



Our Christmas Appeal 2019

“The support from the Cameron Fund has meant a great deal to us, not only the practical help but also importantly receiving understanding and support at a time when there were many challenges. Both played an important role in our managing to find a way forward as a family.”

Dear Colleagues

These are the words of thanks we received recently from a GP colleague we had helped: a GP Partner in her fifties, married with two teenage children, who found herself unable to work due to serious health issues and her drawings unable to cover the cost of locum cover.

Our aim is always to tailor support to an individual GP's situation, so as well as providing financial help through grants or loans, a Trustee may visit an applicant to discuss their concerns in more detail. We often pay for an assessment from our Money Advisor who, with his expert knowledge, will suggest ways to improve a family's financial situation in the short-term, and long-term debt management. We can also offer sessions with our Career Coach – anything to help a GP return to work, and enable them to be in receipt of a sufficient income to cover their household expenditure.

Once again, I need to emphasis just how much the Cameron Fund depends on your generosity, as around 50% of our funds come from donations from LMCs and individual GPs. Without this stream of income, we would not be able to continue helping colleagues – those GPs and their families who find themselves in financial crisis, primarily through loss of earnings. Please could you distribute our annual appeal, and ask all your LMC and constituent GPs to consider giving their support to the Fund again this year? We gladly accept donations made directly into the Fund's account (CAF Bank: Sort Code 40 52 40, Account No. 00015215) or by cheque if you prefer.

As always, I would like to thank those LMCs that continue to support the Cameron Fund with annual donations. Next year we will be celebrating the Fund's 50th Anniversary and hope you will continue to support us through the next decade, in order to guarantee our support for those in need.

Wishing you all – and General Practice – a very healthy 2020... and please remember to keep spreading the word about the Fund's existence.

Dr Ian Winterton, Cameron Fund Treasurer