Bury Council

Gambling Harms Prevention in Bury

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What is the Gambling Levy

The statutory gambling levy was introduced in **April 2025**, replacing the previous voluntary funding system from gambling operators. It creates an independent and sustainable source of funding to reduce gambling-related harm across Great Britain.

The levy is collected by the Gambling Commission and is expected to generate around **£100-120 million per year** for gambling harm activity. [gov.uk], [england.nhs.uk], [gov.uk]

Area	% of Levy	Lead Organisation	Purpose
Treatment	50%	NHS England	Clinical treatment, recovery support and specialist services
Prevention	30%	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)	Public health prevention, awareness, community programmes
Research	20%	UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the Gambling Commission	Independent research and evidence generation

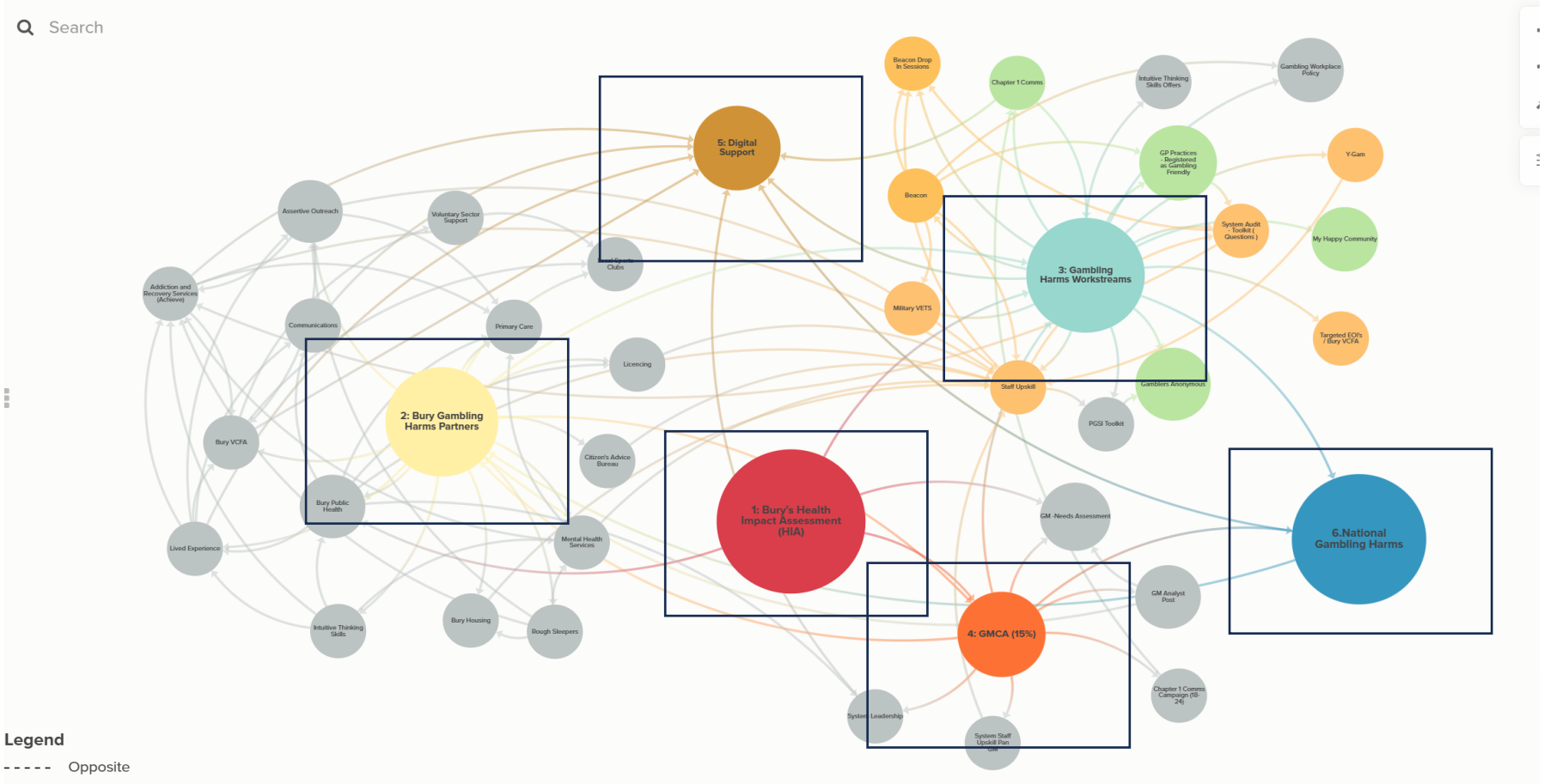
Gambling Burden locally

Using the most recent ONS estimate for Bury's population of 198,921 (2024), we can apply the England prevalence estimates to estimate the potential burden locally. [ons.gov.uk], [ons.gov.uk]

Calculations based on Bury population = 198,921.

Inequality Theme	Potential Impact of Gambling Harms
Deprivation	Gambling harms are often concentrated in more disadvantaged communities, exacerbating financial hardship and poverty.
Mental Health	Gambling harms are associated with anxiety, depression, stress and poorer wellbeing.
Financial	Can contribute to debt, rent arrears, food insecurity and reduced household resilience.
Families	Harms can affect family relationships, parental wellbeing and wider household outcomes.
Employment	Financial pressures and poor mental health may impact employment and productivity.
Suicide Prevention	Gambling-related harms can contribute to crisis situations and increased risk of self-harm and suicide.
Inclusion Health	Some vulnerable populations may experience barriers to accessing support and advice.

Bury's Gambling Harms, Digital "one stop shop"



The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Champion gambling harms as a significant health inequalities issue.
- Advocate for gambling harms prevention within partner organisations and strategic plans.
- Cascade awareness through organisational networks and governance structures.
- Encourage all partner organisations to participate in workforce training and awareness activity.