



Operation safeguard

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Jan Berry, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, said,

“This is a continuing concern. The issue is people are working consistently long hours. At some point their bodies and their immune systems will react and the ‘willing volunteer’ will be the first to suffer. People cannot work at this level of intensity indefinitely without there being some kind of trade-off in terms of their health”.

“Equally, our concern remains over the suitability of police cells in housing prisoners long term; they are not fit for purpose to do so and being a full time jailer requires a completely different set of skills and training to that of being a police officer”.