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Debrief form

Title of study: *Investigating reward sensitivity and attentional biases to neutral and pleasant images: An eye-tracking study*

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Thank you for participating in our study. We were interested in examining how self-reported gambling behaviour and alcohol use predicts attentional biases towards these stimuli in a visual probe task. Attentional biases refer to initial orienting of attention to the alcohol and gambling stimuli, and how long it takes to disengage from these stimuli. This was recording using the eye-tracking equipment. We were also investigating the extent to which reward sensitivity (i. e. how subsequent behaviour is influenced by previous learning of reward) moderates this relationship.

We are interested in your sensitivity to reward from the videogame-style task, and we are interested in how performance on this task predicts attentional biases to the alcohol and gambling stimuli in the visual probe task.

Following this debrief, we would like to remind you that you are free to withdraw your data at any time without needing to provide a reason. If you feel any adverse effects from this deception, or from the study in general, you can contact the supervisor Dr Anthony Haffey or the postgraduate researcher, Rebecca Borcsok, via the contact information provided on this debrief sheet.

If you still have concerns, please speak to the experimenter present. Sources of support will also be provided, to identify support associated with stimuli in this experiment.

Appendix D – Sources of Support

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If you feel affected by the issues raised in the study, and your concerns about these issues remain after you have completed the session, you can contact the researchers listed above. However, there are other external sources of support that should be able to address your concerns, as listed:

- NHS online : www.NHS.uk if you are concerned about your alcohol and/or gambling behaviours
- Mind : www.mind.org.uk if you wish to seek mental health support on alcohol and/or gambling behaviour
- University of Reding Counselling Services : <http://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/staffportal/SASstaff/SASwellbeing> provides 24/7 online support for students. You can also use this website to book an appointment to meet with a counsellor, if you prefer.
- Your General Practitioner (GP) : <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/gps/gp-online-services> you can book an appointment online to meet with your GP, if you wish to seek help around alcohol and/or gambling behaviour.