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*Care in the  
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## *Foreword by Mr D. McClurg - Chairman, Northern Ireland Police Fund*

The report of the Review of the Northern Ireland Police Fund produced by John Steele in the Autumn of 2004 recommended that the Police Fund co-ordinated the production of a handbook setting out all the different roles of the organisations.

In response to and meeting that recommendation I am delighted to be able to introduce this booklet which sets out the various roles and responsibilities of organisations involved in police care in Northern Ireland.

For the first time in one place the main roles and responsibilities are detailed in a clear and unambiguous manner which should help all police obtain the assistance and support they may need.

I do hope you find this booklet useful but as always constructive comment would be welcomed to:

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# Northern Ireland Police Fund

## *Role*

To cover all aspects of the care of ex-police officers (and their families) in Northern Ireland who have been seriously injured by terrorist violence, and the widows, children and parents of murdered police officers.

## *Objectives*

To provide grant assistance to police officers and ex-police officers who have been seriously injured or disabled as a direct result of terrorist violence, and the families of murdered police officers.

To provide a general co-ordinating role with other groups operating in its field:

- Disabled Police Officers' Association NI
- Forgotten Families
- Northern Ireland Memorial Fund
- Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers' Association
- Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust
- RUC Benevolent Fund
- Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Parents' Association
- RUC GC Widows' Association

## *Services Provided*

**Bereavement Support Scheme –** provides assistance for those experiencing hardship as a result of bereavement through terrorist violence.

## **Disability Support –**

provides assistance for those who are experiencing hardship as a result of an injury or disability caused as a direct result of terrorist violence.

## **Disability Adaptations –**

provides funding for the provision of specialised equipment, or adaptations to dwellings, for those seriously injured directly through terrorist violence.

## **Prostheses/Wheelchairs/Grants –**

provides grant assistance to ensure that police officers and former officers disabled as a result of terrorist violence have access to the most appropriate prostheses or mobility aids.

## **Chronic Pain Management –**

provides access to specialist treatment for those experiencing long-term pain as a direct result of terrorist violence. Intervention may include provision of a place on a pain management programme or referral to a medical or approved alternative provider appointed by the Police Fund.

## **Educational Bursaries –**

provides funding to those whose lives have been adversely affected by terrorist violence and who may benefit from supported access to education.

## **Psychological Support –**

provides counselling and psychological support to those who have been adversely affected by terrorist violence.

### **Regular Payments –**

this scheme is intended to provide a regular top up to eligible clients who are on very low incomes.

### **Carers' Respite Breaks –**

this scheme provides financial assistance towards the cost of short/respice care breaks for primary carers (someone who has the sole responsibility for caring) of officers, ex-officers, parents and the widows of murdered officers who have suffered as a result of the terrorist campaign and who meet the NIPF eligibility criteria, and who would ordinarily be unable to take a respice break because of their responsibility to the dependant.

### **Home Visitors –**

this scheme, which is being run through the auspices of the NI Retired Police Officers' Association, will provide practical pre-application support and assistance and increase contact with existing clients, as well as identifying potential new clients.

In addition to the above schemes, the Northern Ireland Police Fund also funds further programmes through other police family organisations such as the NI Disabled Police Officers' Association, the Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers' Association, the RUC GC Widows' Association, the RUC GC Parents' Association, the RUC Benevolent Fund, NI Memorial Fund and the Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust.

Programmes include, *inter alia*, payments to those who were widowed before 25 November 1982 and now known as 'Early Widows'; payments for prosthetics, wheelchairs and pain management; staff administrative costs; travel to convalescent homes; pain management programmes.

Further schemes are under development and will be announced in due course. Some schemes require applicants to provide financial details.

### *Eligibility Criteria*

The eligibility criteria for assistance from the Northern Ireland Police Fund is as follows:

- Injured ex-officers who have been awarded an IOD of Band 2 or above and serving officers who have suffered a serious injury as a result of being the direct target of a terrorist attack; and,
- Widows, children and parents of murdered officers.

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# Disabled Police Officers' Association NI

## Role

Membership is open to all members who have suffered serious injury whilst on duty with the RUC/PSNI or as a result of their service. The admission criteria is Injury on Duty assessed at 35% - Industrial Injuries 20% - all applicants must produce documentary evidence of injury at the time of application.

The Association is a charity recognised by the Inland Revenue and is funded by charitable donations and grants from the EU Union, the Northern Ireland Police Fund, Greater Manchester Police and voluntary donations.

