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Attachments: PTC Letter re Donation Increase

Dear Colleague

Donation Rate Increase at the Police Treatment Centres - Information

At its Board of Trustees meeting on 5 November 2015, the PTC agreed to increase the weekly donation rate from £1.30 to £1.80 with effect from January 2016. A letter of explanation from the PTC Chief Executive is attached.

Yours sincerely

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DONATION RATE INCREASE AT THE POLICE TREATMENT CENTRES FROM JANUARY 2016

You will be aware that 2015 has been a significant year for the Police Treatment Centres in terms of what we do and how we do it. Of particular note has been the decision to launch the Castlebrae Project which will significantly improve the facilities and infrastructure at our Scottish Centre, a widening of the pool of those eligible to sign up to the PTC, a decision to ask Retired Officers to donate to the PTC if they wish to come for treatment in the future, and an expansion and improvement in the way in which we treat psychological conditions.

You will be aware that the PTC has lost almost 5000 donors since 2010 mainly as a result of the reduction in officer numbers, and we expect further cuts in the next five years which will reduce donor numbers and income even further. We believe there has never been a greater need for the PTC, and it is vital that both our Treatment Centres remain in a strong financial position to be able to support, not just this current generation of police officers, but future generations as well.

As part of a range of measures to ensure the financial security of the PTC, the Board of Trustees voted in their Board Meeting on 5 November to increase the weekly donation rate from £1.30 to £1.80. I appreciate there is never going to be a good time to increase the donation rate, and for some it is always going to be unwelcome news, but the PTC Trustees have decided that we need to move now to ensure that we maintain our current levels of service and treatment for our patients and continue to operate effectively and in financial good order.

The PTC Board of Trustees firmly believe that this new donation rate still represents excellent value for money with the treatment delivered at the PTC which continues to be exceptional. The PTC have also worked very hard to look for internal savings and have introduced a variety of efficiencies within our real estate and operating costs in order to ensure value for money and that we make every penny count. It is also worth pointing out that the last increase in the donation rate was in 2011, and unless anything changes dramatically, the Trustees hope that they will not have to review the donation rate again for at least three years. It is also worthy of note that the Trustees have decided that we will not increase the donation rate for St George's Police Children's Trust (our affiliated Charity which supports children of police officers who have died or been medically retired), at this time, so this planned increase only applies to the PTC.

The new donation rate will commence from 1 January 2016, and I would be grateful if you could communicate this decision to as many of your officers as possible. We will of course carry out our own communication plan shortly, but I did want to inform you first before we embark on this process.

We believe that this decision will not only give the PTC better financial security, it will also have the effect of future proofing the charity and its work for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your support and finally if you have not visited the PTC recently, I would encourage you to do so, so you can see the many improvements and changes that have recently been introduced.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Cairns', with a stylized, cursive script.

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