



Our Christmas Appeal 2020

"I cannot understate how important The Cameron Fund has been to our family, I would not be where I am today without your help and it is amazing to see how far my mum has come in the past 5 years with your continued support. I hope that you can continue to provide this wonderful support for other families like ours as it really does change lives."

Dear Colleagues

This comment was received from the son of a former GP who received a student allowance from the Cameron Fund. His mother had to leave a partnership due to ill health and we helped the family with grants and helped the GP with career coaching.

The aim of the fund is to provide help to GPs and their families tailored to their individual circumstances. We assess their needs using their application form, financial information and further enquiries. If appropriate, a Trustee may make a home visit. Careful consideration is given to the help most needed, which could be money advice, a grant or a loan. Money advice is provided by our expert Money Adviser who, after careful detailed analysis of the family's financial situation, is able to suggest ways to improve their situation by ensuring that all available help is claimed and any debts managed in the most efficient way. It is fair to say that this detailed analysis of a family's financial situation, which then allows positive advice to be given, is always greatly appreciated.

In normal times, the Cameron Fund depends on LMCs and Individual GPs for 50% of our income. As I'm sure you are aware 2020 has been anything but normal. The Covid pandemic has markedly increased the number of GPs facing financial difficulties and needing help from the Fund. In addition, we are informed that the income from our investments will almost certainly decrease in the future. Your contributions are therefore more important than ever.

2020 is the Cameron Fund's Fiftieth Anniversary. We are very proud to mark 50 years of helping GPs who find themselves in financial hardship and, in order to continue our work, we would be most grateful for your generous and ongoing support.

With this in mind could you please 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 number 00015215) or by cheque if you prefer.

As always, I would like to thank those LMCs and individual members who continue to support the Cameron Fund, your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, we at the Cameron Fund would like to wish you all an enjoyable Festive Season and a 2021 in which we can all prosper. Keep safe, keep well.

Dr Ian Winterton, Cameron Fund Treasurer