



Impact Report 2025/26

**Providing a helping hand if the
unimaginable happens**





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Welcome



Thank you for taking the time to review this year's Impact Report. All of us who work for The Police Children's Charity (TPCC) including the Trustees, know it is an exceptional Charity which provides an unparalleled range of grants for the children of our police donors if the unimaginable happens. Although we hope that it is a Charity that no police family will ever have to call on, we know many do have to do so unexpectedly, and it is always with a measure of relief when we do find out that they are current donors to TPCC and eligible for support.

On 1 July 2024, we provided the opportunity for all police staff to contribute to TPCC. This at the time of writing has been a slow burn with very few police staff who have signed up, but we know that these things take time, so we will hope that these numbers rise over the next 24 months. We are also seeing a growing number of serving officers applying for counselling and wellbeing grants for their children and this is something that we expect to see more of in the future.

We spent over £700,000 on grants supporting over 300 Beneficiaries in 2025 and took on 26 new Beneficiaries. It is also worth highlighting that we paid out over £300,000 in weekly maintenance grants and funded a number of other grants including for driving lessons, new IT equipment, birthday grants and counselling grants amongst a variety of other grants.

The number of donors to the Charity remains stubbornly low, so if you are not already a donor to TPCC, please think about signing up as you have to be a current donor to access the fantastic range of grants available. The donation rate is a mere £1.50 each month which is literally less than a cup of posh coffee on the high street. Even if your family never needs help from the Charity, you know that your small 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 for them.

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)
CEO

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Vision, Mission & Values

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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 Police Family parent or when the Police Family 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

To ease the financial pressures for The Police Children's Charity Beneficiary Families of bringing up children in the face of life-changing circumstances.

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.



Child Counselling Grant for all



On the 5th July 2025, my husband, two daughters and myself arrived home after having spent the day at the beach with family. We had had the most amazing day.

We got back home to hear the fire alarm sounding from our house. My husband went into the property to investigate, he could smell smoke but couldn't work out which room it was coming from. My two children have then alerted me to flames burning upstairs in my eldest daughter's bedroom. The flames were suddenly increasing in size and engulfing the upstairs bedroom window.

My children were hysterical, thankfully my next door neighbour took my girls into their house to calm them down and care for them.

My eldest daughter's bedroom had been obliterated where the fire had gone through the floor boards and ruined the joists as well as the ceiling. All her belongings and furniture has been destroyed; including clothes, trophies and precious childhood memories such as the teddy she had since birth. Absolutely everything she had was burnt and destroyed.

The rest of the upstairs had significant fire and smoke damage. My youngest daughter lost all of her personal possessions. We lost everything upstairs that night. It was a horrendous time.

After staying with family for a short time, we struggled to get accommodation that did not require a long term tenancy agreement. Eventually, we found suitable accommodation and have been here for just under seven months now. The work on our house has yet to start but we have just agreed on the scope of work which is a positive step for us.

The girls have been so resilient and so amazing during these last eight months and I couldn't be prouder. My eldest was very angry after the fire, whereas my youngest was fragile and needed lots of reassurance especially at bedtime. I was concerned about their mental health and was fearful of both the long and short term effects of witnessing the house fire. I was recommended a therapist who specialised in childrens trauma and The Police Children's Charity kindly offered to pay for these counselling sessions -up to £1000 per child. My eldest had three sessions and my youngest had five sessions.



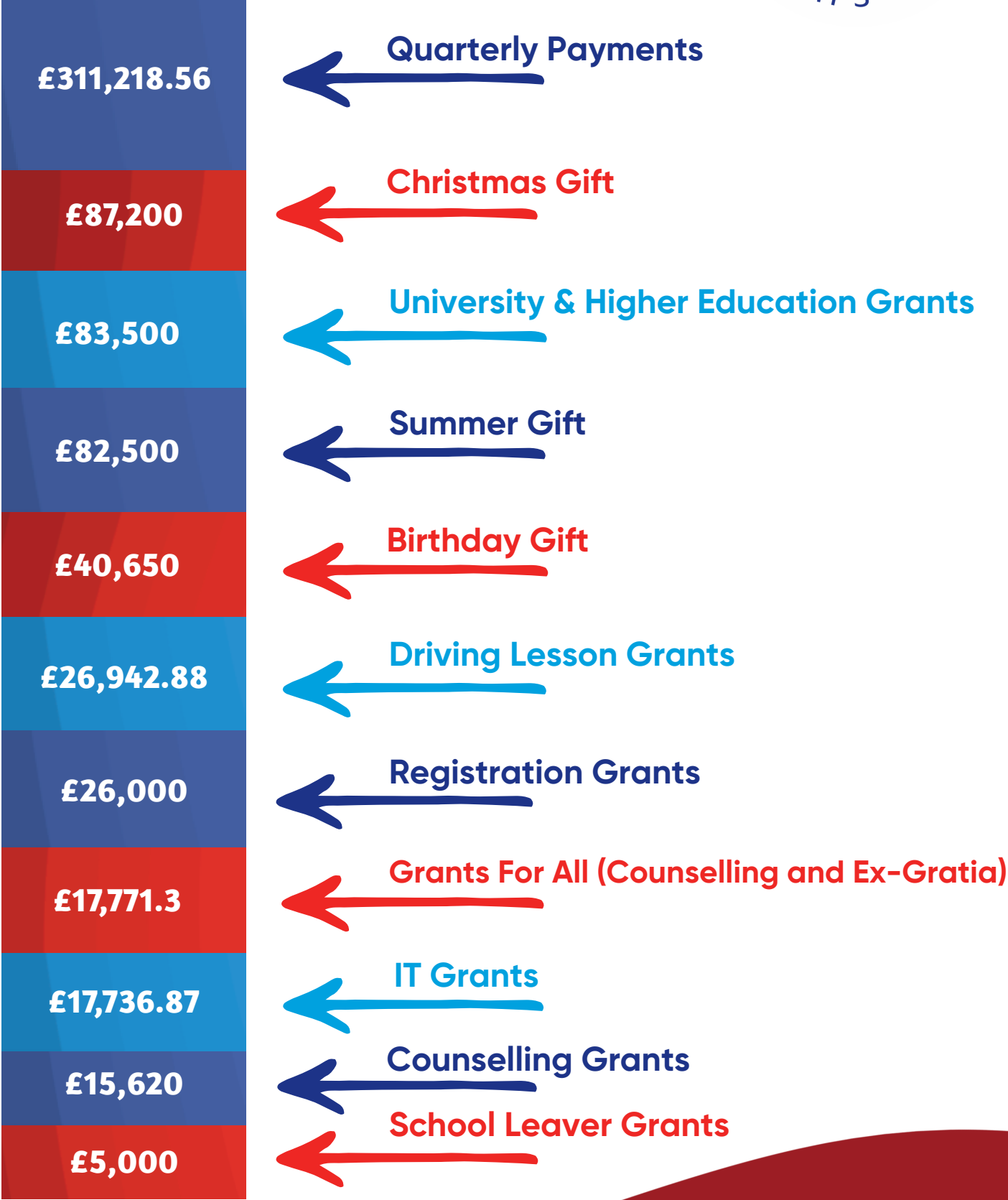
My husband and I are so very grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by The Police Children's Charity who offered us financial support in helping to improve the mental health of our children following such a traumatic and horrific event. Thank you Police Children's Charity-we all do appreciate the support and kindness shown.



