

The Police

Children's Charity

Providing a helping hand if the unimaginable happens

Impact Report 2022/23



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

Thank you for reading the Impact Report for The Police Children's Charity (TPCC). This is the first full year that the Charity has operated under its new name. We are pleased to say that we have already had a modest increase in donor numbers. We believe that this is both a reflection of the new name of the Charity which more accurately says what the Charity does and who it supports, and the hard work of the TPCC Donor Engagement Team in getting the message out about the work that the Charity does and the benefits that it provides.

We will not have a full grasp of the increase in donor numbers for another 12 -18 months as all Student Officers who sign up in their first year do so for free which makes it difficult to accurately calculate the sign-up numbers. However, the early signs do look encouraging and we are clearly reaching more donors with the change of name and branding than we have done in the past.

All of us who work for TPCC and indeed the Trustees, know that it is an exceptional Charity which provides an unparalleled range of benefits and gifts for children if the unimaginable happens. We have added several new benefits over the last three years to the Charity and we are always horizon scanning to see what more we can do and offer for our beneficiaries. It is also worth noting that in addition to Police Officers, a number of Police Staff Groups now have the opportunity to sign up to the TPCC.

The Charity also provides cover and benefits on the death of a partner of the Police Officer/Police Staff member donor.

If you are not already a donor to the TPCC, please think about signing up. The sign up rate is a mere £1.50 each month which is literally less than a cup of posh coffee on the high street. I promise you it is one of those decisions that you will never regret. Even if your family never needs help from the Charity, you know that your very modest donation will go towards helping the children of your colleagues at one of the worst times in their lives and will contribute to making things a little better. If you are already a donor, thank you for supporting TPCC and do please continue to encourage your colleagues to sign up to the Charity at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you in advance for all your support. Please share this Impact Report widely with your colleagues when you have finished reading it.





Patrick Cairns MBE, DL, MA, BA (Hons) Baroness Harris of Richmond DL, CEO PRESIDENT

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The Police Children's Charity is a registered Charity which provides support to Police Families by helping to 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 the 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 the families of all our donors.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission Statement

To provide present and future financial and other support to The Police Children's Charity Beneficiaries.



Our 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.



Chelsea Atkinson Story

Chelsea Atkinson lost her father, a Cumbria Officer, in 2015. Chelsea has been supported by the Charity for seven years and recently contacted us to let us know how the Charity has helped her.

"I have now completed my five-year Master's degree at the University of Glasgow and Glasgow School of Art. Over my five years, I was able to receive financial support and extra funds to help me obtain a new laptop suitable for my degree and the necessary Adobe software. As I entered my final year, my laptop



became my new best friend as I began to design and build my final year project.

My final year project was the optimisation and ergonomic design of a Formula Student Steering Wheel for the University of Glasgow's UGRacing team. My project was very successful, I received

an A2 for my project (=95%) and received an Autodesk industry award for my progressive and future thinking design. Overall, I successfully graduated with a First-Class degree in Product Design Engineering and have secured a job at Cummins Turbo Technologies where I will be focusing on the development of hydrogen and electric turbochargers. Every year in July the UGRacing team competes

at the annual Formula Student Competition and this year my wheel was going to be used. The UGRacing team really liked the final design of the wheel. We took the racing car all the way to Silverstone race circuit to compete against 60 teams from across the world. After a busy 5 days perfecting the car to pass through scrutineering, moving onto racing, it was finally time for the results of the competition... WE WON!!

What a final year it has been. I look back on my journey starting 7 years



ago and I could never have predicted such a fantastic and uplifting outcome. I hope my story confirms how wonderful this Charity is by helping young people to get back on their feet and reach their goals. All I can say is thank you. Onwards and upwards."

New Name Same Fantastic Grants



The Year in Numbers



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Electric Car provided to a lucky competition winner



32 Families used St George's House



Serving Donors who are eligible for our support

St George's Holiday Home and Cottage

St George's House is a holiday home located in an idyllic setting in Harrogate, predominantly for our new and current Beneficiaries.

It is hoped the holiday home will prove a useful place for families to come together and escape from the pressures at home, spending some much needed quality time together.

A one week's FREE respite stay at our holiday home is available to all current Beneficiaries (those families currently receiving financial support from the Charity) and can be taken anytime (subject to availability) on an annual basis. The holiday home closes over the Christmas period for a 2 week break.

The Charity now also has a self-catering cottage available in Castlebrae, Auchterarder. The Cottage has three bedrooms with capacity for five plus a travel cot. The Cottage is set in 6 acres of beautiful grounds and is just a few minutes from Auchterarder High Street.

Both the Holiday Home and Cottage are available to members of the Police Family once respite dates have been allocated to our Beneficiary Families.

The properties are essential sources of income for the Charity and ensure that we can not only provide much needed respite for families but we can also raise funds for the Charity to continue it's important work.



How You Can Support the Charity

Donate to the Charity for as little as 35p per week. Serving and Retired Officers who donate to the Charity 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.

DONATE

Tell your colleagues about the Charity! Follow us on Twitter @policechildrens

JustGiving Become a Fundraising Hero

Follow us on Facebook @policechildrens easyfundraising.org.uk



Select us as your Charity of choice on EasyFundraising or Give as you Live

It's easy!

Simply select The Police Children's Charity and then everytime you shop, at no extra cost to you, they will donate a percentage of the sale to us!

Employees and Trustees

The Police Children's Charity 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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The Future

We are pleased that throughout 2022, the Charity has been able to continue to provide support to our Beneficiaries, including some new ones who have required the help of the Charity in the last 12 months.

2022 was another exciting year for the Charity, in which we were able to adapt what we offered and introduce new levels of support, so that we could continue to help Beneficiary families when they needed us the most. During Spring 2022, we ran an Amnesty in which we removed the need for a 12 month wait to access support. During this time we ran information sessions to ensure that Officers in all of our constituent Forces knew about the work of the Charity.

The change of the name of the Charity continues to prove beneficial and better reflects the work that we do.

During 2023, we will continue to promote the new Grants For All to all those eligible to receive this support. From January 2023 this now includes Retired Officers who had not previously donated to the charity as Serving Officers. In 2023, we will also look to promote the Charity to our extended list of eligible roles which include PCSOs, Special Constables, Detention and Custody Officers and Police Staff Investigators. Throughout 2023 the team will further promote the use of St George's House and the Holiday Cottage in Auchtererder to ensure that Beneficiary families are able to fully benefit from this opportunity for respite care.

Unfortunately, it is likely that more families will need our support during 2023/24. We rely on information from Forces and Federations to notify us when a family may need our help. Please spread the word to your colleagues about the work of The Police Children's Charity and the support it can provide through Beneficiary Grants and Grants for All.

Thank you for your support in 2022 , we hope that this can continue in the years to come.











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