

LSC report to ASC
16/01/19

Our last committee meeting was held last week on 8th Jan 2019: 11 NA members in attendance.

Positions still Vacant: Vice Chair, Minutes Secretary, Panel leaders(secretaries) HMP Lewes x 1, HMP Ford x 1, Alternate panel leader/secretary Sussex County Hospital.

The position of LSC Chairperson becomes vacant at March LSC meeting.

Ratification and elections: Paul R came forward as a Panel Leader for HMP Lewes. Gave full NA CV, nomination seconded, vote taken. Duly elected as Panel leader.

Paul and I will be meeting before next LSC to co-ordinate vetting and stating aims for moving forward.

Tom P volunteered to keep minutes for this LSC meeting.

Treasurers opening balance: **£400.00** **Tea: £17.38**
No minutes from last month available.

HMP Ford: Meetings are ongoing, attendance lately has been between 4+ attendees. All is good.

Taking a regular NA meeting into Ford Prison Chapel on Monday evenings? I am arranging a visit to see both DART manager and the Chaplain to finalise starting the Monday evening meeting. (These could start as early as Monday 21st January).

The DART team would like us to continue taking some Saturday morning meetings as well.

HMP Lewes:

Since our initial contact with The Forward Trust (formerly RAPT) at Lewes Prison on the 4th December 2018 we have had a number of phone calls and email exchanges between ourselves. These have mostly focused on vetting. **Vetting:** So far then, Paul R and I have exchanged some personal details with the Prison services, moving the vetting process forward. We will keep everyone updated as this develops. (*ideally, we still need 1 other NA member to take this up too*)

*HMP Lewes is a category B remand prison demanding different and stricter access than we currently experience at HMP Ford (Cat D)

Langford Centre, Bexhill. We now only have monthly meetings. One Women's and one Men's
I will be able to attend the men's meeting next Tuesday though, all being well.

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

Lighthouse purchase NA literature directly from the Service Office. Their clients really benefit from this H&I meeting, and many regularly attend meetings after completing treatment.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester. Committee has agreed to re-establishing contact with Stonepillow before next months LSC meeting.

William Collier House, Brighton. LSC involvement here has been reduced to just providing NA leaflets and meeting lists.

Committee agreed to supply a small affordable leaflet rack +/- £10. ***Still have to source this.*** **Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.** This Tuesday evening H&I commitment is going very well. Last weeks' meeting was cancelled: I have informed them by email to that effect. **We do need to find an alternate secretary/panel leader for this commitment.**

Website: Please see separate website report: Report will be posted to Sussex NA website asap.

See Neil P report. On the table. Website request for funds. **£168.00 ***

Substance misuse in schools:

Many local Secondary Schools are becoming very aware of rising problematic substance misuse amongst students. Schools have been inviting parents along to "awareness" presentations. Currently needs further information to be gathered. **I shall be contacting UKPI during this coming month.**

Meeting lists: The meeting list will need to be updated in a couple of months, due to a new Monday meeting in Eastbourne. In the meantime, the details are already posted on the Sussex NA website

Ongoing: Might be a good time to have a look at poster campaigning again, it's coming up for a year since last undertaken. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact us or come along to the next LSC monthly meeting.

Literature: The bulk of the LSC literature stock has been handed over to Mark K (Elected as literature secretary last month) **We do need to place an order with UKSO next week.**

Committee discussion: Proposal: Holding a Learning day/Service Workshop. **Purpose:** To inform and encourage new and additional members to join LSC. A similar event held nearly 2 years ago was very successful. The committee agreed to approach Sussex F&E committee to help stage this event if possible. We would invite members of other areas as well as UKPI/UKH&I to attend too. Fundraising for ASC could also be part of this event.

Friends Meeting House: They have been in touch with us regards booking venue for 2019. Invoice for our bookings was due:
Paid 08/01/2019 **£60.00** Rent for 3 months

Travel for new member attending: **£11.50**

Chairperson Out of pocket expenses:

Printer Ink and paper **£13.99**

Ford Prison: Neil P x 2 **£40.89**

Total: **£126.38**

Treasurers closing balance: **£273.62** **Tea: £23.40**

Request for funds from Area: **£126.38**

Our Next regular meeting: Tuesday 12th February, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF
We are always looking for support on this committee.

Informal interim meetings: Time and venue would be announced via Sussex website

Thank you for allowing us all to be of service.

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