

Polio film could raise awareness



Jonathan Cavendish with a poster for the new film

A film raising the issue of polio nationally is on general release on the eve of Post Polio Syndrome (PPS) Day on Thursday,

The British Polio Fellowship seeks to raise the profile of the plight faced by an estimated 120,000 people in the UK who live with PPS.

It's a neurological condition for which there is no cure.

Ted Hill, chief executive officer of the charity, said: "The launch of Breathe is perfect timing for this year's PPS Day,

"Over 6,000 Scots are directly affected by PPS and a film can get polio back in the public mind."

The fifth annual PPS Day begins with an event in the Garden Lobby at the Scottish Parliament in Holyrood at 5.30pm.

Speakers include Alex Neil MSP and Dr Graham Cope and a speaker from the Scottish Post Polio Network.

Ten iconic venues across Scotland will be floodlit in British Polio blue and green in solidarity with the 120,000 people in the UK living with PPS.

Venues include Edinburgh Castle, Inverness Castle, Glasgow Cathedral, the Falkirk Wheel and The Kelpies in Grangemouth.

Mr Hill added: "Breathe is an important reminder of the personal devastation caused by polio and that the battle to beat the legacy of this disease is far from over in the shape

of PPS.

“We hope to educate people of this significant and important national and global health issue.”

For further information about the British Polio Fellowship visit www.britishpolio.org.uk or call 0800 043 1935.

For more on PPS Day 2017:
<https://britishpolio.org.uk/pps-day-2017/>