

Penguins Against Cancer

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Dear Officers, Trustees and Members of Penguins Against Cancer,

On behalf of HASAG Asbestos Disease Support I would like to thank you for your amazingly generous grant of £5000. I can confirm that we have safely received the donation so please note this letter as our formal receipt of the donation. This money will be used to support those diagnosed with mesothelioma, a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos that sadly has no cure.

We would also like to thank your members, Sam Hodges and Naseema Callaghan for proposing us in direct support for their friend and our dear patient, Mark Northwood.

Although asbestos hasn't been used in the UK since 1999, the number of those diagnosed with mesothelioma hasn't yet started to fall. We continue to visit around 700 people each year after their diagnosis.

We are trusted by over 90 hospitals in the South and South-East including the London boroughs to support their patients diagnosed with an asbestos-related illness. Patients have a lot to worry about regarding their diagnosis, treatments, palliative care, finances, and the effect on their families. Our aim is to take this burden and stress from them. Every occurrence of an asbestos-related illness will probably create additional costs for patients and their families. It is important that we act to protect their financial security. Initially, we arrange to visit them in their homes and complete the relevant forms for benefits they are entitled to. We also signpost them to other services.

For many of our patients, the devastating news of a terminal diagnosis is very difficult to handle. Not just for them, but also for their families. Many find it difficult to discuss with their loved ones, for fear of causing more upset. We provide a free counselling service, where our patients and or family members can talk freely to professionals about how they feel.

Without amazing supporters like the members of Penguins Against Cancer, we wouldn't be able to continue our important work. We are so grateful to you for your generous grant. The money we have received will be used to ensure our community receive the best support.

If you have any queries, or if you would like additional information about our work, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Once again, on behalf of everyone at HASAG Asbestos Disease Support, and the people affected mesothelioma we support, thank you so much again for your wonderful generosity.

Yours Sincerely

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