



**St George's Police
Children Trust
Impact Report
2020/21**



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Welcome from our CEO Patrick Cairns and our President Baroness Harris of Richmond

Thank you for reading this year's St George's Police Children Trust Impact Report. The Charity must surely be unusual amongst many in the UK, in that we were fortunate that our work could continue almost as normal during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Throughout 2020 we were able to continue to support our Beneficiaries with a wide range of grants.

Much of our work in recent times has been done remotely but as the UK locked down, we were careful to ensure that we retained a team at work who would still be able to process applications and pay benefits. We know how important financial support can be during times of bereavement and sickness, so we rapidly rolled out a new streamlined system that was designed to assess all new grant applications and once approved, ensured they were paid promptly. We are pleased that this included some of the new benefits that we had introduced in the previous twelve months such as School Leavers Grants and an additional payment to eligible beneficiaries at Christmas.

The UK lockdown period also gave us some time for reflection as to how we could further modernise SGPCT. Many of you will know that the Charity started life as an Orphanage in Harrogate opposite the site of The Police Treatment Centres. The Trust then developed into a grant giving Charity that was designed to support the children of Police Officers who had died or had been medically retired.

We have long wondered what more we could do for the children of the Serving Officers who donate to our Charity and we felt that this was the next logical step in our progression. As part of an ongoing review, we are proud that in 2021 we have introduced financial support to allow Serving Officers to access counselling and wellbeing grants for their children.

Everyone will know that there is a rising tide of Mental Health issues amongst children. We felt that sometimes this could be exacerbated by the pressures a Policing role may bring on family life. We were keen that SGPCT should try to do something at the earliest point possible to help these children and wanted to offer meaningful financial support for these children of our Serving cohort. We will keep looking for more we can do, but for now we hope that the addition of these new benefits will make a big difference to our Police Families.

Unfortunately, the numbers of Donors to SGPCT continues to gradually slide. As we write this, we hear of two further deaths of Officers within our constituent forces whose family we could have supported if they were donating. The donation to the charity is a modest 35pence per week. If you are not signed up to SGPCT, please ensure you do so today to guarantee that we can support your family if the unimaginable happens.

Thank you to all of you that have generously supported the Trust in the past year and we hope you will continue to do so.



Patrick Cairns MBE, DL, MA, BA (Hons)
CEO



Baroness Harris of Richmond DL,
PRESIDENT

Providing a helping hand if the unimaginable happens

The St George's Police Children Trust is a registered Charity which provides support to Police Families by helping ease the financial pressures of bringing up children in the face of life-changing circumstances.

These circumstances could include the loss of either parent (whether or not they are a Serving or Retired Police Officer) or when a Police Officer parent is unable to earn an income due to injury or illness, sustained on or off duty, or when a child is struggling as a result of mental health challenges.

Support from the Charity can provide a degree of financial certainty in difficult times and is provided for on or off duty incidents to families of forces in the North of England, North Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland who donate to the Trust.

SGPCT Vision

Our Vision is to create an environment where St George's Police Children Trust Beneficiary families are free of financial cares and concerns.

SGPCT Mission Statement

To provide present and future financial and other support to St George's Police Children Trust Beneficiaries.

SGPCT Values

- ▶ Always put our Beneficiaries at the heart of our work.
- ▶ Actively seek out new Beneficiaries.
- ▶ Continue to support all Beneficiaries in an open and transparent way.
- ▶ Deal with all new and existing applications in a sensitive manner.



The Foster Family Story

Sian Foster was medically retired, due to incapacitation, from Lancashire Constabulary in 2014. She also faced several surgeries on her road to recovery.

Sian became worried about the financial impact of her retirement and sought help from St George's Police Children Trust.

Sian has three children Harrison, Robbie and Hadley, who have all benefitted from the support of the Trust.

"Harrison wanted to go to University and I was worried about the financial challenge this would pose. However, with the support of the Charity, Harrison is now studying for his Primary Teaching Degree. This is a great weight off my shoulders."

"My youngest son Robbie was also able to benefit from the Christmas Grant. Last year I was able to buy him the presents that he wanted which were a hoverboard and an electric scooter. He was so pleased with his gifts. The extra money at Christmas is a real help at what is already an expensive time for families."

"My other son Hadley has recently started to learn to drive. We have utilised the Driving Lesson Grant from the Trust. He has had all of his lessons covered, which has been great - especially the amount he has had! It's definitely something that I would have not been able to afford so it's been a big help."

The St George's Police Children Trust are proud that we can support families like Sian's through the various financial grants that we offer. We hope that Sian continues to access support for her young family and we wish them the best of luck for the future.



