



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



**St George's Police Children Trust -  
Christmas 2018**

We are delighted to be able to end this year on a positive update following greater support being made available for St George's beneficiaries, since January 2018.

We have seen the positive impact of these new grants throughout the year, with many families taking the opportunity to access this support. From January 2018 the following new benefits have been made available:

**Widening Eligibility**  
The eligibility has been widened to include children of Police Families where the Partner of a Police Officer has lost their life. The Trustees understands that the death of partners affects income received by the family and therefore impacts the children, and thus support should be offered in this instance.

**New Beneficiary Grant**  
The Registration Grant, renamed as the New Beneficiary Grant, will be increased from £100 to £1000 to provide more immediate financial relief.

**Driving Lessons Grant**  
A new Driving Lesson Grant will be made available to beneficiaries from the age of 17 up to 25, to help with the cost of learning to drive. The support is capped at £1000 per child.

**Child Counselling Grant**  
A new Child Counselling Grant will offer financial support to all beneficiaries who wish to access counselling to support a child or family through a bereavement or difficult time. This support can be accessed at any time, up to the age of 25, and not only immediately after the specific event.

**2018 Summary**  
We currently have 208 beneficiaries, 18 of which are new in 2018. We also currently have 31,649 donors to the Trust.

Since the introduction of the new benefits, one family have used the Child Counselling Grant and four families have used the Driving Lesson Grant.

We have 40 students currently receiving our Higher Education Grant.

Some forces have seen a considerable rise in donors to the Trust throughout 2018, whilst others have seen a slight decrease. The DRCE team will work over the coming year to ensure that these donor numbers continue to rise. In addition, we hope to ensure that Forces and Federations are up to date with the support provided by the Trust and can signpost families to us.

Force	2018 Force Profile			2017 Force Profile	Difference	Beneficiaries	Further Education Beneficiaries
	Size	Donors	%	%			
BTP	3124	131	4	2	+2%	0	0
CHESHIRE	1890	1292	68	70	-2%	4	2
CIVIL NUCLEAR	1150	533	46	46	0%	0	0
CLEVELAND	1257	476	38	43	-5%	8	2
CUMBRIA	1202	741	62	77	-15%	9	1
DERBYSHIRE	1738	790	45	52	-7%	8	1
DURHAM	1140	665	58	60	-2%	10	0
GMP	6342	4026	64	72	-8%	17	4
HUMBERSIDE	1885	446	24	23	-1%	1	0
IDM	221	2	0.9	N/A	N/A	0	0
LANCASHIRE	2942	2038	69	74	-5%	6	3
LINCOLNSHIRE	1129	738	65	47	+18%	4	2
MERSEYSIDE	3450	2217	64	70	-6%	23	4
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE	2664	21	0.8	4	-5.2%	0	0
NORTH WALES	1490	495	33	37	-4%	0	1
NORTH YORKSHIRE	1387	701	51	57	-6%	3	2
NORTHUMBRIA	3174	832	26	29	-3%	2	1
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	1998	655	33	45	-12%	1	2
POLICE SCOTLAND	17222	11007	64	68	-4%	58	19
PSNI	6645	29	0.4	N/A	N/A	0	0
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	2448	561	23	32	-9%	4	1
STAFFORDSHIRE	1590	190	12	14	-2%	7	0
WEST MERCIA	1947	762	39	42	-3%	3	3
WEST YORKSHIRE	5181	2301	44	45	-1%	40	3

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Charlotte Brentnall is the daughter of PC David Brentnall of West Mercia Police, who sadly lost his battle to cancer when Charlotte was just four years old. Sally Brentnall, David's widow has been receiving support from SGPCT since David's death in 2005.

*" I am so grateful for the support of the St Georges Police Children Trust. Bringing up Charlotte as a single mum has been both lonely and challenging, but having the monthly financial support has been a godsend.*

*Now she is stretching my finances even more with these extra-curricular activities, it's meant I have been able to back her with the Trusts help to enable her to successfully take on these exciting challenges and as a result she is developing into an ambitious, independent, well rounded individual.*

*Thank you St George's, we couldn't have done it without you."*



**Read more about Sally and Charlotte's Story**

**here:** <http://www.stgeorgespolicechildrentrust.org/news/Case-Study-Charlotte-Brentnall?patient=1>



### Holiday Home

St George's House is a holiday home located in an idyllic setting in Harrogate, predominantly for our beneficiaries. The home provides respite and an opportunity to get away with family without worrying about all of the financial implications associated with having a holiday.

A one week's FREE respite stay at our holiday home is available to **all** current beneficiaries and can be taken anytime (subject to availability) on an annual basis.

Bookings are currently being taken for Beneficiaries in 2019. However, from January any available dates will be opened to the wider Police Family at discounted rates - so please do not hesitate to book a holiday with us. For further information visit our website at

<http://www.stgeorgespolicechildrenstrust.org/how-we-can-help/holiday-home>

**Fancy a challenge in the New Year? Why not Fundraise  
for SGPCT?**

There are plenty of ways you can get involved and ensure that SGPCT can continue

to provide financial support to Police Families when they need it the most.

Take a look at our [website](#) for fundraising ideas and events to take part in.

