

## Sussex Area Local Services subcommittee meeting

### Chairpersons summary

13/02/2018

#### **Langford Centre, Bexhill.**

Still going well. Meetings have often had to be taken in on a Tuesday. Due, in part, to difficulties with arranging shares on a Monday. We will go back to Mondays soon, hopefully.

Regarding the future, for a **Women's** meeting to be taken in to Langford Centre. Babs T from Eastbourne and I have had an opportunity to have a brief face to face discussion. Babs is interested in helping move this forward although not able to commit weekly. Her preferred time to commit would be one Saturday per month, so this would require a couple of female members initially (H&I panel leaders). Taking meetings in to Langford Centre on a fortnightly basis. We will have to wait and see. I've agreed with Babs to try and arrange a meeting with Langford staff to present a plan, however, this discussion needs to include Natalie S as our Female Volunteer Coordinator

#### **Pavilions, Brighton**

We have had a couple of discussions with Debbie Piper, regarding providing another NA service at Pavilions. We are going to be looking again at what could be done. Maybe an H&I Q and A panel meeting?

The regular Friday meeting at 1.30pm is getting along nicely, plenty of newcomers hearing an NA message.

#### **HMP Ford.**

We managed, so far, to take 3 Saturday morning NA meetings into Ford Prison. These initial meetings were sanctioned by the prison security team. However, we can longer do so. Until some of us get through the HMPPS vetting process.

So far 7 of us have applied for vetting. Some of you will have received the vetting emails? Having made a phone call to the vetting coordinator, we have agreed a simpler way of starting the process off.

I have also been invited to attend and give a 5minute presentation to all the heads of department, at the next reducing reoffending meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April @10am. I want to be able to take another committee member along too.

#### **William Collier House: Brighton**

Since the meeting we had with Su Marshall on 17<sup>th</sup> January. (Wayne, Rupert and Myself attended) I have had email and phone conversations with Su. The initial agreement, was to hold meetings at WCH on a Wednesday Evening (exact timing and format still to be arranged).

We need to deal with this and agree matters amongst ourselves. Then arrange a final meeting for discussion with Su, so that we all fully agree terms and conditions etc.

We will need to put a literature box/pack together for this meeting

#### **Stonepillow Hub, Chichester:**

Regularly attending each week, talking to the homeless clients and making a meeting available to them each Thursday, after lunch from 1:15pm – 2:15pm. Attendance is becoming more consistent.

#### **Connected to Stonepillow.**

Pete F and myself held a presentation 8<sup>th</sup> January '18, at a Supported Housing project, Bayford Road, Littlehampton 2pm. We presented to both staff and clients. This went very well. Received positive feedback by email.

Myself and Nick S presented on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, at another Supported Housing project, Richmond Avenue, Bognor. 2pm. This also went well.

Following this, 2 further presentations have been booked.

5<sup>th</sup> March, **Bayford Rd**, Littlehampton at 10am. 21<sup>st</sup> March, **Whyke Lane**, Chichester 10am

#### **Lighthouse, Worthing.**

Bryan B and Ronnie EH, began the first H&I meeting within this rehab facility only last week. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February '18. Anyone asked to do a share will need to take photo ID along.

We put together a representative literature box for this meeting.

#### **Elysium (used to be the Priory):**

Shawn T and Tim C are managing this H&I meeting well between themselves. If anyone can do a short 15minute share, please get in touch with either Shawn or Tim. They will meet you at 6:15pm in the lobby, then set the meeting up to start for 6:30, meeting ends at 7:30pm. [See attached report from Shawn](#)

### **Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Some of us met with Jo Bisp, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.30pm at the Audrey Emerton Building. We discussed what was needed and what we could try to deliver. It seems that several “permissions” will have to be granted by the NHS trust managers before anything else can happen. Jo suggested that the time line for any decisions could take as long as another couple of months. (Sadly, we are not even able to get posters up beforehand either). She will let us know as and when things develop.

### **Sussex NA Website.**

Neil and myself met with Paul R.

The purpose was to set up a framework to enable us to help develop the Sussex NA website in to the future.

### **Literature:**

I did not place the literature order yet. We are now getting quite desperate for this. Its looking like we will need to spend well over £175.00p.

ASC lit secretary delivered 4 Basic texts. 2 of these have already gone out.

### **UKPI Committee Meeting**

Nick S, Gary P and I, went to the UKPI Committee meeting in Camden Town last Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

I am very grateful to Nick and Gary for their support.

UKPI minutes will be available soon.

### **Moving forward into 2018.**

Contact homeless outreach centres in Crawley, Burgess Hill, Eastbourne and Hastings.

Police and Probation services, Local Schools and 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges. Fire Services

### **Poster runs**

Poster campaigns all along the coast, up to Crawley, out to Chichester. Finish and review Brighton and Hove.

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### **Our next meeting: Formal**

7pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

**Next UKPI meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 Venue tba.**

**Next UKH&I meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Gordon Hospital, Blomberg St, London**

**Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses:** See separate sheet.

**Thanks everyone for being of service.**

### **Elysium Meeting Report 13.2.18**

Friday 6.30

The meeting at Elysium is well received by residents and staff alike who are very supportive of Narcotics Anonymous. We generally have 3 – 4 clients at a time attend and the meeting runs with a share and then meeting either takes a question and answer format or clients who have fellowship experience share back to the share. It is always a good end to the week for all those involved.

We have the odd week when there is only one client whom may have arrived on the Thursday and detoxing heavily so they tend to ring and cancel the meeting.