

What are some of our Police Officers doing?

Chairing meetings (for 4 years) so that they can campaign for their pet policy of legalising classified drugs.

North Wales Substance Misuse Forum http://www.nwsmf.org.uk/ Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 2007 in **Probation Headquarters**, Colwyn Bay at 2.00pm.

Present 20 people with 12 apologies
Chair CC Richard Brunstrom – North Wales Police

6. Drugs Facing Facts - Paper 4, 4a

Chair referred to this as a good document particularly No.22 the repealing of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. This is clearly out of date and classification on drugs should be changed on the basis of index of harm. Alcohol and tobacco should be included. Home Office is looking at consultation to be completed on 19th October. Chair is giving presentation on this to Police Authority on the 15th October and the presentation will be available for the public domain on the 19th October. Chair agreed to share this paper with Forum members as soon as it was completed, with the proviso that there was an embargo on it until after the 15th. He asked for comments and support for this paper to be forwarded to the Coordinator before the 15th. This could be as individual members of the Forum, or on behalf of Partner Agency, indicating support.

If members agreed presentation to be sent to Home office with the approval and support of the Forum.

He expressed his view that if more influential people/groups etc support this then it could help to influence the Home Office.

All present agreed in principle to this and comments included support for recommendations of the report as a whole and not just the repeal of the Act. Sarah from Barnardos offered the services of Anthony Moss who is a trustee and also the Business Development manager for the NW newspapers to provide media link.

The PPP comments The Irony is that these enormous and expensive talking shops go on and on, soaking up huge sums for salaries and expenses. In Industry professionals running major £multimillion companies would never hold meetings of more than ten people. AND everyone made a significant contribution and left with an action line against them!

Meanwhile out on the streets in our communities across North Wales the root causes of the expansion of the drugs culture goes on under their NOSES. AND the annual rounds of the threatening campaign to RAISE the police Precept OR CUT frontline services i.e. real community policing, are about to commence. The propaganda is already appearing in the local NW papers.