## Services Provided

The following are some of the range of services provided to the members:

- Annual Christmas Dinner in Belfast
- Annual Christmas Luncheon in Omagh
- Annual Family BBQ
- Art Classes
- Befriending/Home & Hospital Visiting Services
- Children's Christmas Party for Children and Grandchildren
- Confidential Telephone Help-Line
- Information Days where statutory agencies attend to provide assistance with form filling, queries, etc.
- Monthly Members Away Days held in a different location around the province each month

- Monthly Newsletter
- Organised holidays, which are subsidised home and abroad
- Sporting Activities such as Angling and Bowling
- Therapies Physiological and Psychological
- Time outs for disabled and carers
- Transport and Professional Carers

The Association also provides financial support for travel; childcare and respite care for those members or their spouses who wish to avail of training opportunities provided by external agencies.

All information provided to or contact made with the Association is in the strictest confidence.

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## Contact Name:

Mrs Ann Boal, **co-ordinator**

# Local Voluntary Welfare Groups

## *Role*

To offer all ex-members, widows and pensioners the opportunity to meet informally within their local area and avail of the facilities offered with regard to welfare and social issues by their group or other agencies such as the RUC Benevolent Fund.

## *Aims*

- To organise holidays, outings, social events and services for its membership
- To provide support in a welfare capacity
- To liaise with the RUC Benevolent Fund with regard to matters of welfare where financial help is required
- To liaise with the RUC Benevolent Fund with regard to claims for running expenses
- To liaise with all other groups, eg: Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation, NI Memorial Fund, Police Dependants' Trust, for the benefit of all members
- To maintain a working relationship with appointed Welfare Liaison Officers

## *Services Provided*

- Holidays
- Information Meetings
- Outings
- Social Events
- Welfare Help

## *Contact Details*

Local Voluntary Welfare Groups can be contacted via:-

**RUC Benevolent Fund  
Police Federation for Northern Ireland  
77 – 79 Garnerville Road  
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BT4 2NX**

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# Northern Ireland Memorial Fund

## *Role*

To be the primary charity dedicated to introducing and sustaining programmes that support those who have suffered as a result of the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland and to raising funds for that purpose.

## *Aims / Objectives*

To acknowledge and address the suffering of victims as identified by both the Good Friday Agreement and the report of the Northern Ireland Victims Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Bloomfield.

To promote peace and reconciliation by recognising that the needs of victims are an important part of the healing process in Northern Ireland.

To help victims build a better future for themselves by providing them with the support they need.

To help in the following:

- Pain Relief and Respite Care
- Trauma and Counselling
- Financial Hardship
- Training and Education
- Group Networking

## *Services Provided*


**Small Grants Scheme –** provides household grants of up to £500 for those experiencing financial difficulties.

**Short Break Scheme –** gives individuals and families that have been affected by the “Troubles” short breaks throughout the British Isles.

**Education and Training Scheme –** provides grant assistance that allows those who have been affected by the “Troubles” to access educational and training opportunities that will improve their employment prospects.

**Back to School Scheme –** provides grants to help with the costs encountered at the beginning of the school year.

**Discretionary Hardship Fund –** provides a grant to individuals/families on a low income who are experiencing financial difficulties.



**Chronic Pain Management Scheme** – provides grant assistance to contribute towards private medical consultation and subsequent treatments for those who sustained injuries in the “Troubles”.

**Wheelchair Assessment Scheme** – provides those who have sustained serious injuries during the “Troubles” and who now require the use of a wheelchair with one most suited to their lifestyle and mobility.

**Amputee Assessment Scheme** – provides those who have lost limbs as a result of the “Troubles” with state-of-the-art prostheses for the enhancement of their mobility and their lifestyle.

### *Contact Details*

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# Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers' Association

## *Role*

The role of the organisation is "Improving the Lives of Retired Police Officers in Northern Ireland".

We have almost 3,000 members in the Association.

## *Aims / Goals*

The aims of the Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers' Association are:

- Contact with those injured or in ill health
- Ensuring equality of treatment
- Liaison with Central/ Local Government
- Maintaining contact with members
- Measures which benefit members
- Organise/participate in selected social/community events
- Provide a six-monthly magazine
- Representations on local, national and UK relevant bodies
- Safeguarding pension
- Specialist advice on pension and allowances

## *Objectives*

The objectives of the Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers' Association are:

- To maintain a database to harness the many enquiries being made
- To provide financial assistance to get the Association established on a firm footing
- To produce a magazine called "Reunion"
- To maintain the Family Service with almost 50 trained visitors

## *Contact Details*

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## *Officials*

**Chairman:** Mr D Turkington MBE

**Vice Chairman:** Mr R Cairns QPM

**Secretary:** Mr D McClurg MBE

**Treasurer:** Mr J Adair MBE

## *Secretariat*

Mrs Karen Moore

## *Family Service Co-ordinator*

Mr Sam Lamont

# Police Dependants' Trust

## *Role*

The Police Dependants' Trust was set up in 1966 following the murder of three officers by armed criminals. The main purpose of the Trust is to assist in cases of need.

