Problem Gambling and Family Violence in Help-Seeking Populations: Co-Occurrence, Impact and Coping

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Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm (Please arrive 10 mins before)
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Catering: Light lunch
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Overview:
This research outlines the results of a two-phase investigation of co-existing problem gambling and family/whānau violence in New Zealand. Participants were a self-selected sample of new clients (or existing clients of less than 3 months) at national gambling treatment services – gamblers and affected others.

The most common type of violence reported was verbal abuse, occurring between intimate partners. Half of all participants reporting being victims of family/whānau violence, and 44% perpetrators. Generally gamblers under-estimated the impact of their gambling behaviour on family/whānau members.

Presenter:
Dr Maria Bellringer is a Senior Research Fellow and Associate Director of the Gambling and Addictions Research Centre at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. Dr Bellringer has almost 25 years’ experience in research, project and staff management. Although her background is in toxicology with a PhD in biochemistry, the past 11 years have been in the gambling arena. Dr Bellringer has written several successful grant applications, has been principal or named investigator on numerous gambling research projects, on varied topics, within New Zealand, and has been a named investigator or collaborator on several international projects.

She is the key organiser of the International Think Tank on Gambling Research, Policy and Practice which has met annually since 2004 and, with collaborators from two other organisations, of the International Gambling Conference held biennially in Auckland.