

Edinburgh Police Fund for Children

Fundraising Strategy
2022 - 23



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Aim

To alleviate suffering of necessitous children or, in exceptional cases, adults resident in the City of Edinburgh.

Objective

To supply children of school age, from families deemed to be in need of assistance who reside in the City of Edinburgh, with footwear and clothing as well as making such other provision for them as may seem requisite from time to time.

Background

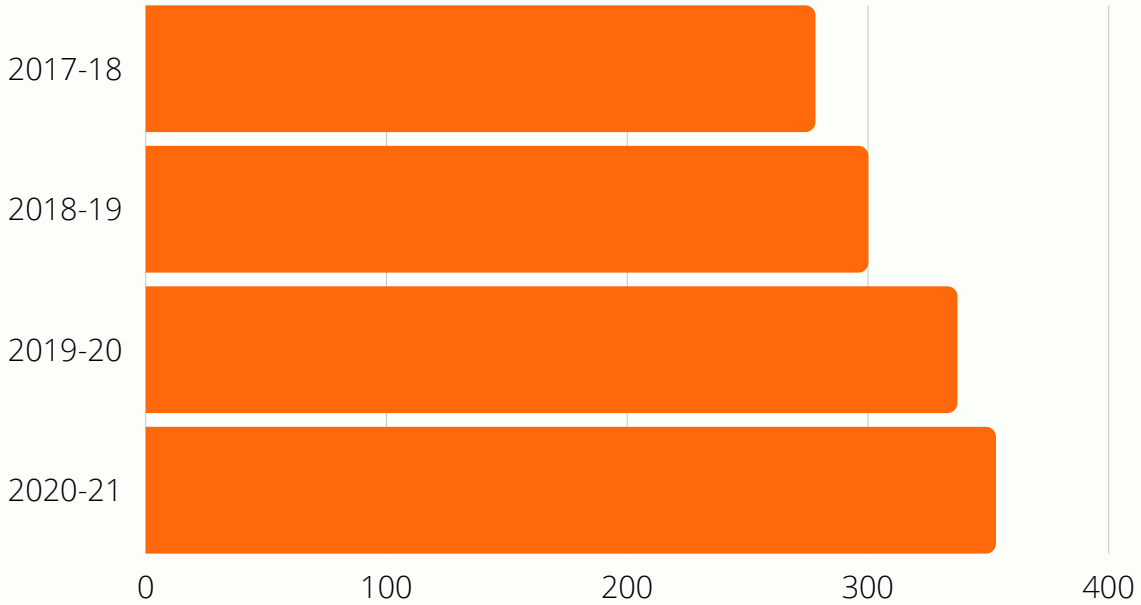
The Edinburgh Police Fund for Children (formerly the Police Aided Clothing Scheme) is a registered charity which was instituted in 1892 with the purpose of "relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage". The Edinburgh Police Fund for Children is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). Scottish Charity Number SC011164.

Grants are normally up to £50 per child. Applications are generally made online and families are usually referred by a third party including Health Visitor, Head Teacher, Education Welfare Officer or Third Sector worker. Referrals for support have significantly increased in the last couple of years.

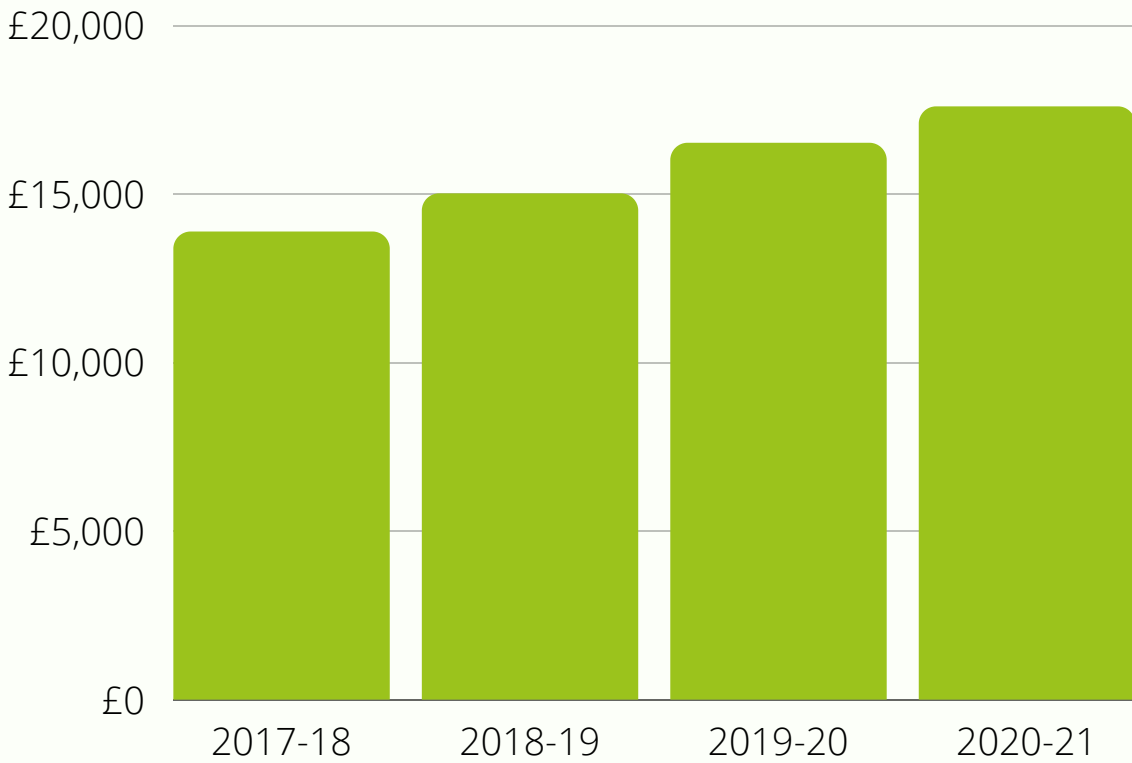
Although Edinburgh is seen as a prosperous City, in reality many families struggle to provide essential items for their children. The Edinburgh Police Fund for Children has been providing assistance with the purchase of school footwear and clothing for over 120 years.