## *Aims*

To provide assistance to:

- Dependants of police officers, or former police officers who die, or have died, as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty; and,
- Police officers, or former police officers, who are or have been, incapacitated as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty, or dependants of such officers.

The Trust also makes grants to charities that have as their objective the relief of sickness, or mental and physical disabilities, of police officers or former police officers. For example, the Trust has given grants of £500,000 to both the Southern and Northern Police Convalescent Homes.

## *Services Provided*

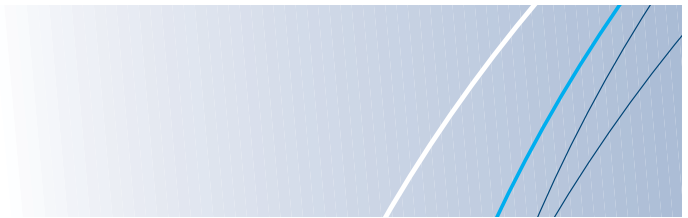
Where need is established, the Trust can help in a number of ways:-

### **Maintenance Grants –**

these are awarded to those whose income, after accommodation costs, falls below a defined level. This enables incapacitated officers and dependants to enjoy a better standard of living.

### **Children's Grants –**

not just to cover the essentials, such as clothing, but a grant could also be made for the purchase of items such as sports or computer equipment. The Trust supports children all the way through their schooling and even on to university.



### **Special Purposes –**

these grants are made in a wide variety of situations, but most commonly to incapacitated officers for special adaptations to their car, or for special equipment to help ease their disability, or even to have their homes adapted to suit their particular needs.

### **Holiday Grants –**

beneficiaries of the Trust on low incomes can be given a grant to take a holiday, if they otherwise cannot afford to do so; also, those with special needs can be given assistance.

### **Funeral Grants –**

these can be made to help at the most difficult of times.

### *Contact Details*

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**Please note: All Northern Ireland applications and registrations for the Police Dependants' Trust are processed by PSNI Occupational Health & Welfare (see contact details on page 15).**

# *Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust*

## *Role*

The Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust exists to enable members and former members of the police service to achieve and sustain a successful transition into civilian life by providing integrated: careers guidance and personal development; training, education and employment support; psychological therapies and physiotherapy.

## *Aims*

- To sustain a range of relevant rehabilitation services that satisfies the assessed needs of our clients.
- To provide comprehensive education, training and support that meets the needs of our clients.

## *Objectives*

To provide seamless and unrivalled service in the areas of:

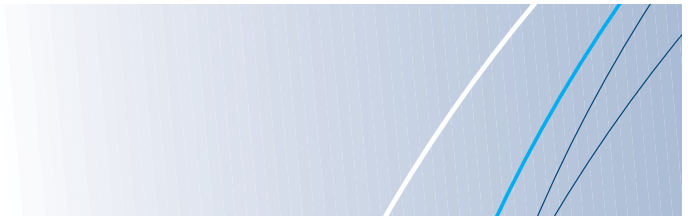
- Careers guidance and personal development
- Psychological therapies
- Physiotherapy and services
- Training, education and employment support

## *Services Provided*

### **Training & Education – The Service**

The Trust's Retraining Service is designed to provide eligible clients with the necessary qualifications and skills to achieve their individual career goals outside the police service. The Service provides a varied range of in-house and external training courses. The majority of in-house training courses are 100% funded for eligible clients. All training is designed to a very high standard, and is also customised specifically to meet the needs of PRRT clients.

The training is complemented by a Discretionary Grant funding arrangement to support clients who wish to pursue a particular course of study or training course which is not provided as part of the current PRRT offering. The chosen course of study must underpin or support a future career plan. A Discretionary Grant application can be made at an assessment interview with a Trust Training Assessor.



PRRT training may be accessed via two routes:

- I Eligible clients who have decided upon, or have embarked upon, their future career direction and do not require careers advice, should access training support by making an appointment with a Training Assessor.
- II Eligible clients who are currently within a PRRT career management process, or wish to benefit from careers advice, should access training support by making an appointment with a Careers Adviser.

