

## Our colleague [REDACTED] passed away

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### A message of PD 2.1 Ciaran McGinley

Dear Colleagues,

By now, most of you will have been made aware of the unexpected passing away of our colleague [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who was only 42 years old, leaves behind a wife and two young children. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy must, first and foremost, go to them. We have lost a colleague, a friend and a future leader. His family have lost something much more precious - a son, a husband and a father. I think I speak on behalf of everyone in PA when I express my shock and sadness about this tragic loss. His family have asked the EPO to be discreet and to respect what is a very private matter. We all therefore need to behave in a way that fully supports their wishes on this point. The best way to do this is to remember [REDACTED] for how we at the EPO knew him - instantly likeable, open and always with a sincere, warm and caring smile.

Arrangements are currently being made for him to be flown home. The family has indicated that they prefer that the funeral takes place in a close, intimate circle. The family very much appreciate all the good wishes and expressions of sympathy, but they also want, and need, their privacy. The EPO social services have offered full support to the family as is usual in such tragic circumstances. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank [REDACTED] OHS for the support she has offered and given to colleagues in the past two days - it has been much appreciated and I know that it will continue to be necessary in the coming weeks as we all try to get to terms with what has happened.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ciaran McGinley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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