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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Needle exchange for Addicts in Colwyn Bay.

Quoting Verbatim from the Chief Constable's Blog 12/01/07

*The situation has moved on significantly since then and we now have **(not by coincidence, I suggest)** a brand new and pretty good needle exchange system in the local area, running through a number of local pharmacies - **but needles are still not available 24/7**. The local drugs agencies believe that an all hours service is required, hence the acquisition from Australia of the UK's first needle exchange machine. Such a facility is entirely in line with national policy - in fact to prove the point **the machine was actually paid for by the Welsh Assembly Government** (and not as the local press have mistakenly claimed, via the council tax).*

All the local agencies and the Welsh Assembly Government supported the application - including several constituent parts of the County Council. No public agency objected. The Planning Department itself recommended approval. Councillors did not agree. No Councillor voted in favour. A really fascinating example of local government in action.

*The multi-agency team supporting this application, of which I am a member, now has to decide whether to appeal the decision. We are awaiting written notification from the Planning Committee as to why the application was refused; the team will need to consider whether the added value of a 24/7 service is worth continuing the struggle. This will be an **interesting debate, the outcome of which I would not like to prejudge**.*

The PPP comments.....We don't have a 24/7 Police service in North Wales WHICH is definitely Brunstrom's responsibility.

We don't have an adequate 24/7 GP service in North Wales which is NOT Brunstrom's responsibility.

The above paragraph about agencies support etc and HIS comment indicates his distaste for real democracy. He is so used to the tacit approval of all his daft schemes and skewed priorities by the Police Authority that it must be disturbing for him to see councilors following and voting in line with their constituents wishes. Note... he is also claiming responsibility for the pharmacy service. Note also that this service and the machine will be ongoing and paid for from Welsh direct taxes!!

We respectfully recommend that he resigns from NWPF to follow his first love dabbling in Politics ... by standing for election to the assembly.