



## **2 Wish Upon A Star**

### **Letters of support from Chief Constables of each Welsh Police Force.**

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Rhian,

We are a huge fan of your Charity and support your work...thanks for all that you do...please find below a short statement in support of your work and challenge..

“One of the greatest traumas imaginable is when parents have to deal with the death of a child. Gwent Police work in partnership with a number of agencies to support parents and families through these times. In Wales we have the Procedural Response to Unexpected Deaths in Childhood (PRUDiC). The aim of the PRUDiC is to ensure that the response is safe, consistent and sensitive to those concerned. We are very reliant on the contribution of 2 Wish Upon A Star who have assisted us in improving the response to child death in Wales. They have worked with Health colleagues around the improvement of family rooms and ensuring all parents are provided with a memory box. They provide immediate support but also longer-term counselling. I am also very thankful to them for the support they offer to front line professionals including Police officers who respond to this very sensitive and difficult subject. They are a key part of the response within Gwent.”

**Chief Constable Pam Kelly**  
Prif Gwnstabl / Chief Constable  
Heddlu Gwent Police

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Good afternoon Rhian

Sincere apologies for our late response to your request sent to Chief Constable Matt Jukes on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, and passed onto me to prepare some words in support of your organisation. I hope it is not too late for your talks with Welsh Government.

*2 Wish Upon a Star is a provider of a service to ensure that bereaved families and friends, witnesses and professionals affected by the trauma of the sudden death of a child or young person receive support. South Wales Police serves nearly half of the Welsh population, and sadly experience the largest number of sudden deaths of children and young people, with 85*

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*child and young adult deaths in 2018 alone. 2 Wish Upon a Star are one of the support sources named in the 2018 Procedural Response to Unexpected Deaths in Childhood (PRUDiC) prepared the NHS Wales and Public Health Wales. Since 2016, South Wales Police has in place a referral process whereby this organisation is detailed on our sudden death documentation and our officers and staff offer the bereaved a referral to the charity. In this context 2 Wish Upon a Star offer immediate support, counselling and support groups for families and wider groups affected by tragic deaths that can cause vulnerability, immeasurable psychological trauma and harm.*

Kind regards



Mark



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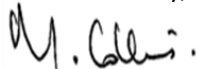
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**To Whom It May Concern**

Dyfed-Powys Police has been working closely with 2 Wish Upon A Star to support suddenly bereaved families of children and young adults since 2016. We have established a close working relationship and protocols where officers can refer families, with their consent, for support following the unexpected death of a child. We regularly receive feedback from the families that this support is invaluable at such a difficult time. My officers tell me how grateful they are to be able to call on the charity for assistance following attendance at these tragic events.

My officers and I are also extremely grateful to Rhian Mannings as she attends Family Liaison Officer Training and Continuous Professional Development events sharing her own heart-breaking experience of a family struggling to cope with the sudden death of a child. We have used the learning from her experience to make sure that Dyfed-Powys Police makes sure that parents and families are not missed or forgotten, when they need specialist help and support the most.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Collins, Chief Constable



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Dear *Rhian*

Following your correspondence, I am writing to show my support for 2 Wish Upon a Star regarding the immediate support pathway.

As an organisation, we have been working with "2Wish" for a number of years now. Rhian and the team have been provided support, advice and guidance on how to deal with the tragedy of sudden death in children and young adults. This has undoubtedly enabled us to professionalise and streamline the police response such a tragic event.


For North Wales Police specifically, "2 Wish" have not only supported the bereaved families, but also they are there to support my colleagues who may have been adversely affected by these tragic events. Often, wellbeing amongst officers can be overlooked and it has been my priority since being appointed as Chief Constable to ensure every employee of North Wales Police has access to wellbeing services.

"2Wish" have also contributed to a significant amount of training which has provided education to officers at all levels of the organisation on how best to deal with bereaved parents and their families.

On the 4th of August this year myself and colleagues DCI's Sion Williams and Tim Evans, completed the Prudential 100 mile route to raise funds for "2Wish"

I have seen where services and support mechanisms are really lacking in supporting those effected by these sad events, therefore North Wales Police are proud to be supporting this worthy charity.

Yours sincerely,

  
Carl Foulkes  
Prif Gwnstabl  
Chief Constable

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