The Year in Numbers



The Year in Grants





Thomson Family Update

I wanted to share a little update on how the girls are getting on, and to say a heartfelt thank you for the support we've received from The Police Children's Charity since we lost their Mum, Gill to a brain tumour.

Melissa is now in her second year at university studying Law and is doing brilliantly. Fallon is in her final year of school and has applied to study Product Design — following in the creative footsteps of her mum, who would be so proud. And Athena is thriving in primary school, full of energy, loving her Street Dance and Football.

Raising a family on my own during these challenging financial times brings pressures that are felt in every part of daily life. The charity's support has eased burdens that would otherwise have been overwhelming and has helped the girls stay involved in the activities that shape who they are becoming.

I also want to say a special thank you to the officers who continue to support the charity, especially now when money is tight for so many. I contributed throughout my service, so I know the commitment it takes. Your generosity genuinely changes lives — including ours — and I'm incredibly grateful.

Thank you for helping the girls build the futures their mum dreamed of for them.



Revel Family Story



My husband passed away in September 2024 after a long and difficult battle with bowel cancer. I'm now raising our three children after what has been an incredibly challenging decade for our family.

For ten years, our lives were shaped by illness — first my own cancer diagnosis and treatment, and then my husband's diagnosis and the heartbreaking journey that followed.

The emotional, psychological, and financial weight of everything we have been through has been immense. Because of other medical complications, my husband was unable to obtain life insurance, which meant that when he passed away the financial responsibility fell heavily on my shoulders.

I never imagined that I would one day need to reach out to The Police Children's Charity. No one ever hopes to be in that position — it means the unthinkable has happened and your world has been turned upside down.

But the support they have given my children has been truly incredible. My eldest has received a grant to help with studying Law at university, and my younger children were able to receive gifts that helped them purchase iPads for their Year 13 studies. These may seem like small things to some, but to us they have made such a difference.

I am deeply grateful to this charity and the support they provide to families like ours during the most difficult times.

If you are able to, please consider donating — even a few pounds a month can help support children in our police family when they need it most.



Employees & Trustees

The Police Children's Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board sets the strategy for the Charity each year. This includes business planning, setting an annual budget, monitoring 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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Treasurer: Craig Grandison



The Future



Over the past 12 months The Police Children's Charity has once again provided a vital and greatly valued lifeline to families within the policing profession who have either tragically lost a loved one or have been medically retired from service. Over 300 children and young people have benefitted from the Charity's support, including 26 new Beneficiaries and the Charity remains committed to continuing this essential support for all Beneficiaries, both existing and new, throughout 2026 and beyond.

With the demand for our new Grants For All expected to continue to rise in the year ahead, the following 12 months will be a period of consolidation and stability. However, we remain committed to regularly reviewing the scope of assistance we provide, to ensure it continues to respond to the evolving needs of the families we serve.

During the past year, we identified the need to strengthen TPCC's IT capacity to better support our work. Plans are underway to introduce a new bespoke database, which will significantly enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our administrative processes, allowing us to focus more time on supporting families.

This work is only possible thanks to the ongoing generosity of donors who contribute each month through payroll giving or Direct Debit. While we have seen a slight increase in donor numbers over the last year, significant promotional activity is still needed to maximise awareness of the financial support available. We anticipate that more families will require our support during 2026/27 and therefore kindly ask that you continue to raise awareness among colleagues about the work of The Police Children's Charity and the assistance available through Beneficiary Grants and Grants for All.

We remain optimistic about the coming twelve months for the Charity. By strengthening our systems, refining our approach, and remaining responsive to the needs of those we support, TPCC is well-placed to continue delivering meaningful and timely help to police families, building resilience and hope for the future.

On behalf of our Beneficiaries and the Charity, we extend our sincere thanks for your support throughout 2025. We hope we can continue to rely on your support in the years ahead.





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