**What is the 999 Cenotaph and why do we need one?**

The Emergency Services Cenotaph (also known as a ‘999 Cenotaph’) is a registered charity aiming to raise at least £3.2 million to build the UK’s first ‘999 Cenotaph’. This monument will honour everybody who has ever served in the NHS and emergency services – from call handlers’, admin staff and porters to first responders, nurses and GPs. Those on the frontline could not do their jobs without people working hard behind the scenes.

The 999 Cenotaph is supported by **HRH The Duke of Cambridge;** the **Prime Minister**; **First Ministers** of Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales; and all emergency services.

Almost **2 million** people work and volunteer across the NHS and emergency services today, including **250,000 first responders**.

Each and every one of us have been helped by the NHS or emergency services at some point in our lives. Whether it’s from seeing your GP, firefighter’s putting out a fire or police officers coming to your aid. We all take those who serve in the NHS and emergency services for granted. We know that when we really need help, it will arrive.

Despite millions of people having served in the 999 family, the UK does not have a national monument to celebrate our NHS and 999 heroes. We are working to change that. Just as The Cenotaph was unveiled in 1920 to honour our Armed Forces, the 999 Cenotaph will be Britain’s national symbol of gratitude, sacrifice and remembrance. It will stand proudly alongside The Cenotaph on Whitehall for up to 1,000 years.

**What will the 999 Cenotaph look like?**

It is our intention for this important national monument to be located on Whitehall, London. The monument will stand at 21 feet tall and includes six 8ft figures (police, fire, paramedic, NHS, maritime volunteer and search and rescue volunteer) stood back-to-back wearing the uniform they would wear when responding to a 999 call. There is also a statue of a spaniel dog to represent the important role of service animals.

Should funds be secured soon, we are hoping for an unveiling at the end of 2022, the year of HM’s Platinum Jubilee.

**How to support:**

* Text ‘**Hero 1**’ to **70500** to donate £1.
* If you would like to donate more than £1, visit [www.999Cenotaph.org.uk](http://www.999Cenotaph.org.uk)
* All the money donated will go towards making the national monument a reality.

We receive 100% of the money donated. Please do add on GiftAid if you can (it means the Government gives us an extra 25p for every £1 you donate – at no extra cost to you!). You can find the terms and conditions for donating at [www.999Cenotaph.org.uk/UTU](http://www.999Cenotaph.org.uk/UTU)