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To, Haydon Wick Parish Council, Stratton Parish Council, Highworth Town Council, St Andrews Parish Council, Central Swindon North Parish Council, Swindon Borough Council.

Hello,

You will recall that we visited Council back in the summer, to describe our ambitions to build an easily accessible Mental Health Hub, based around our existing offices in Pinetrees but with outreach to the different parishes/town.

We have actually begun that model already with a presence at Haydon Wick Council Offices on a Monday, a medium term plan to do something similar in Moredon and once we are in a position to recruit additional staff, it would be our proposal to make sure there is a mental health outreach worker based in each of the Parish/Town Offices for a minimum of one day every two weeks, depending on the eventual workload.

You may have noticed we have had a tragic event at the Charity in the last week, which has caused a degree of disruption, but we are now coming to terms with this loss and putting in place plans to support the individuals that were looked after by Sarah.

It remains our intention to submit this bid to the National Lottery prior to Christmas, but because the criteria have changed somewhat within the lottery qualification process, there will not be an automatic acceptance.

Even if we cannot fit in with the new lottery criteria, we are still determined to go ahead with this plan in a modified format, not least of which because Swindon Borough Council have identified 'men's mental health' as the most significant cause of male death between 30 and 50 years, and a priority for our town to address it.

As an interim, we presently have 18 men on our waiting list for therapeutic support so, in the absence of anything in Swindon like an 'Andy Man's Club' or similar national initiatives, we are beginning in 2026 a Men's Wellness Group which will be held at Pinetrees Centre. It doesn't set out to be a formal affair, rather something where guys feel happy to call in and talk about some of the issues and enjoy something to drink and eat with us at the same time.

A poster is attached here in order that you can provide some publicity around your Parish/Town areas, on your website or Facebook or wherever else you are able to publicise worthwhile initiatives.

Perhaps you would acquaint your Council of this note when you're able to. The kind of small contribution sponsorship money we spoke of, is unlikely to be requested any time soon, because the lottery process, assuming we can qualify, can take up to 45 weeks.

This will not prevent us continuing to try to build the charity in other innovative ways, but with no statutory help whatsoever and relying on the kindness of donors, and events that we run to raise money, it's not an easy task on top of trying to provide the range of services and support (for more than 80 clients currently) alongside.

Thank you for your continued help and support and we will update you soon and so far as the progress with the bid is concerned.

Warm Regards



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