Amendment to the Edridge Fund of Napo Trust Deed

An issue arising from an application and changes to Section 4 of Napo’s Constitution covering membership, caused the Trustees to review the wording of the eligibility criteria for grants within the Trust Deed. The revised wording was agreed by the Trustees in March 2019 and submitted to the Charity Commission for England and Wales. A response has now been received from the Charity Commission, advising that the amendment should be subject to consultation before the Trustees can apply to obtain a Commission scheme to change the relevant clause of the Trust Deed.

This is to notify AGM of the consultation which will close at midday on Monday, 11th November. The wording of the amendment is set out below. It will also be placed on the Edridge Fund website and comments are invited, to be sent to: edridge.secretary@edridgefund.org

Suggested amendment to Clause 2 of the Edridge Fund of Napo Trust Deed:
The Trustees hereby declare that monies which shall be subscribed, donated or raised for the following purpose of the Fund shall be held upon trust. These shall be applied in accordance with the provisions below, assisting the persons who meet the criteria:

a) Whose work is, or has been wholly or mainly in Probation and Family Courts, and;
b) Who are eligible to be full members, Professional Associate Members (PAMs) or retired members of Napo under its rules, and;
c) Are in conditions of need or hardship, or;
d) Are dependants of any of the above.

For the purpose of the above, in the event of the Trustees being in doubt as to the eligibility of any person to become a member of Napo, they shall submit the facts to the General Secretary of the Association. Any decision notified to the Trustees concerning that person’s eligibility shall be binding upon the Trustees.

The Trustees of the Edridge Fund of Napo
21st September 2019