



What is the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund?

The Northern Ireland Memorial Fund is an independent charity that seeks to promote peace and reconciliation by ensuring that those who have suffered as a result of the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland are remembered, by providing them with help and support in a practical and meaningful way.

What is the Chronic Pain Management Scheme?

The Chronic Pain Management Scheme provides grant assistance towards private medical consultation and treatment with a medically qualified specialist in Chronic Pain Management.

What is Chronic Pain?

For the purposes of this scheme, chronic pain is defined as persistent or recurrent severe physical pain which does not respond completely to simple pain killing drugs/medication.

Who is the Chronic Pain Management Scheme for?

The scheme is for individuals who, as a result of the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland, have suffered physical injuries resulting in persistent chronic physical pain.

What can I apply for?

Individuals can apply for a grant to cover the cost of an initial private consultation with a medically qualified specialist in Chronic Pain Management, subsequent consultations and treatment/alternative therapies if recommended, up to a total maximum of £2,000 and will be restricted to one award per individual in any 12 month period.

Will the Fund pay for a private operation to block Chronic Pain?

The Fund can pay for certain operations to block pain if this is recommended by your consultant. Contact the Fund to find out if we can assist.

What is not covered by the Chronic Pain Management Scheme?

Retrospective awards can not be made to cover the costs of treatments already received.

If I meet the criteria will I automatically receive a grant?

Applying to the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund's Chronic Pain Management Scheme does not guarantee the award of a grant, or that you will receive the amount requested.

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be considered against criteria determined by the Directors of the Fund.

The Grants Office reserves the right if it considers it necessary, to seek clarification or external confirmation regarding information provided on any application form.

What will happen if my application is successful?

If your application is successful the Fund will write to you with the details of the award. It will be the responsibility of the applicant's General Practitioner to refer the applicant to an appropriate medically qualified specialist in Chronic Pain Management. The Fund will pay consultation and subsequent treatment costs up to a maximum of £2,000 either directly to the specialist providing the treatment, or to the applicant upon production of a receipt, whichever is more convenient.

What will happen if my application is unsuccessful?

If your application is unsuccessful the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund will write to you explaining why the grant could not be awarded.

How do I apply?

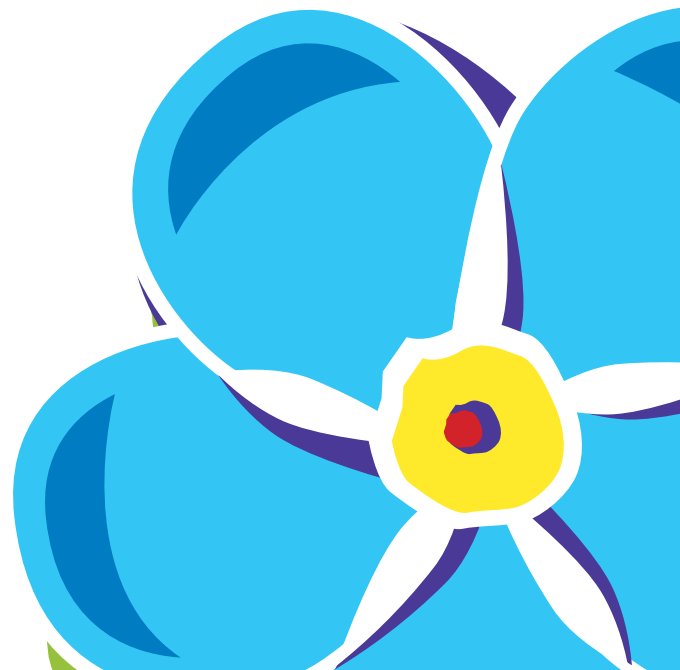
If you believe that you meet the criteria, complete sections A and B of the application form, and ask your General Practitioner to complete all details in section C.

If you are still unsure whether or not you may be eligible, or if you need assistance completing the application form, please contact the Grants Office on 028 9024 5965 or 028 9024 5949. Alternatively you can write to:

The Northern Ireland Memorial Fund
Grants Administration Office
1st Floor, Albany House
73-75 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7AF

E: nimfgao@belfast.org.uk

Charity Ref: XR31751



SECTION B

- 8 Are you currently a member of, or have you ever attended a community or voluntary group offering support to victims? If yes, please give details:

I submit this application for consideration and declare that the information I have given is true and correct. I understand that applying to this scheme does not guarantee the award of a grant. I give my permission for the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund to seek external confirmation or clarification of the information I have provided. I understand that if any of the information I have provided is found to be false, I will be disqualified from applying to this and future Memorial Fund schemes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION C

(to be completed by your General Practitioner)

- 9 Name of Patient: _____

- 10 Can you confirm that this patient sustained physical injuries as a result of the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland?

Yes

No

- 11 In your opinion, would this patient benefit from a private medical consultation with an appropriate medically qualified specialist in Chronic Pain Management?

Yes

No

- 12 If your patient should be awarded a grant through this scheme, are you prepared to refer them for a private consultation with an appropriate specialist in Chronic Pain Management?

Yes

No

- 13 Please complete your name, address and practice number.

Name: Dr _____

Address: _____

Practice No: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Note: If your patient's application is successful, they will be notified and will return to you for a referral.