

LSC report to ASC

17/04/19

We met as a committee on 09/04/19.

Opening balance £400.00

Tea £25.85

HMP Ford: Meetings are ongoing, attendance lately has been between 6-8. We had to cancel meeting on the 23rd March due to staff shortage. The meeting for the 30th March also cancelled due to both Neil and I being unavailable.

NA meeting Ford Prison Chapel on Monday evenings? At present this is unlikely to happen unless we get another NA member to come forward for vetting.

UPDATE: Ronnie EH came along and asked to be put forward for vetting, with the view to becoming the H&I panel member for Monday evening meetings. (I would be willing to take a meeting into the Chapel twice a month or Fortnightly say 1st and 3rd Mondays and also assist in 12 stepping Ronnie into this service) Ronnie gave a full NA CV, nomination seconded. Questions were asked as is usual. Committee went to a vote and Ronnie has been duly elected. (Ronnie's vetting application made to DART team a couple of days later)

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

At last month's LSC it was agreed that we try and "reach out" to NA members from other areas to assist in running H&I meetings at HMP FORD etc.

UPDATE: I have had some contact from members in Hampshire willing to do shares. Any member from say, Hampshire/Sussex border willing to take up this service (vetted) would need to agree to attend Sussex LSC to be voted in for the post and be required to make regular attendances here too.

The position is: We still will need at least 1 other NA member to be vetted/security cleared to help manage this commitment effectively.

HMP Lewes:

Latest UPDATE 1: Both Paul R and I have been security cleared for Lewes Prison. We have been given the dates to attend the Key Talk and awareness on 29th April and an Induction course on the 1st May. Forward Trust are preparing for the meeting to start asap.

UPDATE 2: Joe W came along and asked to be put forward for vetting, with the view to becoming the H&I panel member for Tuesday morning meeting in HMP Lewes. Joe gave a full NA CV, nomination seconded. Questions were asked as is usual. Committee went to a vote and Joe W has been duly elected. (Joe's vetting application was made via Forward Trust in HMP Lewes a couple of days later.)

This effectively means that NA H&I meetings can probably begin to start during the first two weeks in May. (we would also be able to take Joe along in the meantime on a simple gate pass.)

NB: It would still be very helpful to have at least one other NA member security cleared as well.

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 one monthly meeting. A combined Women's and Men's meeting.

Babs T is the panel leader/secretary. The last meeting was scheduled for 18th February, then every four weeks after. So next meeting will be 18th March.

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. Ronnie EH gave a brief verbal report to the committee.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. This Tuesday evening H&I commitment is going very well. This week the meeting has been cancelled: I have informed them by email to that effect.

We do need to find an alternate secretary/panel leader for this commitment.

In the absence of regular weekly support for this service. **Suggestion:** To maintain an effective NA presence at the RSCH. We could consider changing to every other week (fortnightly)?

The committee discussed and agreed, at the March LSC, to reduce our attendance (short term) to just twice a month: going in on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month.

We also discussed taken a PI presentation (informal) to the nursing staff. Perhaps just setting up a table in the staff canteen from time to time? Having been in contact with Jo Bisp regarding this small change to the NA service at RSCH, she suggested that we printed off some new ward noticeboard posters to that effect. This has been done. We can contact any of the ward managers to invite staff to come and talk to us during a lunchtime break.

New contact:

LONGLOVE HOUSE: We have been approached by this new treatment facility in Littlehampton. They are looking at the possibility for an "in house" NA H&I meeting. I responded to their email, suggesting that we go along initially as a PI exercise to talk to staff and managers first off. Then take things from there once we know more. I can confirm that a date has been put forward for this. **They have asked if we can go along for initial face to face contact on the 30th April.**

Phil T, who was also present at the committee meeting, put himself forward to help coordinate this with the view to taking the role of Panel leader for this service should it be needed. After a short discussion Phil was invited to apply for the position. **Phil gave his full NA CV, was seconded. Questions asked, then voted and duly elected.**

Website: This will be posted to the Sussex NA website

There was an outstanding account with Shoestring Digital £101.55. Area gave us the cash at last ASC.
This account has been settled by bank transfer.

Ongoing: Might be a good time to have a look at poster campaigning again, it's coming up for a year since last undertaken.

Update: Members from Hastings asked to have some Helpline Posters. These were supplied along with a contacts sheet as well as guidelines. Members in Hastings have other PI/H&I prospects in their area. There seems to be a willingness to establish a "satellite" LSC in their area to assist Sussex Area LSC. The LSC agreed to make some of us available to attend a meeting for a service share and also perhaps hold a Committee meeting over in their part of Sussex.

Meeting lists: Updated meeting list are now available

Literature: Any panel leader/Secretary requiring literature should contact **Mark K.**

UKH&I meeting: UPDATE: I sent my apologies for not attending this month. Passed on the information about HMP Lewes and the imminent start of an NA meeting. I was asked to send them a copy of our report to ASC.

UK Committee schedules.

UKH&I: 1pm-4pm 1st Sunday every month, Gordon Hospital, Bloomberg Street, Pimlico, London. (1st Sunday of each month).

UKPI: 7pm, Henderson Rowe, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Sq., W1J 6BR (1st Tuesday of every even month).

Friends Meeting House: Invoice for our booking is now due and will be paid at before the next LSC.

Out of pocket expenses:

Steve L, HMP Ford

Saturday 16/03/2019

06/04/2019 £40.00p

Meetings Lists £76.00p

Printer ink and paper £14.00p

Attendance expenses etc £30.00p

Total: £160.00p

Treasures closing balance: £240.00

Tea: £23.85p

Request for funds from Area £160.00p

Our Next regular meeting: Tuesday 14th May, 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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