

RECYCLING OF METALS - DONATION TO CHARITY

MEETING: CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT JOINT
CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE

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REPORT BY: BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the surplus derived from the recovery of metals following cremation and recommend a proposal for its distribution to a local charity over the next 12 months.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A decision was taken by the Joint Committee back in March 2007 to participate in a national scheme for the recovery of metals following cremation (Min. No. 03/07 of 28 March 2007 refers).
- 2.2 Following that decision, recovered metals were retained at the Crematorium for collection by a waste metal collection and recycling company, Orthometals Limited, on behalf of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), who are the scheme administrators. Metals are only recovered and recycled with the consent of the application for cremation (usually next of kin and/or Executor).
- 2.3 The terms of the Scheme require that any surpluses generated from this process shall be donated to national or local bereavement-related charities nominated by the contributing crematoria.

Locally, nominations have previously been approved by the Committee for donations made to CRUSE Bereavement Counsellors, SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Charity), Weston Park Cancer Charity, Ashgate Hospice Care, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, MacMillan Cancer Support, Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team and Alzheimer's Research UK.

3. NOMINATION 2019/20

The Bereavement Services Manager has received four requests from Charities to be considered (two of which have previously benefited from the scheme).

Requests received since the last nomination was approved are summarised below. To be considered, the core function of the charity should be bereavement related or a definable element/function of the charity should be bereavement related providing support or a service to the Bereaved or their family.

Charity	Bereavement Function (Core –v- Element)	Direct Assistance to Constituents
MAKE A WISH (UK)	Grants life changing wishes to children with critical illness.	National Charity
MacMillan Cancer Support • Previously received donation towards unit at CNDRH.	For funding towards Welfare Rights Service and Supportive Care	Regional – Derbyshire and South Yorkshire
Nenna Kind Cancer Support Drop In Centre	Cancer Support Charity including support to clients that are palliative care and their loved ones after death.	Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Bluebell Wood Childrens Hospice • Previously received donation.	Care for Children at the Hospice and home whos lifes are sadly often too short.	Regional (based at North Anston)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee is requested to:

- (i) Approve the nomination of the Nenna Kind Charity to receive share of the surplus funds from the scheme for the next 12 months with further nominations presented to the Committee in December 2020 or March 2021.

5. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) The Nenna Kind Charity have not previously received support from this scheme and provide various support to those affected by Cancer and their loved ones. See email at Appendix A from Chair Person, Barbara Wallace. The Charity also directly support residents of North Derbyshire by providing a Free Bus Service, twice daily to Weston Park Hospital. The main aim of the Charity is to relieve sickness and preserve the health and welfare of patients.

APPENDIX A

Dear Ross,

Thank you for the reply to my email.

As you are aware we are a cancer support charity, and we support not just cancer patients but their families as well. Unfortunately we do have clients that are palliative care and they and their families can have treatment for as long as they are well enough to attend . As you can imagine we tend to get to know them well and when the client passes away their relatives still come to us either just to have someone to talk to or for therapy.

We still have clients that come to us for a long time after their loved one has passed away , they like to talk about their relative to us as we have got to know them quite well over the time they have spent with us, and although we are not councillors we can support them by giving them a listening ear for as long as they wish to come to Nenna Kind.

Kind regards

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