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Dear Mr. McAuslin,

I am mandated by the management committee of the Cardiff branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers to write to you as the Chief Executive Officer of Police Rehabilitation Centre at Flint House to express our unanimous outrage at the way in which your trustees and your management board have imposed a charging regime for the use of the centre's facilities upon retired police officers.

A great number of police officers contributed for many years during their service to Flint House on the understanding that the facilities would be available to them if needed during that service and during retirement, at no charge. To suddenly be advised that the facility is only available after 1st.January, 2016 at a considerable charge and that the decision was taken without any consultation with associated representative bodies is both shocking and offensive.

Several of our branch members have received excellent support at the centre in recent years and we have encouraged our overall membership to support your fund-raising activities. Earlier this year as a branch we forwarded £500 as a donation to your centre. When we heard in August this year that the northern centre was imposing a charging regime, our welfare officer spoke with a manager at your centre to seek clarification regarding the position at Flint House and was told that there were no plans, nor any reason for any such plans, at your facility.

It is a very sad day when the management framework of a highly respected and prestigious organisation such as yours undertakes to overturn the ethos upon which the organisation was founded in a manner which to many is perceived to be cavalier and unprincipled.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Greaves. Branch Secretary.

