

# DR CRYSTAL FULTON IMPACT JOURNEY

The impact of gambling on individuals and society in ireland

Dr Fulton's study of the social impact of problem gambling in Ireland has helped drive the conversation around an issue that negatively affects between 224,000 and 440,000 people

### 2007

### INPUTS

Funding from the Irish Research Council

Existing knowledge

The challenge: Harmful gambling negatively affects hundreds of thousands of people in Ireland

### ACTIVITIES

Two-year exploration of social impact of harmful gambling

In-depth interviews with stakeholders, including addiction counsellors, recovering gamblers, and gamblers' social connections

Focus group with gambling industry representatives



### OUTPUTS

Published the first national study of harmful gambling in Ireland (two additional publications in press)

Unique focus on measuring the social impact of harmful gambling (on families and communities, for example), beyond simply 'counting' gamblers

Identified a need for updated legislation, planned services, and open discussion to dispel the stigma

### OUTCOMES

Follow-up study by Dr Fulton to drive legislative change, funded by Dept of Justice & Equality

Invited to address the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice & Equality, and featured in Parliamentary Questions

Included in EU-hosted conference on

controlling gambling
Wide, ongoing press coverage

Delivered seminars to two addiction counsellors' groups





# POLITICAL

increased understanding

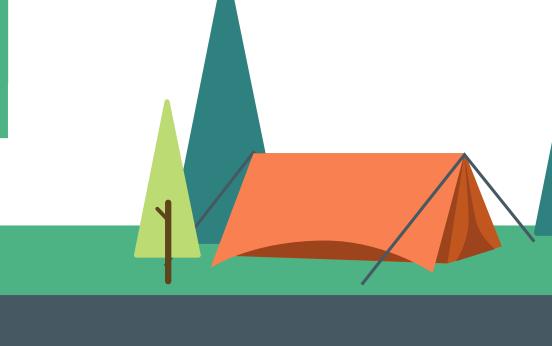
Influenced debate and

Gambling Control Bill 2018 introduced and entered Stage Two of review

## SOCIETAL

Improved wellbeing via new and improved interventions, for example:

- Children's programming to address gambling problems in sports
   Informed counselling
- services for those affected



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