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**DAVID TORRANCE MSP SHOWS SUPPORT FOR TERMINAL ILLNESS CHARITY
CALL TO “MAKE EVERY DAFFODIL COUNT” FOR MARIE CURIE**



David Torrance MSP is supporting a call to “make every daffodil count” for Marie Curie as the terminal illness charity’s Great Daffodil Appeal gets underway.

The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie’s biggest annual fundraising campaign taking place throughout March. The charity is asking people to simply give a donation and wear a Marie Curie daffodil pin.

All funds raised help Marie Curie Nurses be there for people living with a terminal illness in their own homes or at the charity’s two Scottish hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Speaking ahead of today’s Parliamentary debate on the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal, which will be led by Linda Fabiani MSP, David Torrance MSP said:

“I am very pleased to be able to speak to Parliament about the hugely important work carried out by Marie Curie and the Great Daffodil appeal every year.

“By supporting the Daffodil Appeal, we support not only those suffering from terminal illness and their families, but the well-trained volunteers that help to make a real difference to those

who need it and research into better ways of caring for people living with terminal illnesses in their own homes.

“In Fife, trained volunteers provide a unique one-to-one service, and in 2014, Marie Curie partnered up with NHS Fife to deliver tailored care and support at home for the terminally ill in Fife and their families. This scheme supports over 240 patients a year.

“The Marie Curie Kirkcaldy Fundraising Group has also raised over £11,000 since they started in 2014. I am extremely proud of the contributions that the group has made.

Marie Curie nurses work night and day in people’s homes across the UK, and hospices provide expert care round the clock. In 2015/16 in the NHS Fife area 318 patients were supported in 4,255 visits from Marie Curie. 9,500 people will need palliative care in the Mid Scotland and Fife area each year. Marie Curie continues to work with the new health and social care partnerships to ensure that palliative care services reach more people and everyone gets the care they need.

Richard Meade, Marie Curie Head of Policy and Public Affairs Scotland, added:

“One in four people, around 11,000 in Scotland, miss out on the care they need and that’s not good enough. Join our biggest annual fundraising appeal and help us provide vital hands on care and emotional support to people living with a terminal illness, and their loved ones.

“Make every daffodil count by donating and wearing your daffodil pin.”

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

The Great Daffodil Appeal

The Great Daffodil Appeal is Marie Curie’s biggest annual fundraising campaign and encourages everyone to give a donation in return for a daffodil pin during March. Money raised helps Marie Curie Nurses provide care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families. Daffodil pins will be available from our volunteers across the country. You can also pick up a daffodil pin in Superdrug, Poundworld, Spar and Savers stores across Scotland.

For more information call 0800 304 7025 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones. Your call may be recorded for quality and training purposes.

Marie Curie

Marie Curie is the UK’s leading charity for people with any terminal illness. The charity helps people living with a terminal illness and their families make the most of the time they have

together by delivering expert hands-on care, emotional support, research and guidance. Marie Curie employs more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, and with its nine hospices around the UK, including Glasgow and Edinburgh, is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

For more information visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk

Marie Curie Support Line

If you've got questions about terminal illness or simply want someone to talk to, call the Marie Curie Support Line on 0800 090 2309 for free confidential support and practical information on all aspects of terminal illness. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

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