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Today we remember and thank our friend and colleague Craig Pledger who has been the catalyst to start this unique charity.

Mental health is at last beginning to be recognised within the Police Service but we believe there is much more that can be done in support of our Police Officers and Staff.

There is a certain uniqueness about working within the Police Service. Few outside of the service save for close family really understand the shift work, the sights, the smells, to experience the most horrific of human nature, the abuse, the physical and psychological injury.

Call4Backup will be resourced by serving and retired Officers and Staff, those that understand these stresses of the frontline, investigation and control room.

Mental health is underestimated in the promotion chain too.

We aim to offer that support and understanding in a unique way so that our colleagues feel valued and supported.

It is important the public also understand the unique role of working within the Police Service.

Police Officers and Staff are not unemotional robots but humans with a specific skill in leadership and problem solving. We all have a breaking point.

Remember the Peelian principle 'Police are the Public and the Public are the Police'

It's time to recognise and support our Police Officers and Staff working under tremendously increasing pressures.

If you wish to access the full survey breakdown which has been made available to the Guardian, please do so via the link on our Press Page.

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