

# THE POLICE REHABILITATION CENTRE



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**Mr Ian Potter**

**Chairman / NARPO**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Dear Ian**

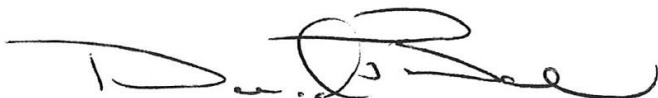
***I am pleased that we had an opportunity for a telephone conversation on Tuesday, it was important that we were able to advise the NARPO executive of forthcoming changes to the Flint House admissions criteria before that information was released to a wider audience.***

***As I am sure you would agree Flint House provides an exceptional level of care to both serving and retired police officers. Needless to say that that care comes at a cost and reducing (serving) officer numbers nationally has put enormous strain on our income stream. Over recent months we have audited patients at Flint House and have had an overwhelming response in favour of 'ring fencing' quality of care. Such ring fencing reduces our opportunities for cost cutting beyond normal and expected management efficiency and leaves few options for balancing the books other than increases to our donation levels. It is clear that constabularies will face further manpower reductions (Flint House donors) in the coming years and our Board of Trustees had little option but to take immediate and effective action to mitigate the impact of these reductions.***

***As advised and effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 all retired officers admitted for treatment at Flint House will be charged £80.00 per day (£400 per five day stay) – inclusive of accommodation, treatment etc. Patients applying for admission will be advised of this new charge. Ian, I am sure you realise that this decision was not taken lightly, any increase to either the level of serving officer donations or the introduction of charges for retired officers is unlikely to be popular within the police community although I would suggest that the inevitable alternative to these changes would be much less popular.***

***The Board of Trustees at Flint House and all of our staff are committed to the highest standards of care and I would ask for your support in disseminating that message to your members. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require further information.***

***Yours sincerely***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J Ball', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

***David J Ball JP***

***Chairman of Trustees***