

## **FLINT HOUSE ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO ADMISSION PROCESS FOR RETIRED OFFICERS**

Please find below a circular received from NARPO National Committee. London Branch are very disappointed and frankly appalled at this decision reached with absolutely no consultation with NARPO whatsoever even though we recognise that the charge they are making is less than the real cost. London Branch were concerned this may be in the offing once we were aware that the Northern Treatment Centre was to start charging. Despite our request for consultation none was forthcoming.

London Branch of NARPO has been a great supporter of Flint House for many years and has made numerous significant donations to their funds to reflect the service they provide to our retired members. Only recently we supported them in circulating details of their lottery to our members to assist them with their fundraising.

We are especially disappointed that the support appears to be one-sided.

John Francis QPM  
Secretary

NARPO President Ian Potter has received a letter from The Chairman Of Trustees at The Police Rehabilitation Centre, Flint House which sets out a recent decision made by the Trustees in relation to the treatment of Retired Officers:

*'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.'*

In reaction to the decision NARPO President Ian Potter said:

*'Following on so soon after the decision of the Police Treatment Centres, this has come as yet another bombshell to NARPO and is another body blow for retired officers, who are seeing a rapid erosion in their entitlement and opportunity to receive treatment for their injuries and illnesses, many of which were sustained on duty, despite them donating to the Rehabilitation Centre throughout their service.*

*Yet again, as with the decision made by the Police Treatment Centres we are extremely disappointed and dismayed that we have not even been consulted on the matter whatsoever, and have effectively been denied any opportunity to put across our views on behalf of our members.*

*This decision will impact the most vulnerable of our members who need treatment but have not got the disposable income required to pay the rates set by the Trustees. We will continue to consult with our sister associations in Northern Ireland and Scotland with a view to determining a course of action to challenge this decision if at all possible.'*

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