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CPDme Launches Operation Blue Light Blanket

Charitable campaign to Keep Homeless People Warm This Winter

CPDme, the UK (Whalley) based Continuing Professional Development platform for health and social care professionals, has today announced the launch of Operation Blue Light Blanket. A new, paramedic-led initiative providing new sleeping bags to people experiencing homelessness across the North West.

The campaign aims to put warm sleeping bags and essential cold-weather items directly into the hands of those most at risk, via blue light services, frontline support teams including paramedics, police, fire and rescue, and outreach workers who encounter people sleeping rough every day.

The initiative began with CPDme Founder and Paramedic Andrew Ormerod personally funding sleeping bags for the Inspire group and homeless communities across Burnley, Blackburn and Lancashire. This act of support has now grown into a wider national campaign under the banner Operation Blue Light Blanket.

Addressing a Growing Need

With rising homelessness and increasingly cold winters, frontline teams are frequently meeting people with nowhere safe or warm to sleep. While emergency services do what they can, they are often limited in the material help they can offer in the moment.

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Operation Blue Light Blanket is designed to bridge that gap by:

- Supplying high-quality sleeping bags and keep-warm kits
- Distributing them through blue light services and support agencies
- Providing an immediate, practical response when someone is found sleeping rough
- Reaching individuals who may not or choose not to access shelters, hostels or traditional social support services

Statement from Andrew Ormerod

Founder of CPDme and Paramedic

"As a Front Line Paramedic, I've knelt on cold pavements beside people who have absolutely nothing, ragged old coats, no blanket, nowhere to go and a cardboard bed. You finish the 999 call, you document it, you make the referral, and you drive away knowing they're still out there in the freezing cold. I'm not afraid to confess I have given a hot lunch and a hospital blankets to these people before on the streets, its the least I can offer them before I go back to my warm home..

Operation Blue Light Blanket is my way of changing that this initiative is about dignity as much as it is about warmth. If we can equip paramedics, police officers, fire crews and outreach workers with something as simple as a warm sleeping bag to immediately give to them, then in that moment we're not just treating a call we're treating a human being with compassion.

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My hope is that, together we can build a seasonal and responsive community and professional networks, we can ensure that no frontline worker has to walk away from someone on the street without at least being able to offer them warmth and a little bit of hope.”

How the Public and Organisations Can Help

CPDme is inviting individuals, organisations, trusts and corporate partners to support Operation Blue Light Blanket through donations and collaboration.

Funds raised will be used to:

- Purchase sleeping bags and keep warm kits
- Coordinate distribution through blue light and support services
- Expand the initiative beyond Lancashire to other regions across the UK

Further details and donation options can be found on the Operation Blue Light Blanket campaign page via the CPDme website and social channels.

<https://www.CPDme.com/bluelightblanket>

About CPDme

CPDme (Continuing Professional Development Made Easy) supports thousands of professionals across health, social care, emergency services and allied sectors to record, reflect and evidence their CPD through an intuitive online platform and mobile app.

Founded by Paramedic Andrew Ormerod, CPDme works closely with professional bodies, universities and organisations to make recording and taking part in CPD simple, accessible and meaningful.

Media & Partnership Enquiries

For interviews, partnership discussions or more information about Operation Blue Light Blanket, please contact: Mr Andrew Ormerod

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