

PRIME MINISTER

*grateful for your support  
and advice with the  
proposal.*

*As you know the PM is  
able to announce a wide  
range of projects. These  
will include*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NSPCC

Since our meeting I have been considering very carefully the level of grant we should make available to the NSPCC. I well understand your inclination towards a special sum to mark the Centenary. There is, however, no immediately identifiable project to which such a grant could be tied, and I therefore think that we will have to rely on providing the Society with an assurance about their HQ administration grant over the next few years.

Having considered the NSPCC's claims against the background of the total budget available to the voluntary sector in the health and social services field, I have concluded it would be appropriate to provide the Society with a 3-year grant totalling £500,000 to be spread over 1984/85 and the following two years. This is an increase of two-thirds over the present yearly grant level and an increase compared with the last 3-year grant. It is unsatisfactory that we will appear to be giving extra finance for administration rather than for a specific project over the same period but the increased administration grant will leave the Society in a better position to consolidate and expand the funding of projects from its other resources.

I am quite content for you to announce this new grant at the Society's AGM tomorrow.

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*From the Private Secretary*

16 May 1984

Financial Support for the NSPCC

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 15 May about financial support for the NSPCC, and is content with his proposal to provide a three-year grant totalling £500,000 in 1984/85 and the following two years, towards the Society's headquarters' costs.

As you know, the Prime Minister was able to announce this grant in the course of her address to the Annual General Meeting of the NSPCC at the Queen Elizabeth Hall this morning.

She made the point in your Secretary of State's minute about leaving the Society in a better position to direct its other resources towards the funding of projects. Both this point, and the announcement of the grant itself, were very well received.

David Barclay

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