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Dear Colleague

As I am sure that you are aware The Cameron Fund is the GPs' own charity. It is the only medical benevolent fund that solely supports general practitioners and their dependents. We provide support to GPs and their families in times of financial need, whether through ill-health, disability, death or loss of employment. We help those who are already suffering from financial hardship and those who are facing it. We provide practical support in the form of grants and loans but also money advice in order to prevent poverty and significant hardship.

The Cameron Fund is a membership organisation. Until recently membership has only been open to GPs or former GPs who have worked for the NHS or the UK armed forces. We became aware that colleagues significantly involved in GP welfare were not eligible to become members and did not have access to our information and were not able to demonstrate their support of GPs in need. We are very pleased to announce that, following a decision taken by members at our AGM, the Cameron Fund now offers Associate Membership. Colleagues working in the GP profession who are not GPs, for example LMC Secretaries or Practice Managers, can now support our work by becoming Associate Members. As with full membership, there is no charge but donations are encouraged. Associate Members will not be entitled to stand for Council or vote but the benefit of membership is that you are supporting GPs and their families in times of crisis. You will also be kept up date with the work of The Cameron Fund.

This year mark the 50th anniversary of The Cameron Fund. As we have had to postpone our planned celebratory events, we would like to mark the year by encouraging people working in the GP profession to sign up for Associate Membership.

Should you be interested in membership, I attach a membership application and standing order form and Gift Aid declaration which can be returned to our office via email or post. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in Associate Membership, please feel free to share this letter with them.

Yours sincerely

Dr Gary Calver, Chair