



# Clydeside Action on Asbestos

## The CAA Dr Audrey Finnegan Crawford Memorial Fund for Nurses

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Clydeside Action on Asbestos (CAA) Board of Directors believes that there is an exciting opportunity for joint working in relation to the current objectives of CAA and the healthcare professionals who work with patients living with an asbestos-related disease in Scotland. This is in accordance with the following strategic objective:

*'To advance awareness, research and education about asbestos-related disease among health care professionals, the general public and statutory, voluntary and public bodies.'*

### Overview of the Objectives and Services of CAA

Objectives:

- Campaign for, and provide support to, those diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease and their families
- Identify and address the unmet needs of those affected by a diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease.
- Ensure that individuals and families have the resources and information to improve their quality of life.

These objectives are met by:

- Provision of a comprehensive welfare rights service advising on benefits & statutory compensation, including representation at First Tier and Upper Tribunals.
- Provision of advice on the legal right to pursue a civil claim for compensation.
- A network of support groups throughout Scotland
- The development of self-management resources
- Maintenance of the charity website.
- Production of specialist medical publications for healthcare professionals
- Production of information for service users.
- Hosting of seminars and conferences to promote and support the objectives of the charity.



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- Campaigning on issues that adversely affect those with an asbestos-related disease, or to improve the rights and welfare of those with an asbestos-related disease.

In furtherance of the above, CAA strives to build relationships with a broad range of individuals and organisations that support our strategic objectives.

### Supporting Mesothelioma Patients

CAA is committed to providing support for those living with an asbestos-related disease, and we strive to do this through our office-based services and support group network. However, we also have a long history of working with healthcare professionals in Scotland for the benefit of those with mesothelioma through hosting educational conferences and seminars, and through developing publications and resources for both patients and healthcare professionals.

In accordance with our commitment to learning, CAA developed a series of publications between 2004 to 2009 that contained articles provided by healthcare professionals on the management and treatment of mesothelioma, <sup>(1)</sup>, and in 2016, developed and launched an Educational Learning Resource for GP's which provides an overview of the main issues surrounding a diagnosis of an asbestos-related condition.<sup>(2)</sup>

CAA is committed to identifying unmet needs in relation to those with an asbestos-related disease and the Board are aware that one of the issues currently facing Scottish nurses is that funding that was previously available to nurses to attend conferences and learning events as part of their continued professional development has been restricted.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.clydesideactiononasbestos.org.uk/new-information-booklets>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.clydesideactiononasbestos.org.uk/information-for-the-medical-profession>



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We are now in a position to build on the support that we can provide for the benefit of those with mesothelioma through the establishment of a fund for Scottish nurses.

CAA has received a legacy that has allowed the charity to create a fund to assist nurses who have been unable to secure funding from NHS Scotland.

Nurses will be able to apply to the fund for help with the costs of participating in continued professional development where the learning from the courses or events will be of direct benefit to patients with mesothelioma.



The fund has been established with a legacy received from Dr Michael Crawford who donated to CAA in memory of his wife, Dr Audrey Finnegan Crawford who died from mesothelioma in 2013.

The fund has been named The Dr Audrey Finnegan Crawford Memorial Fund for Nurses and can give a maximum award of £500 to Scottish nurses who meet the above stipulations and can be given up to a maximum of three times in one year.

Phyllis Craig MBE of CAA:

*“Audrey was our dear friend and colleague. She was working as a GP at the time she was diagnosed but came into our office one day saying she wanted to help. She was a source of inspiration to everyone who came into contact with her. When we received the donation from Dr Michael Crawford we agreed that it would be a fitting tribute to Audrey to use it for the benefit of nurses who come into contact with patients with mesothelioma. We are delighted to be in a position where we can contribute to learning about mesothelioma”*

Through the Fund, CAA can directly support the NHS in Scotland and contribute to the Continued Professional Development of nurses for the benefit of those patients who have mesothelioma.



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### **Criteria for Funding**

1. Applicants must work in an NHS hospital or a Hospice in Scotland.
2. Anyone making an application for funding must work with patients diagnosed with mesothelioma.
3. Awards for funding will only be given for courses or conferences related to mesothelioma. If an application for funding is for a conference/course which only deals in part with mesothelioma, then CAA reserve the right to seek advice from clinicians in this area regarding the appropriateness of such an award.
4. Please note that the maximum amount that can be awarded at any one time is £500. Details of any individual/funding body contributing to the expenditure (specific or otherwise) of you attending this event must be declared.
5. The fund is available for nurses to apply to 3 times per year, Funding is not guaranteed. Priority will be given to those who have not yet received an award from this fund. Factors taken into consideration when deciding applications will include the receipt of multiple requests from nurses based at the same location.
6. A year will run from January to December. Each application to the fund is separate and cannot be added together.
7. The decision of CAA will be final and notified to each applicant in writing.
8. The application form requires that you provide CAA with personal information. This is needed so that we can decide on your suitability for the grant you are applying for. The information you provide will only be used for this purpose and will be treated in confidence. It will only be viewed by those required to do so in order to make a decision on your application. All applicants' data will be processed in accordance with CAA's Data Protection Policies.
9. All applications to the fund must be received the charity at least 15 working days before the course/conference is due to take place.
10. Payment will be made by cheque.
11. Please note that you are required to provide details of acceptance onto the conference/course you wish to attend, before your application can be considered. Original receipts for travel (excluding taxi costs – taxi fares may only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances and such costs must be approved prior to any award being made), accommodation costs etc. must be submitted prior to any award being made. The charity will not pay for daily living costs. Costs should be kept to a minimum to ensure all applicants can secure an award.



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Application Form

**The CAA Dr Audrey Finnegan Crawford  
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**To be completed by all applicants and returned to CAA by post only:**

**First name:** .....

**Surname:** .....

**Place of employment:**

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**Position held:**

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**Name of course/conference you wish to attend:**

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(Please note that you are required to provide details of acceptance onto the conference/course you wish to attend, before your application can be considered. Original receipts for travel (excluding taxi's costs for taxis may only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances. Such costs must be approved prior to any award being made), accommodation costs etc. must be submitted prior to any award being made. The charity will not pay for daily living costs. Costs should be kept to a minimum to ensure all applicants can secure an award.

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Location and date of the conference:

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Amount applied for:

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Please provide details of any individual/funding body contributing to the expenditure:  
(include details of expenditure allocated for specific or general costs)

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Please give brief details of how this conference/course will assist patients with  
mesothelioma:



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**DECLARATION:** I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information on this form is correct. I agree to abide by the criteria for funding. I understand that the application form requires that I provide CAA with personal information. This is needed so that CAA can decide on my suitability for the grant that I am applying for. I understand that the information I provide will only be used for this purpose and will be treated in confidence and that it will only be viewed by those required to do so in order to make a decision on my application. (All applicants' data will be processed in accordance with CAA's Data Protection Policies. All information on CAA forms are covered by the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018).

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

When complete, please return your application form by post to:

Phyllis Craig MBE  
The CAA Dr Audrey Finnegan Crawford Memorial Fund for Nurses  
Clydeside Action on Asbestos  
Glasgow  
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