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Solicitors' NHS pledge

Crombie Wilkinson has pledged to donate £10 to the NHS for every Will made with them during May.

The firm, which has an office in Selby, will donate the funds for every new Will instruction made throughout this month.

Crombie Wilkinson say they "are delighted to be supporting and working with families, couples and individuals who see these times as an opportunity to think about their future and put plans in place".

This includes making a Will or Lasting Power of Attorney, important documents to protect themselves and their loved ones when they are needed.

Having this time at home to reflect and think about what they want to happen means now, more than ever, having an up to date Will in place is extremely important.

Vaughan Lindley, Private Client Senior Associate Solicitor at Crombie Wilkinson, said "It is business as usual from our trusted legal team, who are working remotely during the Covid-19 lockdown, after adapting our services to be here for you.

"Whilst our office doors may not be open at this time, we are easily accessible on the telephone and email and are carrying out appointments for clients on the telephone to continue to provide the excellent quality legal service our clients need.

"For members of the Private Client team and myself at this time, we have introduced a home signature procedure when making a Will to give people peace of mind and so they can access this service to get their affairs in order.

"We have worked closely with the York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for over ten years, supporting their charity work and providing a trusted discounted service to the NHS staff they employ so we wanted to support them at this time too and join many people and businesses across the country raising funds for



our much needed NHS service."

Contact Vaughan Lindley or Darren Norgate on 01757 708957 if you would like to discuss making your Will and support our NHS at the same time.

Vaughan Lindley, Private Client Senior Associate Solicitor at Crombie Wilkinson. (07-05-116 SU)

Drax estimates financial impact

Drax Group has estimated the potential financial impact of Covid-19 on their business operations could be as high as £60million, as they look to continue powering the UK during the pandemic.

This estimate from the energy giant comes after their trading figures were released last week, which also showed that the company's performance in the first three months of 2020 was financially strong.

While the impact of Covid-19 is still unfolding, the Group's expectations for 2020 are currently in line with consensus inclusive of an estimated potential impact from Covid-19 of £60 million, which they say is down to

lower power demand and increased bad debt risk in customers' businesses.

Within the figures last week, Drax Group also said that the performance of the company would depend on the continuation of biomass deliveries to Drax Power Station. Biomass generation is currently the most material area of activity for the Group and a protracted suspension of the supply chain could lead to lower levels of biomass generation, resulting in a reduction in the Group's expectations for the full year.

Currently, there has been no impact from Covid-19 and the Group has a good supply of biomass throughout the supply chain, which has been strengthened by the reopening of the main rail line into Drax Power Station after flooding in February in March caused extensive damage to the network.

Will Gardiner, Drax Group CEO, said: "With our strong balance sheet, robust trading and operational performance, and resilient sustainable biomass supply chain, Drax is in a strong position to support its employees, business customers and communities during the Covid-19

crisis, while continuing to generate returns for shareholders.

"As an important part of the UK's critical national infrastructure, we recognise our responsibility to support the country's response to Covid-19. We have strong business continuity plans in place and are in close contact with the UK Government. Our dedicated teams across England, Scotland and Wales, supported by our US biomass colleagues and business partners, are working around the clock to generate and supply the flexible, low-carbon and renewable electricity the UK needs, not least to the 250,000 businesses, including care homes, hospitals and schools we supply.

"The Group is also providing support for communities and others affected by Covid-19.

"Nevertheless, it is still early in this pandemic. As Covid-19 continues to develop, we remain vigilant in looking to protect all our stakeholders and will report further if there are significant changes to our outlook for 2020."



Will Gardiner, Drax Group CEO. (07-05-17 SU)



Richard Singh, logistics manager at Just Paper Tubes Limited, with one of the PPE face visors being donated to Selby War Memorial Hospital. (07-05-16 SU)

Manufacturer helping in fight

A leading manufacturer has played its part in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic by donating 100 protective face visors to Selby War Memorial Hospital.

Just Paper Tubes Limited, who are based at Cliffe Common, was approached by a leading UK plastics manufacturer to help distribute the visors.

They chose the town's hospital to generously donate the protective equipment to.

Just Paper Tubes Limited are a leading manufacturer of cardboard cores and tubes.

Each year, the company buys millions of plastic components from the plastics manufacturer, which is now quickly developing and distributing the equipment into hospitals and other care facilities across the UK.

Just Paper Tubes Limited say they are staying open 24 hours a day to support businesses that are supplying

key industries during the Covid-19 crisis.

This included two separate customers requesting urgent assistance for the provision of cardboard cores and tubes for both NHS Covid-19 testing kit labels and for the winding of base material for NHS face masks.

The necessary cores and tubes were produced and at the customers' factories ready for production.

Steve Piggott, sales director at Just Paper Tubes Limited, said: "As a critical and essential supplier to pharmaceutical and food packaging manufacturers we are staying open 24 hours a day providing packaging elements to those companies manufacturing testing kits, face masks, pharmaceutical packaging, distribution, food and other essential items whilst continuing to support all other businesses, especially those currently encountering difficulty with supply."

Croda in the community

Croda International Plc has announced it will be making available £200,000 to help support Covid-19 operations in the community.

The speciality chemicals company, which has a manufacturing plant in Rawcliffe Bridge, launched the Acts of Kindness Initiative to help meet local needs such as providing food and hygiene products, as well as giving support to hospitals, care homes and community groups.

The announcement follows recent donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to hospitals, health authorities and care homes as well as food and hygiene boxes to local residents.

Croda has also gifted vaccine adjuvants to Covid-19 vaccine development projects across the world as well as excipients to projects working on the trial medications.

The company has also stated it is doing everything in its power to ensure its own staff retain their jobs, salaries and benefits throughout the pandemic.

Steve Foots, CEO of Croda, said: "Croda, and our employees around the world, are keen to ensure we are doing as much as we can to support each other and our local communities during the Covid-19 outbreak. We hope Acts of Kindness will provide much needed help and support to our local communities at this time.

"This initiative truly reflects our values of being a responsible member of the communities in which we operate as well as acting together, as one Croda family. We recognise that Croda has much to offer and to be grateful for at this difficult time, and we see this as opportunity to give something back."