related harms and giving people the tools to help themselves and others. Driven by lived experience and available in English and Welsh, we can deliver in-person and remote workshops. Our work also extends to Greater Manchester. The Patchwork Programme which has been funded by GMCA, supports women in Greater Manchester who have been affected by gambling harm either through addiction or as an affected other. The programme has been designed and delivered by women.