Impact

Number of children receiving EPFC support:



Total value of grants provided by EPFC:



Funding Target

The rise in demand for grants is expected to continue and as the current volume of applications continues to rise, the Fund will be unable to support them all.

Additional funding required for 2022-23 = £15,000

Funding Sources

EPFC is reliant on the income from investments which are governed by our investment policy. As a result of Covid the income from these investments reduced just at the time when demand for our support saw a steep increase. The shortfall between our investment income and the amount we provide in grants is estimated at around £15,000 per year.

This situation was clearly unsustainable and therefore in 2020 the Board recruited a new trustee with specialised fundraising experience. We are now, for the first time, strategically seeking external funding support from significant individuals, Edinburgh based companies and local government.

Our hope is that, with the right financial assistance, we can continue to provide warm jackets and shoes to children in Edinburgh's most deprived communities. And furthermore meet the increased demand caused by recent financial challenges which have impacted disadvantaged families to a far higher extent.

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to retain 150% of the quarterly administration and clothing grant costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Partners & Referrers (2021)

Agency Links

Barnardo's Scotland	Multi-Cultural Family Base (MCFB)
Caring In Craigmillar	One Parent Families Scotland
Changeworks	Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP)
Circle	Pilton Youth and Children's Project (PYCP)
Citadel Youth Centre	Positive Help
Community Help And Advice Initiative (CHAI)	Sacro
Edinburgh Women's Aid	Safe Families Scotland
Edinburgh Young Carers	Shakti Women's Aid
Fast Forward	Sikh Sanjog
Four Square - Head Office	Stepping Stones North Edinburgh
Kindred	VOCAL - Edinburgh Carers' Hub

Schools

Balerno Community High School	Parsons Green Primary
Balgreen Nursery School	Preston Street Primary School
Brunstane Primary School	Ratho Primary School
Craigour Park Primary School	Royal Mile Primary School
Dalmeny Primary School	Sighthill Primary School
East Craigs Primary School	St Augustine's RC High School
Ferryhill Primary	St Joseph's RC Primary School
Forrester High School	St Thomas of Aquin's High School
Gorgie Mills School	Stockbridge Primary School
Gracemount Primary School	Wester Hailes Education Centre (WHEC)

Statutory Sector

Children & Families - Captains Road	Family and Household Support South East
Children & Families - Craigmillar	Family and Household Support South West
Children & Families - Leith (NE Locality)	NHS Lothian
Children & Families - Westfield	Pennywell All Care Centre (NW Locality)
Children & Families Wester Hailes	Young People's Service CEC
Family and Household Support North West	Wester Hailes Education Centre (WHEC)

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"Mum was using all the family finances for substances and so Dad moved away with children to start a new life closer to his family.

The application process was all done quickly and grants from EPFC were used to support the children to get essential items, like jackets and shoes, for attending their new schools."

School Teacher

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"I applied recently for shoes and a coat for a 6 year old girl. I received £50 on the 1st April and bought shoes, jacket, school socks and cardigan.

Mum has been able to contribute to upkeep of her daughter who resides with maternal aunt, Mum frequently feels guilty as she has little income to spare and often feels that she lets her sister and her daughter down in not being able to offer financial supports even when these are essential.

The EPFC funding has helped Mum to be able to feel positive about taking responsibility for her daughter's care needs."

Family Outreach Worker

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Potential Future Fundraising Sources

Seeking Future Funding Support

In order to fulfil its mission and meet the needs of poverty stricken families in Edinburgh, EPFC is considering multiple future funding opportunities.

These include:

Trusts & Foundations

Making applications to larger funders willing to support EPFC's local grant-making.

Major Donors

Approaching significant individuals who share EPFC's commitment to supporting vulnerable families.

Community and Events

Asking supporters of EPFC's mission to donate directly or raise funds on our behalf through community or challenge events.

Corporate Funding

Seeking support from Edinburgh companies that are motivated to support local children and families.

Meet the Board

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Hon. Secretary: Chief Superintendent Sean Scott

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How To Support EPFCs Mission

The Edinburgh Police Fund for Children needs your support in order to fulfil its mission and meet the needs of poverty stricken families across Edinburgh.

A generous gift of £50 could provide a child with a warm school jacket and sturdy pair of shoes.

Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Email: edinburghdcu@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Website: <https://www.elf.org.uk/funds/epfc>

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