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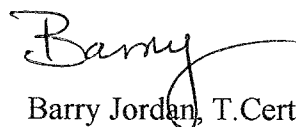
Dear Jerry,

I enclose our response to your current enquiries. Should you wish to include JCOA in any further discussions we would be pleased to attend.

I enclose some copies of our brochure which explains our current activities.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Director/Senior Counsellor

6. Residents in this category should be in contact with either the Alcohol & Drugs Service or their GP and should agree that any urine tests for the presence of drugs or alcohol should be shared with JCOA
7. JCOA should carry out their own tests on a random basis with residents
8. Prospective residents who are subject to a Binding Over order or Probation Order with a condition of treatment should be accepted on the basis that information will be shared between JCOA, the Alcohol & Drugs Service and the Probation Service. Information will be shared with the Prison Governor for residents who are on conditional release from HMP La Moye
9. Prescribed medication will be taken as advised by medical practitioners. Staff at JCOA will witness the taking of medication if required.

JCOA Policy

JCOA insists on absolute abstinence. We are not a de-tox facility and have no medical expertise whatever. Residents who come to us must therefore be in a 'maintenance' stage and have made a serious decision to abstain completely from their drug(s) of choice and from alcohol. The taking of prescribed medication is, of course, exempted from this ban. Therefore we would be prepared to accept residents on the methadone programme or who are taking naltrexone, subutex or other such medication.

Cost Implications

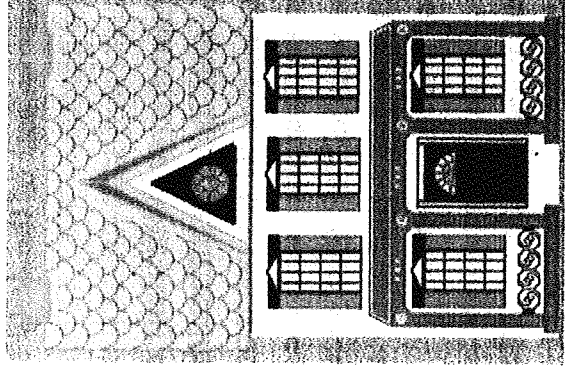
There is, of course, a cost implication for the extra work and supervision involved in these proposals and it should be borne in mind that we are by no means at the end of our research into the financial implications of an extension to our work. At present, we are only just able to fund our present activities and we estimate that any expansion of our remit to include this kind of resident would increase the cost of running JCOA by some 50%!

Conclusion

It will be evident from the above that it is our belief that Jersey will continue to be affected by the abuse of illegal drugs and the illicit use of prescribed drugs. This problem will continue to exist side by side with the unacceptably widespread abuse of alcohol in our community. Not a single penny of the tax revenue from alcohol is directly allocated to coping with its ill-effects, despite a recent 7% hike in the cost of drinking. During 2003, the total tax revenue from all forms of alcohol was £15,258,000 (figures obtained from the treasury web site). By contrast, JCOA is shortly to appear before Deputy Sarah Ferguson's committee to defend our current States subsidy of £26,500.

Once bitten twice shy! If we are to involve ourselves in any venture involving further expense, we will require a service level agreement for which funding should be earmarked and guaranteed.

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“Margaret House”

The purpose of Margaret House is to provide a safe and quiet environment in which to rehabilitate from the long term effects of alcohol abuse.

The house is run as a group home aimed at restoring the individual with a sense of self worth and the confidence to become a useful member of the community.



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Dear Mr Jordan

**Review of Implementation of Recommendations of the Imperial College School of
Medicine Study into Drug Use in Jersey**

Thank you for your submission in relation to the above review which the Panel will
consider in due course.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy J Dorey
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