

PRESS RELEASE FROM
THE SIR DAVID KIRCH CHARITABLE TRUST

Sir David Kirch KBE is delighted to confirm the eligibility criteria and process for Islanders to receive his charity's annual Christmas vouchers. The vouchers, with a value of £120 (an increase from £110 in 2017), will be distributed to Islanders who, on 1 November 2018, are aged 65 (pensionable age) or over and meet one of the following criteria:

- a participant on an Income Support claim
- a member of the Pension Plus scheme
- in receipt of means tested support for living costs in a residential care placement under the Long Term Care scheme

Based on these criteria the vouchers, which are valid for use from 1 December 2018 – 31 January 2019, will be sent by post to eligible pensioners during the last week of November 2018. It is hoped that those no longer eligible will understand that the original intention was always to assist those who were in need at Christmas. The introduction of these criteria has provided funding to allow additional islanders in need to receive the vouchers by reducing the age to 65 (previously 70) and also for an additional set of vouchers worth £120 to be gifted ahead of Jersey's Liberation Day in 2019.

Social Security will be identifying those islanders who meet the eligibility criteria set by The Charitable Trust and will facilitate the distribution of vouchers. The Minister for Social Security Judy Martin explained, "We are proud to be supporting Sir David to distribute his generous charitable donations to Islanders at this special time of the year." The Christmas Voucher Gift Scheme from The Sir David Kirch Charitable Trust remains entirely independent of the Social Security Christmas Bonus, for which the eligibility criteria and distribution channels remain unchanged.

Sir David wishes to extend his grateful thanks to The Jersey Social Security Department and Jersey Post for their valuable assistance.

Sir David Kirch KBE