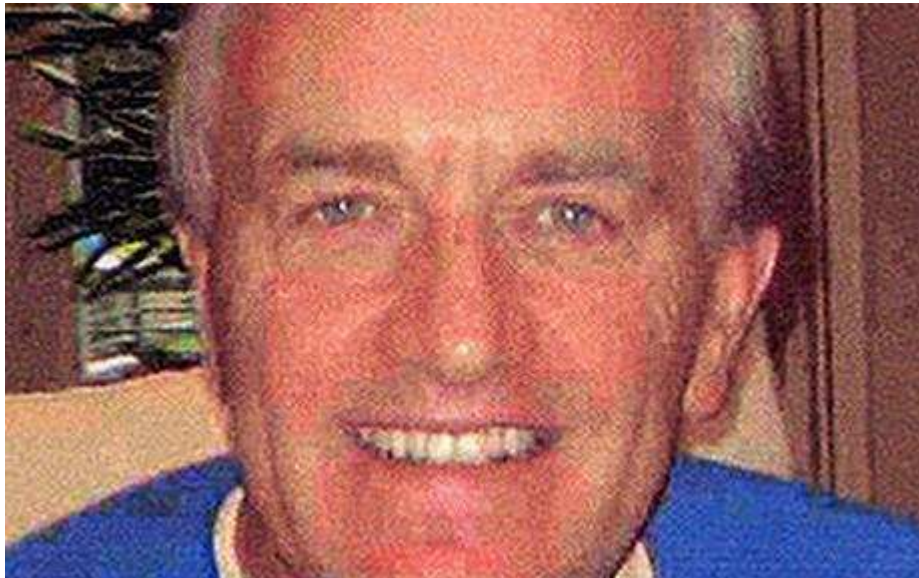


Millionaire Sir Peter Lampl went missing after changing medication

The millionaire philanthropist Sir Peter Lampl went missing for two days after changing his medication for depression because of concerns that it was affecting his golf game.

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Sir Peter disappeared from his south-west London home on Sunday morning, sparking a large scale police search Photo: PA

Sir Peter Lampl, the 61-year-old chairman of the Sutton Trust educational charity, was found at Victoria train station in central London. He was safe and well, but feeling "confused".

Friends and family were deeply concerned after Sir Peter disappeared from his south-west London home on Sunday morning, sparking a large scale police search.

He had been taking pills for depression since the breakdown of his marriage but Sir Peter's father, Fred, disclosed that he had recently changed his medication after complaining that his golf was "all over the place".

A new prescription led the businessman to refuse to eat any food, and he became withdrawn and confused.

Speaking just before his son was found, Mr Lampl said: "He is a keen golfer and I went out with him to play and he said he had lost his skill. He was a single figure handicap player and he said he had to do something.

"I wasn't with him but I think he said to the doctor 'my golf is all over the place, what can I do about it?' and they changed the medicine. He is a very sporty chap.

"The change in his personality was instantaneous, that's what it looked like to me.

"He wouldn't come to eat and the result of the medicine change is that he left the house without telling anyone. I think he is confused, I don't think he knows what he is doing."

Sir Peter was last seen at his Wimbledon home at 8.30am on Sunday and police took the unusual step of issuing an appeal after just 36 hours saying they were "urgently appealing for help". It is not yet known where he went before being found by police at Victoria station.

He was immediately reunited with family members including his "delighted" sister, Erica. His wife is understood to have been in America with their children Katherine, 13, Christopher, 11 and Stephanie, eight, when he went missing.

Sir Peter made his fortune with private equity firm the Sutton Company before founding the Sutton Trust in 1997. It provides educational opportunities for underprivileged children.

He was given a knighthood in 2003 and has been a key government adviser on education for many years, visiting Tony Blair at Chequers and earning the respect also of Gordon Brown, who praised his "life transforming" work at the trust's 10-year anniversary celebrations.

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