

National YC



10 DOWNING STREET

3rd July, 1984

Dear Mr Worrall

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 29th May about heroin and the motion passed by the Young Conservatives National Advisory Committee on 26th May.

There is no question of the Government decriminalising the possession and use of heroin. We fully recognise the tragic consequences of the abuse of illegal drugs and the concern of the general public at their increasing use.

As a result, initiatives have been taken at the DHSS, where an additional £6 million is to be spent to provide treatment for addicts. In December 1983 the Home Secretary announced a five point approach to tackle drug abuse. Starting with action to stem the flow of drugs from abroad and to control drugs produced and prescribed in Great Britain it takes into account the increasing priority for police action to deal with drug traffickers, harsher penalties for those found guilty of these offences and in co-ordination with the DHSS, greater education for young people on the dangers of drug abuse.

The Prime Minister shares the concern of yourself and your colleagues about the devastating effects of heroin and the need to intensify our efforts on its use and trafficking.

Yours sincerely

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27th June 1984

Dear Stephen,

Herewith the reply to Mark Worrall. It perhaps needs a paragraph at the end to beef it up - something along the lines of determination to stamp out the problem.

*Yours ever,
Nigel*

Nigel Clarke.

Draft reply for the Prime Minister to Mark S Worrall

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29th May, 1984,

The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

At the meeting of the Young Conservatives National Advisory Committee held on Saturday 26th May the following resolution was adopted by 53 votes to 1 with no abstentions.

"This YCNAC is alarmed at the recent and phenomenal growth in the use of Heroin in the U.K.

This YCNAC is equally alarmed at the suggestion from some in the Party, that the possession and use of Heroin be decriminalized. Such a view is fundamentally contrary to our Party's concept of individual freedom, and is better described as anarchistic.

Recognising the appalling human consequences of drug abuse this YCNAC fully supports the Government's work concerning the control of drug availability and consumption and its attempts to eliminate drug abuse - and further, it urges the Government to extend its work in this area to meet the new challenge."

It was agreed that this resolution should be forwarded for comment to yourself, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs and the Chairman of the Party. The text of the resolution will also be the subject of a Press Release from the National Young Conservative Officers.

Yours sincerely,

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Honorary Secretary YCNAC.

