

## Sussex Area Local Services Committee

### Chairperson update

04/10/18

Informal Committee meeting: Friends Meeting House, Ship Street.

Please be aware that this is an outline report updating some of the report given at the last ASC/LSC

**Positions Vacant:** *Please refer to latest LSC minutes.*

**HMP Ford:** From last LSC

*Proposal: Apply to Chaplain for NA meeting on Monday evenings at Ford.*

*Seconded, voted and agreed.* Barry K and I met the Chaplain early today to make these arrangements.

It has been agreed that the meeting will be held on Monday evenings in the Focus group room in the Chapel building itself. (we could use a larger room if needed). The exact times for the meeting needed working out. It can be held from between 6pm and 8pm. We talked to the Chaplain and, logistically, we concluded arriving at the gate by 6.30pm, meeting start at 6.45pm until 7.45pm, then back at the gate by 8.10pm **at the latest**. These Monday evening meetings could commence from the beginning of November 2018.

NB: Until then we would continue taking the meeting at DART office on the Saturday mornings.

**Vetting:**

**NP is now also vetted for HMP Ford.**

TM Will be meeting with the VCP.

Mark S has been put forward for the vetting process.

Barry K is waiting for his SAR to be sent to him. SAR (Subject Access Requests) used to cost £10.00 to apply for, however, since May 2018 the service is now provided for free.

**HMP Lewes:** It has been a while since NA has had any presence within HMP Lewes. This committee decided at the outset to look for alternate methods to restore the situation by establishing contact with services working within HMP Lewes. Without aiming too high. We have found and established that link which will, hopefully, go a long way to restoring an NA connection with HMP Lewes. *(I replied to a contact email sent during last month, still awaiting the response)* I will attempt to establish phone contact later this next week.

If the outcomes are successful, the vetting processes would still apply but be at Enhanced Level 2.

**Langford Centre, Bexhill.** Future meetings are set for first two Mondays each month respectively.

**Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing.** This Tuesday evening H&I meeting continues to thrive and is well attended.

**Stonepillow Hub, Chichester.** No NA presence here since end of May. This was a mutual arrangement due to some major changes to the Stonepillow organisation. Two brand new homelessness facilities have been created, in Bognor (used to be Ravenscourt) and the other in Chichester. Both are now open, both have separate meeting spaces ideal for regular NA H&I meetings. (Say fortnightly/monthly). I would like to re-establish and maintain contact with this organisation again. *Proposal: To re-establish contacts with Stonepillow?*

*Seconded, voted and agreed.* **I still have to do this. I will make the calls on Monday next.**

**William Collier House, Brighton.** The current monthly arrangement working well. Table set up in the lobby, two members willing to talk to residents and hand out NA leaflets. We go along once a month on a Thursday evening 7:15 to 7:45. Will review after another few attendances.

**Reformed East Sussex: Eastbourne.** *No response from them, so put on hold?/Leave well alone??*

**Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.** This Tuesday evening H&I commitment is going very well.

**“Celebrating Recovery on the South Coast”**, held at The De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill. (This actually took place earlier today). NA had a stall at this event, providing leaflets, meetings lists and other information to both Service providers and Service users in the community.

Although we had some positive conversations with some professionals at this event and exchanged contact details, I’m not sure how I feel overall.

#### **Substance misuse in schools:**

*This was discussed. The committee has agreed a plan to research the practicalities of moving this on in a timely manner. Hopefully we will have gathered more information during the next couple of LSC’s to decide how we might be able to move this forward. Thanks go to Selina for undertaking to do the research on behalf of the LSC. Hopefully Selina will have some information next Tuesday.*

#### **Sussex University:**

The annual substance misuse presentations/lectures are due to be given to medical students at Sussex University (usually during October). Last year we had several NA members present. *Proposal: To contact relative person who deals with this at Sussex University?*

*Seconded, voted and agreed.*

**Dr Sarah Flowers and I have exchanged emails about this annual event. ( she had contacted UKPI on Tuesday) This year it is at the same venue as before and takes place on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. We need to post at least 4+ members for this presentation. Who would like to take part?**

#### **Ongoing:**

Continue to seek out and contact drugs and homeless outreach services in Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Hastings, Crawley etc. Not limited to just these towns either. This perhaps needs to also include Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath and the Conquest Hospital, Hastings. Poster campaigns.

#### **Autumn Meeting lists:**

Updated meetings lists are available.

Please remove any old and outdated lists from your literature stock.

#### **Literature:**

**We are low on A5 helpline posters. Can we order some more from UKSO?**

Have Lighthouse and Hospital got anything they need?

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#### **Agenda Item for tonight’s meeting**

“The committee will try to hold an “informal” interim meeting before our next scheduled regular meeting. (Tonight). (This will enable us to look at reviewing dates and times of our committee meetings in general.) and decide the strategy for taking the committee to other towns from time to time). We will announce the details as soon as we can.

**Because we have several members doing service on the usual night of the LSC. How do we feel about changing our Committee times?**

Also:

**How do we feel about holding the LSC meeting outside of Brighton from time to time?**

Chichester Hub could be made available for us which may encourage members in W Sussex to get more involved. Crawley and Eastbourne/Hastings also. Just need to sort venue and times to suit.

**UK Committee schedules.**

**UKH&I:** 1pm-4pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Gordon Hospital, Bloomberg Street, Pimlico, London. (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month). Mark S and I will be attending.

**UKPI:** 7pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Henderson Rowe, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Sq., W1J 6BR (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every even month). I would like to attend. **In the end, I did not get there.**

**Our Next regular meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

**Informal interim meeting:** Time and venue to be announced

Thank you for allowing us all, to be of service.

**Steve L xx**

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