The Year in Numbers

Grants Distributed

Quarterly Grants	44.55%
Christmas Grants	24.85%
University Grants	12.70%
Summer Grants	8.12%
New Beneficiary Grants	5.55%
Ex Gratia Grants	1.66%
Driving Lesson Grants	1.13%
Special Needs Grants	0.62%
Counselling Grants	0.57%
School Leaver Grants	0.26%



£774,963

provided in
grants to
Beneficiaries

257

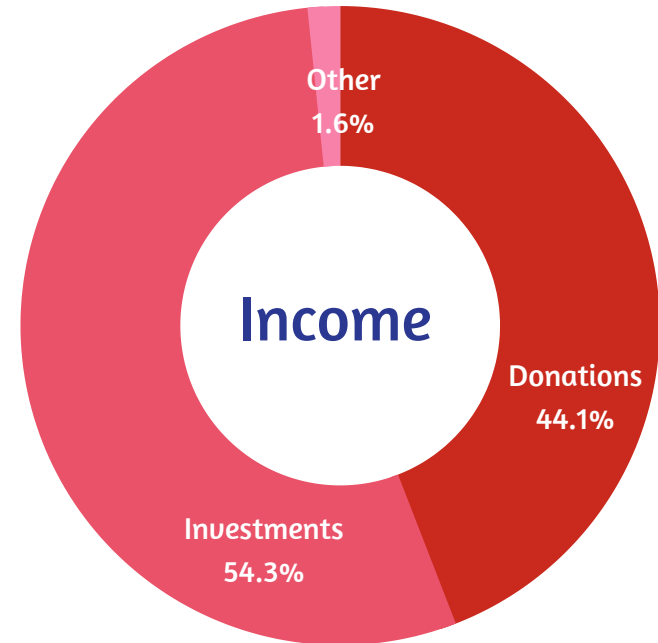


Beneficiaries



3

Winners of our Christmas
Poem Writing Competition



12

Ex-Gratia Grants provided
for IT equipment

219

Children
eligible for
End of Year Grant

New Grants for Serving Officers

We are proud that the support that we offer to our Beneficiaries and our Donors is constantly evolving and adapting to the challenges of modern policing.

We are pleased to announce that from 2021, St George's Police Children Trust will be able to offer two new grants to support the Families of Serving Officers who currently donate to the Charity.

The two new grants are designed to support the mental health and wellbeing of the Families of Serving Officers. Serving Officers must be current donors to the Trust to be eligible for these grants.

Child Counselling Grant

Financial support is available to all Beneficiaries and current Donors who wish to access counselling to support a young person through a difficult time.

The support is capped at £1,000 per child and the cost of counselling will be reimbursed by the Trust on receipt of proof of payment.



Ex-Gratia Wellbeing Grant

Further support is available to all current donors who wish to offer additional support to a young person at a difficult time. Each application for an ex-gratia grant, including those from school leavers, will receive consideration.



How You Can Support the Trust

DONATE



Donate to the Trust for as little as 35p per week.

Serving Officers who donate to the Trust are eligible to receive a wide range of support.

Your donation will also help us to support your Police Family colleagues at their time of need.

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Employees and Trustees

The St George's Police Children Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board provides strategic guidance through business planning; agrees and sets an annual budget; and monitors activity and service provision through regular reports on service delivery, the annual Business Plan and annual budget.

Our Trustees are drawn from England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland Police Staff Associations.

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National Police Chiefs' Council
Scottish Police Federation

The Future

We are pleased that throughout 2020 the Trust has been able to continue to provide support to our Beneficiaries, including some new ones who have required the help of the Trust in the last 12 months.

We are proud that in 2021 we were able to extend our benefits to include those for children of Serving Officers who donate to the Charity. We believe that this is a real innovation to the work we do and we hope that these benefits will offer tangible support to our Donors.

At the end of a hard year, the Trust were able to provide an additional financial Christmas Gift to all eligible Beneficiaries. Many families wrote to us to express their thanks for this gift; *"I wanted to contact you after receiving our Christmas gift, to let you know how much everyone involved in this amazing Trust means to me and to have your continued and steadfast support."*

During 2020, the DRCE Team and Administrative Teams worked hard to update our promotional materials and videos. The team were able to share these more widely with Forces and Federations to ensure that Officers were fully aware of the support that we can offer. The teams will continue to do this into 2021 and will look at ways to streamline the process of accessing support.

We also look forward to reopening of St George's House in Harrogate in 2021. This House is offered to all of our Beneficiaries for a respite stay each year, free of charge.

The House is then available for the Police Family to rent as a holiday home. We are proud that we are able to offer such amazing facilities and hope that we will be able to promote this further into 2021.

In the coming year the Trust will continue to look at new and innovative ways to support our donors and Beneficiary families. We hope that families will continue to access the variety of grants which we can offer.

It is essential that those with children continue to donate to SGPCCT in order to receive its support should the unimaginable happen. It is also important that Officers support their colleagues with children by donating and coming together as one Police Family.

Thank you for your support during 2020, we hope that this will continue in the years to come.







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