Whatever the situation or particular needs in relation to training, education and development toward a future career, PRRT can help.

PRRT currently offers over 40 different training courses in the following subject areas:

- Trades and Skills
- Personal Development
- Business and Self-Employment
- Computer Training
- Academic Courses

Please call the Training Department for more details at **028 9042 7788**

### **Careers and Personal Development**

A comprehensive Career and Personal Development Service is provided at Maryfield and other locations in Northern Ireland to eligible clients.

### **Active Retirement**

Paid employment, another career or retraining for work may not be the right focus or option for personal or health related reasons. Should this be the case, a Careers Adviser is available to discuss other options including learning new skills, unpaid work, volunteering, training and education opportunities.

### **Information Resource Centre**

A range of information to support any advice and guidance in relation to decision making is provided through an Information Resource Centre which may be accessed in person, by telephone or e-mail.

### **Eligibility**

Reserve officers are eligible for this service, as are serving officers who plan to leave their policing career within the next ten years. Medically retired officers and those in the process of medical retirement are also eligible. Other retired officers with the exception of those who have retired through the Voluntary Severance Programme may also use this Service\*. To make an appointment and check your eligibility for this Service, contact the Service Co-ordinator at 028 9042 7788.

\* Officers leaving through the Voluntary Severance Programme seeking advice and guidance are managed through another provider for a period of two years following cessation of their service; after this period they are eligible for the PRRT Service.

### **Department of Psychological Therapies – The Service**

The Department of Psychological Therapies forms one part of the healthcare service within the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust. It provides a service for retired and retiring police officers, and their families who have encountered psychological difficulties as a consequence of their own or, in the case of families, a relative's policing experience.

### **Physiotherapy – The Service**

The Physiotherapy Service at PRRT forms part of our rehabilitation team and along with the Psychology and Career and Personal Development Services aims to provide a holistic service to improve the quality of life of our clients.

Clients can be referred from other PRRT services or can self-refer. Clients who feel our service may be appropriate for them should, in the first instance, contact our Service Co-ordinator who will make an appointment for assessment once eligibility has been confirmed.

### **Neurological Service**

In the past year we have extended our Service to include the treatment of neurological conditions so that clients suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, stroke etc. could receive some additional support. Currently we have a number of specialist Chartered Physiotherapists in private practice, who provide this service for us as required.

### **Links with PSNI Occupational Health & Welfare**

Although our core client group is retired or retiring RUC/PSNI officers, we maintain good links with Occupational Health and Welfare (OHW). We can provide services to serving officers and students at the request of OHW.

### **New Services**

The Physiotherapy service at PRRT aims to provide a high quality, clinically effective Service, which is responsive to our clients needs. Recently piloted new services include the Chronic Pain Management Clinic and hydrotherapy.

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# PSNI Occupational Health & Welfare

## Role

To improve the Health and Well-Being of Police Officers and Support Staff

## Aims / Goals

- “To provide an efficient and effective health surveillance programme for officers and staff”.
- “To provide a job related health promotion programme for officers and support staff”.
- “To provide a job related health and physical training programme for officers”.
- “To assist in providing the maximum numbers of officers and staff to be fit for and attending work”.
- “To develop and deliver a customer focused employee support programme to officers and staff”.
- “To provide an effective and efficient communication network both internally and to our customers”.
- “To implement the recommendations of the Best Value Review”.

## Objectives

- To identify the number of operational officers and staff in high-risk groups who still require Hepatitis B immunisation. To carry out 80% of Hepatitis B immunisation on these officers and staff.
- To identify the number of officers and staff who require to be screened for noise induced hearing loss. To carry out 80% of screening assessment on these officers and staff.
- The continued development, monitoring and delivery of a holistic Health Promotion Strategy for the organisation.
- To provide assistance in the maintenance of an appropriate standard of physical competence at student officer and probationer officer levels.
- To provide a prompt response to referrals from management on officers and staff on attendance management and fitness for work issues.
- To review all medical restrictions currently in place for officers and assist those officers with a medical restriction to return to a full range of duties where possible.
- To monitor the extended Physiotherapy scheme.
- To identify and develop protocols for further rehabilitation interventions.

- To monitor the delivery of the employee support programme to officers and staff.
- To provide training in all aspects of the critical incident stress management programme to the organisation.
- To identify “at risk” groups and investigate the requirements for carrying out annual screening with regard to psychological issues.
- To develop the Branch Intranet site on PoliceNet.
- To identify measures to increase and improve the awareness of OH&W services both internally and externally.
- To facilitate and support the introduction of a new OH&W IT system.
- To produce a project plan to implement the recommendations made as a result of the Best Value Review.

