

# **PHS Knowledge Services Gambling Harms Bulletin – October 2025**

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relating to gambling harms**

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## About this bulletin

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## Recent journal articles

### Highlights

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