

# Gambling Related Harms

Scrutiny panel

## Licensing

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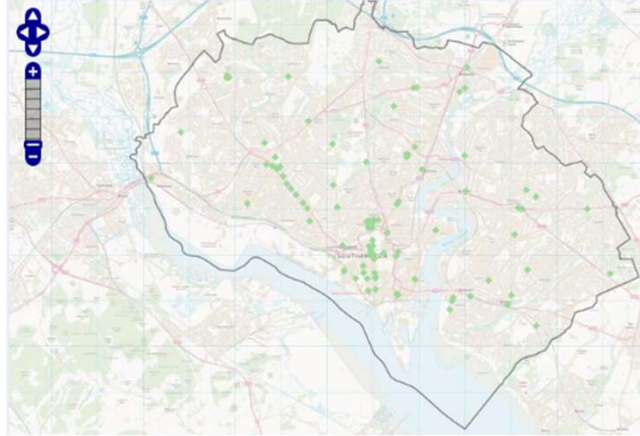
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## Overview of Gambling Premises in Southampton

Adult Gaming Centres (Arcades)	9
Alcohol Licensed premises (ALP) permits (over 2 machines)	27
ALP notifications (up to 2 machines)	70
Betting premises (Bookies)	24
Bingo Club premises	4
Casinos	3
Club Gaming Permits (also allows poker to be played with few limits)	3
Club Machine Permit (As per gaming permit but with more restrictions)	8
Family Entertainment Centres (Arcades with low level machines children allowed to use, think of seaside arcades)	1
Small Society Lotteries (Charitable, limited to £20K or no more than £250K in a year for multiples draws)	50

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## Map of Licensed Gambling in Southampton



## Regulating Gambling

- **Gambling Commission guidance on enforcement is “Ensure compliance.”**
- **Different approaches are required depending on the type of activity.**
- **Applications are carefully examined to ensure compliant.**
- **Very few complaints, only one in 2024 which was not founded**
- **2013/14 worked with Gambling Commission to stop unlawful poker on premises in city and other areas in the region.**
- **2017 work in Eastleigh unearthed an illegal lottery in a pub that had a jackpot of over £10,000. Sent messages to venues at risk of this and conduct compliance visits. This continues to be an issue we come across but no repeat offenders or on the scale seen in Eastleigh.**
- **2021 to 2024 lead nationally on combatting underage use of gaming machines in pubs.**
- **Premises inspections carried out**

## Statement of Licensing Principles

- Latest document increases influence of Public Health
- Identifies and re-emphasises areas of risk for operators
- Working with Public Health and partners on identifying areas where there is gambling harm within the city.

## Summary

**Gambling is a source of entertainment that has risks**

**Southampton has a strong history of obtaining compliance**

**We currently have no information to support illegal gambling activity is taking place.**

**When we have found illegal activity, it is nearly always out of ignorance and resolved quickly**

**A significant proportion of the population enjoy gambling safely**

**We need to maintain a balanced approach to gambling, too slack and problems will occur. Too strict will drive gambling to areas where there is less or no control.**

**We need to improve how we obtain data on problem gambling within the city**

**Intention to work closer with venues on identifying risks and highlighting support services.**