### *Services Provided*

#### **Police Dependants’ Trust**

Employee Support Officers will assist police officers and former police officers to register and process applications for grants with the Police Dependants’ Trust (PDT). The Trust exists solely for the purpose of helping police officers and/or their families, who were either killed or seriously incapacitated due to the special hazards of policing.

### *Registration of New Claimant*

If anyone wishes to apply for a grant or register with the PDT and meets the criteria set out by the PDT, ie:

- Dependants of police officers, or former police officers, who die, or have died, as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty
- Police officers, or former police officers, who are, or have been, incapacitated as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty, or dependants of such officers.

### **Application for Assistance**

If the police officers, or former police officers, are already registered with PDT and wishes to make an application for assistance.

### *Contact Details*

#### **Occupational Health & Welfare**

##### **Seapark**

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# *RUC Benevolent Fund*

## *Role*

To support ex-members of the RUC GC, police widows, dependants, injured and disabled officers, as well as members of the PSNI who find themselves experiencing financial hardship or difficulty. In all instances, a case of need must be identified.

## *Aims*

The Fund aims to provide assistance to:-

- Dependants of any of the above
- Ex-members/pensioners
- Ex-members who are not pensionable
- Injured or disabled officers
- Parents of deceased single officers
- Serving police officers
- Widows/widowers

The RUC Benevolent Fund is a charity that aims to address the most deserving cases.

To meet every month and consider requests for financial help and other Benevolent Fund matters.

To consider grants where there is clear evidence of financial hardship or difficulty.

## *Objectives*

Identify cases from those requesting assistance from the Fund for the Benevolent Fund Representatives to visit and present their cases to the Committee.

To assess each case and discuss on its own merit. To provide grants to the most deserving cases.

## *Contact Details*

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# *RUC GC Foundation*

## *Role*

The Foundation was created by virtue of Section 70 of the Police (NI) Act 2000 for the purpose of ‘marking the sacrifices and honouring the achievements of the Royal Ulster Constabulary’

## *Objectives*

1. Management responsibility for the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Garden and for a new purpose-built museum, which will be erected beside it.
2. Undertake joint initiatives with the various Associations or Groups within the RUC family.
3. Support the professional development of police officers and innovations in policing, for example, by providing bursaries and funding research.
4. Arrange and encourage appropriate ‘RUCGC’ Day events – first Sunday in June each year.

## *Contact Details*

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## *Trustees*

**Chairman:** Jim McDonald

Cathleen Carlisle  
Dame Geraldine Keegan  
Freddie Hall  
Bertha McDougall  
Trevor Ringland

# *RUC Parents' Association*

## *Role*

The RUC GC Parents' Association was formed in 2003. Parents of RUC Officers who have been murdered as a direct result of terrorist action during the troubles have come together and formed an association for mutual support.

The Association works on a regional basis and offers an active programme of social events for members which provides much needed opportunities for social contact.

## *Aims*

The RUC GC Parents' Association was established to:

- Ensure that the parents of murdered RUC Officers receive due recognition of their loss
- Provide welfare and support
- Provide a range of activities aimed at the social support of parents
- Act as a point of reference for parents and as a point of referral for outside bodies
- Facilitate services which address the psychological and physical legacy of trauma and to arrange for the practical needs of parents to be met



### *Liaison with Other Organisations*

The Association has established links with the following organisations:-

- Age Concern Northern Ireland
- Care Forum
- Community Relations Council
- COPS
- Disabled Police Officers' Association of NI
- NICVA
- Northern Ireland Police Fund
- NI Retired Police Officers' Association
- Police Federation of Northern Ireland
- Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust
- Police Roll of Honour Trust
- Royal British Legion
- RUC GC Association Branches in Northern Ireland
- RUC GC Benevolent Fund
- RUC GC Foundation
- RUC GC Widows' Association

### *Activities*

- Advice and Information
- Group Holidays
- Monthly Support Group
- Remembrance Services
- Research/Reports
- Social Support Activities
- Talks
- Weekend Breaks

### *Contact Details*

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## *RUC GC Widows' Association*

### *Role*

The Association was formed in 1980 to foster the social wellbeing, friendship, health, recreation and leisure of police widows, and to strengthen and extend facilities for their children.

### *Activities*

- Friendship and support
- Newsletter
- Regional Committee members act as point of contact throughout NI
- Social Events

### *Contact Details*

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**Honorary Chairperson**  
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