

Tuesday, 13 January 2009

Re: Character & Work Reference for John Hogan

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been contacted by John Hogan and asked to consider authoring a letter of support for both his character and work related skills as I know them. I have absolutely no hesitation in responding to John's request knowing my letter will be posted on his web site.

Working as a Police Officer in 2002, I secured a post in the (at that time) unnamed "Working in Partnership" team or the "WIP" team. This was a multi-agency approach in relation to combating substance misuse. The partnership included the Northants Police Department, the Primary Care Trust and the South Northants Youth Service, and later to include many other professional organisations and key community members.

When I first met John I was immediately impressed by his passion and enthusiasm and found him to be a most personable intelligent man, extremely erudite and knowledgeable.

We were tasked by our respective organisations to develop a program in relation to promoting substance misuse awareness through Tier 1 educational outreach in designated "government deprived" areas, taking into account our organisations various protocols, procedures and working practices, etc. This was no mean feat. During this challenging time I was consistently grateful for John's leadership on the team, his input and guidance in developing a highly successful working model.

In line with John's exceptional substance misuse knowledge was his incomparable ability to engage and captivate any audience. The feedback he received from professionals, members of the public and any other interested party was excellent without exception.

Approximately 12 months into the project John disclosed his past criminal history to me. To say the least as a Police Officer I was shocked is a gross understatement, however, this ultimately did not detract from my respect for John, and I believe I have made a dear friend for life.

Sincerely,

Victor Bowers
P.C. # 613
Northants Police

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'V. Bowers', with a stylized flourish at the end.