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New Director of Fundraising appointed for Guy's and St Thomas' Charity

Guy's and St Thomas' Charity has welcomed former Director of Fundraising for the Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS), Hugo Middlemas, to the post of Director of Fundraising. Hugo will commence the appointment in January 2009, succeeding Dominic Lennon, who has been acting as Interim Director of Fundraising since June 2007.

Hugo will oversee the Charity's enhanced team of fundraisers who will take forward an ambitious programme of fundraising for the Charity to support the ongoing needs of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

A large focus of the role will be to develop fundraising activities in partnership with King's College London and King's College Hospital to raise funds for the new Integrated Cancer Centre. The fundraising team will also work with Guy's and St Thomas' to enhance the profile of the Charity across the hospital and strengthen links with the local community.

Whilst at the PDS Hugo led organisational change to bring fundraising and membership marketing into the heart of the charity's activities, including collaboration with 330 PDS branches and the pharmaceutical industry.

Prior to PDS, Hugo worked at the Institute of Cancer Research and Leukaemia Research Fund, bringing a wealth of experience in fundraising for health and medical research causes. He has an impressive track record of major gift fundraising as well as developing commercial and corporate partnerships, and developing community campaigns.

Geoffrey Shepherd, Chief Executive, Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, said: "I am delighted to welcome Hugo on board. His extensive experience in terms of managing relationships, brand management, and garnering volunteer support will be vital in helping us to achieve our fundraising aspirations in partnership with our beneficiary Trusts."

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Note to News Editors

Guy's and St Thomas' Charity supports Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and associated NHS Trusts in Lambeth and Southwark. It awards grants to support new services and innovations, as well as awarding grants to support research infrastructure and the translation of research into clinical practice at King's College London in

partnership with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The Charity maintains the collection of art and heritage at Guy's and St Thomas' and commissions new works of art to enhance the environment.

The Charity's Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal raised over £11million to equip the new Evelina by spring 2006 and continues to support hospital's ongoing needs. During 2008 the Charity has created a number of new fundraising posts to enable a more ambitious programme of fundraising across the hospitals to help Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and its partners achieve a world class cancer service, as well as supporting other identified fundraising needs across the clinical services.

The Charity is committed to supporting the needs of the new Academic Health Sciences Science for Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London. It is also keen to identify ways in which fundraising can complement its grant-making and other investments to ensure that its funds have the most impact.

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