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Psychological Support Scheme

*Care in the
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This fund is utilised to provide counselling and psychological support to those whose mental health has been adversely affected as a direct result of terrorist violence. This service is provided through PRRT. An initial assessment report is sought to indicate level of treatment required and associated costs. Clients' treatment will be subject to regular review to monitor progress and future need requirements.

Eligibility

- A widow (including those who have remarried) or family member (dependant child, parent or sibling) of an officer* whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Former officers* and his/her family members (dependant, parent or sibling) who have suffered serious physical and/or psychological injuries as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Siblings will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Widow/ers and families of officers who were eligible but die post service; and Widow/ers and dependent children of officers already in receipt of support from the NI Police Fund will continue to be eligible for support when the officer has died of natural causes
- Dependent children of RUC/PSNI officers whose parents and, where appropriate, the legal guardians, have been seriously injured or murdered by terrorists
- Parents of officers murdered by terrorists

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- Serving PSNI officers will only be considered following a referral from PSNI Occupational Health and Welfare.
- **No distinction is made in the case of a former police officer murdered or injured by terrorists after his/her service where the death or injury occurred as a direct result of having been a police officer.**

Note:

Initially, any application for psychological counselling will be referred to the Chief Executive who will consider the request and determine the need for an independent professional counsellor's assessment report. This should indicate what counselling is required and for how long.

The extent of the provision of such support will be at the discretion of the Board. Once an application has been approved the client can only apply again within 12 months of the awarding of the grant in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Board. Clients cannot re-apply for the same item if their first request for that item has been declined nor can applications be split into separate parts to avoid the capping of awards.