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Martyn Taylor Chair of the Board The Terrence Higgins Trust

Some days I answer calls from our switchboard – see how much kudos comes with my position! – and the vast range of calls I take gives me a useful insight into what we do here and what people want from us.

We take calls from those who are well, but worried, wanting counselling... people with AIDS asking if we have a video repairer or plumber in our Helper Cell volunteer network... the media (the serious ones at any rate) phone for reactions to stories... the medical profession ring to consult our library. I also welcome those who arrive in person and see how they immediately begin to have their troubles eased.

Just four years ago, the Trust had only a few members of staff. Now we have over a thousand people working with us – the vast majority unpaid volunteers.

Providing everything, from the telephone lines for counselling to rooms where legal and welfare advice can be given in confidence, costs money.

Your donation will result in a lot of people getting the help they need.

Please send as much as you can afford using the donation form enclosed.

Martyn Taylor