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Gaddum and JT Blair's partnership

Greater Manchester charity, Gaddum is announcing today (30 June 2019) the change of the administration and support to JT Blair's Trust (Charity no. 221248).

Gaddum has provided over 40 years support in administering the JT Blair's Trust. The JT Blair's Trust offers a provision to older people in providing financial support and had funded since 2014, a befriending service, managed by Gaddum in Manchester and Salford.

Our befriending service aims to reduce the social isolation that may result from getting older. Factors can include a decreasing circle of family and friends; reduced mobility; and a loss of confidence in going out alone.

This social isolation breaking service, supporting older isolated people across Salford and Manchester will be continuing.

Roy Harding, Chair of Trustees, Gaddum comments;

"We are saddened that JT Blair's Trust have decided to end their partnership with Gaddum. However, we are delighted that we have secured some interim funding to continue our successful befriending project, supporting those who are most isolated in Manchester and Salford. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Blair's and their trustees for all the positive outcomes we've achieved together for the beneficiaries of the service."

For details of our befriending project or for sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.gaddum.org.uk or email charlotte.brown@gaddum.org.uk

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Gaddum is one of Manchester's oldest charities. Set up in 1833, its vision is to support Greater Manchester's most vulnerable adults, children and families.

We are focused on empowering people and enhancing lives through being innovative, forging partnerships and building relationships. No matter what service you use, or what problems you're facing, Gaddum will be the friend you need.

Gaddum is an established charity offering a range of health and social care services empowering and enhancing the lives of people in greater Manchester We have three main focus areas: •therapy services (including palliative and bereavement support) •statutory advocacy •carers support service (including provision for young people) As a provider for making lives better, our work includes counselling, advocacy, advice, family and individual support along with training and development programmes for individuals, families, agencies, local and health authorities, professionals and companies We currently work in six Greater Manchester authorities, Bury, Manchester, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport and Wigan.

To find our more information, refer a person or family to one of our services, please visit our website gaddum.org.uk