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Deputy Jerry Dorey The States Greffe Mourier House St. Helier Jersey

Ref: Article in the JEP on Drugs/Alcohol

Dear Mr Dorey,

I read with interest your article in the JEP on Thursday 22nd April 2004 and had to telephone you. My Niece. is currently working for Mr Ian Rodger at Silkworth Lodge for The Jersey Addiction Group and is enjoying her job immensely.

My family and I are very grateful to Ian and those who work at Silkworth as they almost certainly saved her life. was interviewed with Jo Cummins from the JEP on Monday 5th April 2004, and what an article it was

I was very moved and proud of her to have the courage and strength to write/talk about herself and the pain and hurt that she had been through for the past Twenty years being addicted to Alcohol and Drugs.

She has been clean for over a year now and she is glowing with health, happiness, and confidence. is currently doing a Counselling course at Highlands College and she is loving every minute. She now has something to live for, as well as a very supportive and loving partner in her life. also has the support and love from her family which is so important and gave her the strength she needed.

I would like to thank Ian Rodger and his team at Silkworth Lodge and their excellent programme personally, and will be sending him a copy of this letter.

I would also like to thank The States of Jersey Health and Social Services.

Jersey needs Rehabilitation Centres like Silkworth Lodge who undoubtedly saved my very special Niece's life, and I hope they can continue to save the lives of others.

I wish you every success and hope more people ring/write to you as this can be a very difficult issue to talk/write about.

Yours sincerely