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Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity Launch Crisis Appeal

For immediate release

The charity that supports our construction workers and their families are launching a crisis appeal so that they can respond to the needs of our workforce as a result of Covid-19

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of construction workers and their families in the UK and Ireland.

In an industry where two workers take their own life every single working day and where stress, depression and anxiety account for a fifth of all work related illness, we are already seeing a devastating impact on the people that keep our infrastructure going, build our energy plants, our homes and places of work.

The charity relies heavily on event income to fund their 24/7 Helpline, but the current Covid-19 pandemic has decimated their national and regional events. So, at a time when the construction community needs their support the most, they simply don't have the resources to be able to respond in the face of this ever-increasing cry for help.

Bill Hill, CEO of the Charity said, "As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic the calls to our Construction Industry Helpline are currently increasing by over 25% a week. Many of the calls received are from self-employed tradesmen, agency staff or workers on zero hour contracts who cope from week to week. They are often only one or two paydays away from poverty. They need our help to feed their families and to pay their bills for heating and lighting."

This is a difficult time for everyone, but the charity hopes that they can count on the industry's generosity to make sure that none of our construction workers and their families are left alone in a crisis.

The charity also pledged that not one penny of the crisis fund will be diverted to charity overheads and that every penny donated will reach the people that really need it.

Charity CEO, Bill Hill also urged the industry to help spread the word about their 24/7 Construction Industry Helpline and app, “Whether you’re in a position to donate or not, we are here for you. Our 24/7 helpline and app will enable anyone that needs help to access emergency financial support and mental health and wellbeing information and guidance”.

Please get behind your industry’s charity and donate what you can today.

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Notes to editors

About the Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity is the only charity that provides financial and emotional support to the construction community and their families who have suffered an injury, long term illness or just need some extra support. The charity provides a 24 /7 Construction Industry Helpline which is the first point of contact to access a range of free and confidential support services including; emergency financial, advice on welfare and mental wellbeing, and support on legal, tax and debt management matters.

The charity is also a founder member of the construction industry’s dedicated and volunteer led Building Mental Health initiative that was conceived in response to the 2017 Stevenson / Farmer report ‘Thriving at Work’. Through this activity our charity has created an online portal of information about mental health, www.buildingmentalhealth.net to help companies start and develop the process of building a positive mental health culture in their organisation. The contributors are a group of volunteers who have shared their industry knowledge and experience and pooled together the latest thinking and best practice. From downloadable tool box talks and videos, through to advice on how to access mental health training, all the information is free of charge, copyright free and can be tailored to individual needs.

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