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The Police Treatment Centres

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SPECIAL CONSTABLE SIGN UP DETAILS **TO THE POLICE TREATMENT CENTRES TO RECEIVE TREATMENT**

Dear Colleague

As you will hopefully be aware Special Constables are now eligible from 1 January 2016 to sign up as donors to the Police Treatment Centres (PTC). We are delighted to welcome you to the PTC, and before you go any further I would suggest that you click on to our website to see what we can offer you.¹

We pride ourselves at the PTC on being a class leading treatment centre that offers a range of treatments covering both physical and non-physical conditions. One of our key aims is to get you back to work as soon as possible and a study by the Glasgow Caledonian University has shown this to be the case.² Once admitted for treatment at either of our centres in Harrogate and Auchterarder, you will be able to access superb state of the art facilities and treatment all of which is free of charge.

Although the PTC is a Police Charity and is here to provide a service for our police patients, like all organisations, we have to be financially solvent. The vast majority of our running costs come from patient donations³ but we are fully aware of the terms and conditions of Special Constables and the fact that you are not paid. We are currently exploring funding options in conjunction with the Association of Special Constabulary Chief Officers (ASCCO). It is possible that some of your Chief Constables or Police and Crime Commissioners might be prepared to pay for some or all of your donation to the PTC, but this is simply one of a number of options at this stage, and it is likely that there will be variations in the policy from Force to Force. As an alternative and indeed to expedite the process, Special Constables will be able to sign up directly themselves by direct debit if they want to do so, and if you wish to take advantage of this option, and then please download the direct debit mandate, available in the 'Sign Up – Special Constable' section of our website, which you should complete as soon as possible.

¹ <http://www.thepolicetreatmentcentres.org/>

² Glasgow Caledonian University Study on the benefits of the PTC 2009.

³ Police and Police Staff Patients pay a £1.30 donation each week which is deducted from their monthly payroll.

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What Now?

If you wish to sign up to the PTC personally please complete the direct debit form on the PTC website and send it back to the PTC including details of what Force you work for and your identifying work/collar number so that we can track you. Once you have done so a monthly donation of £5.63⁴ will be deducted from your bank account and you will then be eligible to apply for free treatment at the PTC. Please be aware that all applications are subject to our clinical criteria and eligibility policy, which means that we must believe that we are able to deliver some clinical benefit to you during your stay at the PTC.

Last year the PTC treated over 4000 police patients and it might well be that you will be one of our patients next year. If you are, you can rest assured that you will receive the best treatment possible. If you never need to come to the PTC then you will have the satisfaction of knowing that through your donation you will be supporting the PTC as a registered police charity, ensuring that treatment is available to you or one of your police family colleagues in the future.

Please be reassured that we do want you to be part of the PTC constituency and the first and most significant step was the Board of Trustees approving this policy change on 1 August 2015. I would recommend that if you have access to your Special Chief Constable, your Chief Constable and your PCC you ask them if they would be prepared through their respective offices to financially support the attendance of Special Constables for treatment at the PTC as part of their bargain as the Employer with you the Employee.

If you have any questions about the PTC you may wish in the first case to approach your local Police Federation representative or Force Welfare Officer, or do not hesitate to contact the PTC directly. We will keep you up to date with any developments or policy changes on our website.

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⁴ This donation charge is currently under review by the Board of Trustees, and may be increased in 2016.