

Competitions & Raffles

Thank you for your interest in raising funds for Mid & South Essex NHS Trust.

Lotteries, raffles and some competitions are forms of gambling, so before you start organising, you should be aware of the following guidelines set out by the Gambling Act 2005:

01 Age Limits

You can only sell raffle tickets to people aged 16 and over.

02 One-off event raffle

You don't need a licence to run a one-off raffle at a public event, where the tickets are sold and drawn on the same day, in the same location as the event. You can only run this raffle to raise money for charity, not for private gain.

The raffle can't be the main reason for holding the event. It must take place alongside a commercial or non-commercial one-off event such as:

- fetes
- fairs
- fundraising dinners

03 Raffle at Work

You can run a lottery, raffle, tombola or sweepstake with people you work with without a licence.

Everyone who is taking part in a work lottery must all work at the same physical location, you cannot run a work lottery across multiple sites.

You can't sell tickets online, via email or over the telephone. You must provide physical tickets to the people playing and there are no specific requirements for what needs to be printed on the tickets.

You can only do the draw on your businesses' physical premises. It can't be done online.



04 Business Raffle

A business owner can run a lottery for their customers, however they cannot make a profit from a customer lottery and also **cannot use it for fundraising purposes**.

All the money raised must either be used to pay for prizes, or used to cover costs of running the lottery.

Sadly this isn't a viable option to fund-raise for our charity.

05 Club or Group Raffle

A 'private society' raffle can be run for members of your private society. This could be a sports club, community group or other type of organisation.

A private society can be any group or society as long as it is not set up for gambling purposes.

You can sell tickets to members of the society, and people who aren't members of your society. However, anyone who is not a member must buy the tickets on the society's premises.

A private society lottery can only be used to raise money for good causes, it cannot be for profit or just for fun.

06 Small society lottery

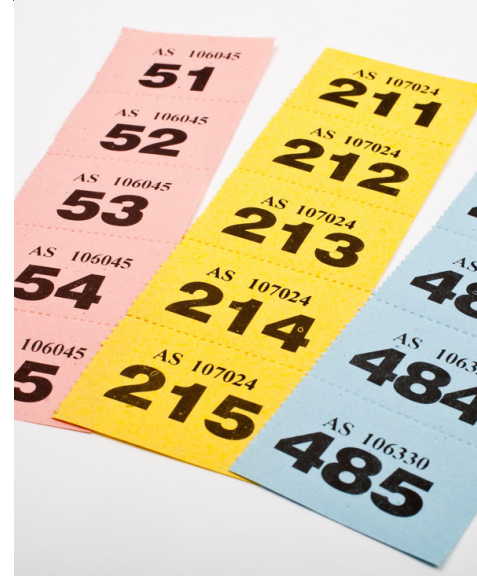
If you wish to hold a raffle over a period of time and sell tickets to the public either door to door, online, by telephone or face to face, then this is known as a small society lottery.

You can run a small society lottery (raffle) to raise money for good causes but not for commercial purposes. The proceeds of this must not exceed £20,000 for a single draw.

You don't need a licence, however you must register with your local licensing authority. There is normally a £40 charge for this.

07 For more information

You, the event organiser / raffle promoter, are responsible for ensuring the raffle complies with the law under the 2005 Gambling Act. Please visit the website for more details: www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk



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