



**The National**  
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# PILOT PROGRAMME THE THERAPY CARE INITIATIVE

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## Some Background

In June 2025 we were pleased to announce that The National Lottery Community Fund awarded the National Mikey Powell Memorial Family Fund (NMPMFF) an Awards for All grant to further the commitments from our Development Plans.

One of our plans for the future includes Bereavement & Counselling Hubs, ensuring that families affected by custody deaths and killings can get quick, easy and free or subsidised access to mental health, wellbeing and bereavement support in their local area.

## The Pilot

Part of the recent Lottery grant will support the NMPMFF Therapy Care Initiative Pilot, a 1-year programme that will identify up to 10 recently bereaved UK families that require therapeutic support.

## Selection Process

By 'recently bereaved' we mean families, children or young people that have been directly affected by deaths or killings in state institutions within the last 18 months of the pilot commencing.

We will be working with our Assessment Partners and community-based parties to identify the 10 families that will be involved in the pilot.

## Our Funding

*We are very grateful for support from the National Lottery Awards for All England for making this important pilot initiative possible.*



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The National Memorial Family Fund is the first permanent national resource of its kind specifically for those affected by deaths and killings in custody or state / statutory neglect.



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### What types of therapy will the initiative support?

The type of therapeutic support that the applicants want to access will be determined by them and any support agencies that they work with, and can include traditional counselling or talking therapies, animal-assisted, art, behavioural, cognitive, music or other creative therapies etc.

### Some key advisories

- Applicants will need to have been assisted to access the Therapy Care Initiative's support by one of our Assessment Partners or a recognised community agency or enterprise that supports affected families.
- Assessment Partners or a recognised community agency or enterprise will refer families to the NMPMFF engagement team.
- Applicants can be from any region within the UK, but if they are not already a registered family with the NMPMFF they would need to do so before applying for support.
- The NMPMFF will contribute a fixed amount of £300 towards the agreed therapeutic sessions or a course of support required by the applicants.
- Payments would be made directly to the service provider chosen by the family with advice from our partners.
- Participating families would also be eligible for an award from our NMPMFF Holiday Fund of £100.00 towards a respite or holiday break.



### Contact Us

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