



## NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH WEST POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND & THE POLICE TREATMENT CENTRES



With effect from the 1st August 2015 the trustees of the Police Treatment Centres, St George's Police Children Trust and the North West Police Benevolent Fund agreed that the monthly donation should be split and sent directly to the relevant charity. This agreement gives you transparency in what and who you donate to.

**HOW THIS WILL AFFECT YOU?** This is simply an administrative change which will clearly itemise the donations on your payslip. You will continue to receive tax relief at source on your donation. The services provided by the three charities remain unaffected and are constantly being developed and improved and we believe that all the charities offer excellent facilities and value for money for members. Below is a synopsis of what each charity provides;

**NORTH WEST POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND (NWPBF).** The NWPBF provides support to serving and retired officers of the constituent forces who are in a condition of need, hardship or distress. For a donation of £5.46 per month we provide access to physiotherapy treatment at Progress House (GMP area), Malvern House (Merseyside area), St. Michaels Lodge (Lancashire area) & Cheshire Headquarters, with new facilities at Cumbria Federation office coming soon. Treatment is on a day patient basis, or can be arranged for in-patient stays at St. Michael's Lodge. We also provide financial assistance in the form of a monetary grant or interest free loan to pay for items, services or equipment which will alleviate suffering and generally assist officers. Should an officer die in service £5,000 will be paid to their dependants within one working day of the notification of their death. In addition to all of this the NWPBF have 9 holiday lodges at White Cross Bay near Windermere, 4 lodges at Carnforth and the 9 bed hotel, St. Michael's Lodge in Langho, which are available free of charge for convalescence breaks, or for members to hire at significantly reduced rates. If you have any further questions please visit our website at [www.nwpbf.org](http://www.nwpbf.org).

**THE POLICE TREATMENT CENTRES (PTC).** The PTC provides police specific treatment for injured or ill officers with the aim of returning you back to better health. Treatment is provided at one of our centres in either Harrogate or Auchterarder which include 3 cottages to support those who may have parental or carer responsibilities. Treatment and use of all facilities including food & accommodation is provided absolutely free to officers who make a weekly donation of £1.30 (£5.63 monthly) & is provided on a 2 week residential basis (shorter stays can be accommodated). The centres provide a holistic approach to treatment covering both physical and psychological injuries sustained either on or off duty. Treatment includes intensive physiotherapy, supporting classes, a state of the art gym, a hydrotherapy pool and a treatment pool, a patient support advisor and complementary therapies. By donating as a serving officer you will also be entitled, subject to a clinical need, to attend for free as a retired officer. If you have any further questions please log on to our website at [www.thepolicetreatmentcentres.org](http://www.thepolicetreatmentcentres.org) or ring for further details on Tel 01423 504448.

**ST GEORGE'S POLICE CHILDREN TRUST (SGPCT).** SGPCT provides financial support to children and young people whose police officer parent has either lost their life or had an injury/illness preventing them from being able to work. This criterion is not restricted to events that occur on duty with children being supported if death or incapacity occurs outside work. The donation rate is £0.20 per week (£0.86 monthly) and provides financial support up to £60 per week for each eligible child (including children from previous relationships), plus an additional seasonal grant of up to £1000 per annum while the child is in education up to the age of 19. Children can then apply for a further education grant of £1500 per year up to the age of 25 (maximum 4 years). The Trust can also provide ex gratia grants for one off items such as laptops subject to matching the criteria. The SGPCT invests in your child's education in the tragic circumstances that you are unable to do so. If you have any further questions please log onto [www.stgeorgespolicechildrentrust.org](http://www.stgeorgespolicechildrentrust.org)

**We hope that you will remain a member of all three charities and if so you do not need to take any action, your payslip deductions will be automatically amended and shown separately.** However should you wish to withdraw or alter your donation please contact your local Federation Officer before the **31<sup>st</sup> May 2015**. They will make the necessary arrangements on your behalf. Officers who wish to join the charities can obtain information from the websites above.

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