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## CrossReach Information Sheet

### COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone and frontline care services face unprecedented challenges. The impact of COVID-19 means CrossReach residents can no longer receive visits during this worrying time. Staff are also under immense pressure as they continue to provide vital support in CrossReach's residential and non-residential services. The organisation also faces challenges as it works to provide Personal Protective Equipment to all front-line staff.



Your donations will help CrossReach tackle these concerns and continue providing care and support to those who use their services.

For more information, please visit: [bit.ly/COVID-19CrossReach](https://bit.ly/COVID-19CrossReach)

### Personal Protective Equipment



CrossReach has residential services throughout Scotland. Each one of these services has had to put in place additional measures to protect the residents and the staff. All of its residential services are home to the people who live there. As part of its ethos, CrossReach is maintaining that home feeling as much as possible, while balancing it with the clinical needs of the current pandemic and relatives' expectations to wear PPE.

Like most care homes and other residential settings, CrossReach services were not set up as clinical establishments. Therefore providing the necessary resources to all residential services which includes gowns, masks, visors and associated equipment has been at the forefront of their efforts.

Every week, personal protective equipment is arriving at the CrossReach central distribution site and being distributed by a staff team co-opted from other duties. This will be repeated regularly for the foreseeable future.

To donate or find out more information, please visit: [bit.ly/COVID-19CrossReach](https://bit.ly/COVID-19CrossReach)

### CrossReach Staff and Volunteers

During this pandemic CrossReach's front line staff have stepped up to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and without them the work CrossReach does would not be possible. Volunteers are also providing much needed support in various selfless ways. Their willingness to do what ever it takes to help, alleviates the pressure felt by services.

To find out how you can join their wonderful volunteers, please visit: [www.crossreach.org.uk/support-us/volunteer](https://www.crossreach.org.uk/support-us/volunteer) or email: [volunteer.withus@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.withus@crossreach.org.uk)



Looking to share ideas on local social care and outreach projects? The Social Care Forum is your one-stop-shop for social care resources. Visit: [www.socialcareforum.scot/](https://www.socialcareforum.scot/)

## The Moderator steps up for CrossReach

The Moderator of the General Assembly, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, took part in the 2.6 Challenge on Sunday 26 April 2020 to raise vital funds for CrossReach. The 2.6 Challenge, which enables people to donate money online, takes its inspiration from the London Marathon which was supposed to be held on the same date but was cancelled due to the pandemic. CrossReach Chief Executive Officer, Viv Dickenson, explained that:

“The 2.6 challenge will help fund CrossReach services through this difficult period. With many of our fundraising challenges being postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19 this challenge is a great alternative to help support our life changing services”.



To read more about Moderator's participation in the challenge:

[www.crossreach.org.uk/news/moderator-steps-up-for-the-26-challenge](http://www.crossreach.org.uk/news/moderator-steps-up-for-the-26-challenge)

## Social Care Forum for Churches



For churches seeking to do more within their community, the Social Care Forum is a great resource that can be utilised by the Church to reach those in need of help. Through the Forum, individual churches can discuss ideas and collaborate ways to provide assistance to their local community. There is also an array of information relating to older people, adults and children available to view and download.

For more information, please visit: [www.socialcareforum.scot/](http://www.socialcareforum.scot/)

## Bags for CrossReach Care Homes

Members of churches have been creating bags for the staff at their local CrossReach care homes which allows them to safely take home their working clothes at the end of their shifts. The bags can then be put directly in the washing machine without having to take the clothes out. There are various patterns online to select from.

To participate: [www.sewcreativestudios.net/post/stay-home-sew-nhs-uniform-bags](http://www.sewcreativestudios.net/post/stay-home-sew-nhs-uniform-bags)

## Ways to support CrossReach

- Recruitment: [hrenquiries@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:hrenquiries@crossreach.org.uk)
- Volunteering, including offers for driving key workers: [Volunteer.WithUs@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer.WithUs@crossreach.org.uk)
- Supporters, individuals/ groups/ corporates/ funders: [supporters@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:supporters@crossreach.org.uk)
- Supplies, equipment, general procurement: [megan.forsyth@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:megan.forsyth@crossreach.org.uk)
- General enquiries: [info@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:info@crossreach.org.uk)

## CrossReach prayer widget for your church website

CrossReach can email you a link to its Prayer Diary widget with easy to follow instructions on how to upload it. Every week, it will update automatically with a new set of prayers. For more information please contact: [bdd@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:bdd@crossreach.org.uk)

We hope you can make use of these features and opportunities in your congregations.  
To contact the CrossReach Supporter Development Team please call: 0131 454 4374



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