

The Retreat York Benevolent Fund

The Retreat York is the first psychiatric hospital ever to be designed on humane grounds, to treat people as people, in a homely setting. Built over 200 years ago - we are very proud of our long-standing reputation for excellence and for providing care and treatment of the highest quality.

Our outpatient service at the Tuke Centre offers many forms of therapy and accessing this service is one of the options available through funding i.e. we can pay the full costs of therapy if the criteria for awarding the funds is met.

In addition to offering help to individuals, we also consider applications for grants which directly support activities related to Quakers in Mental Health. This could be supporting the cost of a project manager leading an initiative, the cost of hosting an event, or support for another charity, all of which must be directly associated with Quakers interested in the treatment, care, research and management of mental health related issues.



Criteria

The criteria for receiving assistance from the Fund are as follows:

1. You will be a member of the Religious Society of Friends or you will be closely connected to the Religious Society of Friends.
2. Owing to your financial circumstances you will be unable to pay the full fees for the assistance that you require. You will lack sufficient savings or income to pay for this service directly.

Stress, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, phobias, behavioural problems and family therapy, are just a few examples of the sort of issues we can help with.

Treatment and therapy usually takes place in York at the Tuke Centre but we can also provide approval for support or treatment closer to your home at an alternative establishment.

We will also assist in providing practical support, hospital treatment or home nursing at the home of any Friend or those closely connected with Friends wherever they are living, either for mental or bodily illness including accidents.

Next Steps

All you need to do, either directly or with help from your Quaker Meeting, is to contact our Secretary of the Fund on 01904 412551 to ask for an application form or email benfund@theretreatyork.org.uk and a form will be emailed to you.



You will be asked to attend an assessment and this, along with your financial statement outlining your financial status will be reviewed by our Benevolent Fund Trustees to make the decision on whether a grant is appropriate.

For applications other than personal help i.e. grants to help support activities related to Quakers in Mental Health - a separate application form is required.

Donations

The Fund has limited income which primarily comes from investments. Donations are of course welcome and should be clearly marked as being for The Retreat York Benevolent Fund and forwarded to the Secretary of the Fund, at The Retreat, 107 Heslington Road, York YO10 5BN

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