

SMITH, Hannah (C8653)

From: COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)
Sent: 23 June 2020 22:28
To: LEWIS, Richard (p2688) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Now available to watch: Online humanist ceremony to mark three months since lockdown

May be of interest to Force support networks and OPCC.
Regards
Barry

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2020 17:23
To: COPPINGER, Barry (C8513) <Barry.Coppinger@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: FW: Now available to watch: Online humanist ceremony to mark three months since lockdown

Hi Barry,

Please see below email that has been sent to the OPCC inbox.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2020 11:39
To: Police & Crime Commissioner <PCC.Office@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>
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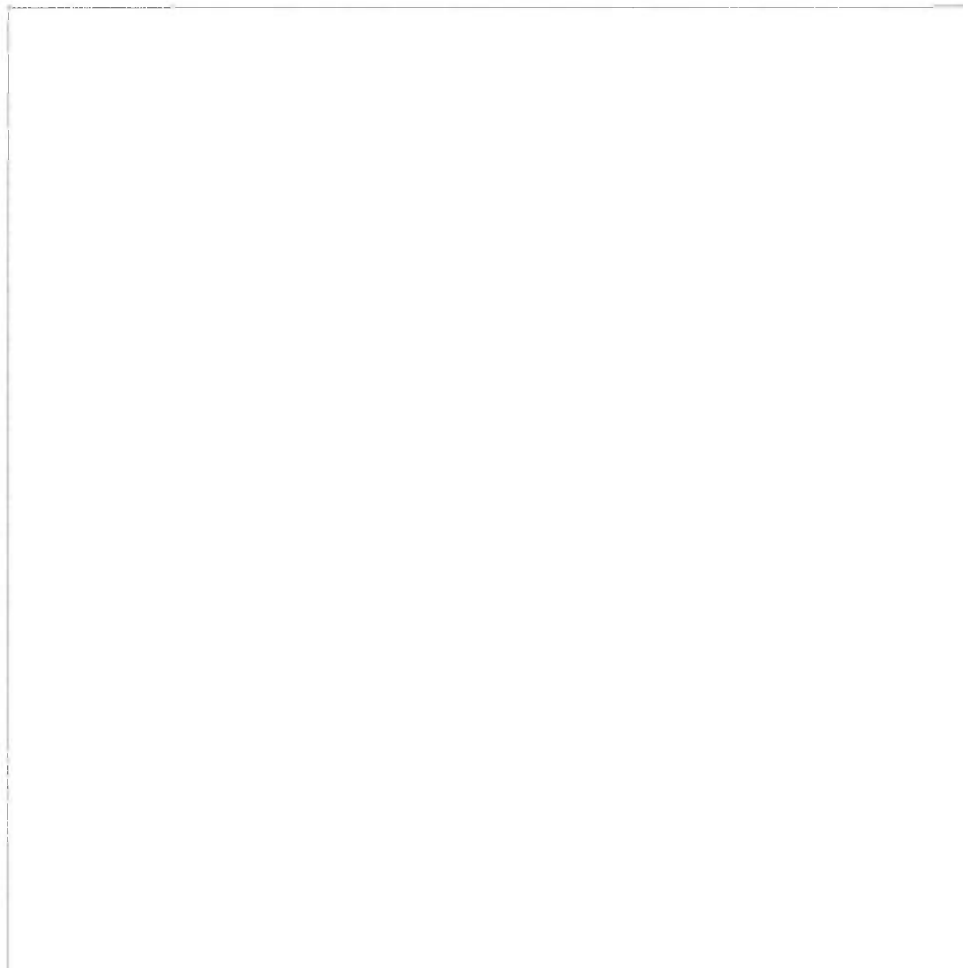


Dear Barry,

This morning we broadcast the national humanist ceremony organised by Humanists UK to help those who have experienced loss due to the coronavirus pandemic and to mark three months since the start of the UK lockdown.

The ceremony is available to watch again on Humanists UK's [YouTube channel](#).

The ceremony is led by our President [REDACTED] who talks about the difficulty of dealing with grief and how brilliantly so many people have responded to the crisis. It includes our patron [REDACTED] who lights a candle to commemorate those who have lost their lives, and quotes our former patron [REDACTED] on death and how it is not the end. [REDACTED] reads his fellow humanist [REDACTED] **tribute poem to the NHS**, made all the more poignant for the battle [REDACTED] has personally faced against coronavirus. Our Vice President [REDACTED] talks about reckoning with recent loss.



Humanist pastoral carer [REDACTED] who leads the chaplaincy team in Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, discusses her experiences working in her role during the pandemic, as do **humanist funeral celebrants** from all over the UK.

Millions of people in the UK each year draw comfort from humanist funerals and this ceremony has been scripted in that spirit. It is principally directed at non-religious people but it is hoped that it will also be accessible and give comfort to those of different beliefs – it is entirely inclusive in nature.

During the pandemic a third of Humanists UK members have been undertaking voluntary work, and many more have been working on the frontline as key workers in a wide range of roles, whether that be as doctors, teachers, or carers; or in specifically humanist roles such as in the NHS and prisons as pastoral carers, or conducting funerals as humanist celebrants.

So, we hope you are able to watch the ceremony and find it worthwhile. And please do feel free to share these details with family, friends, and colleagues.

Best wishes,

