

Sussex Area Local Services Committee Meeting

Chairperson Summary to ASC

18/04/18

Local Services Committee (LSC). This committee is responsible and accountable for all PI/H&I and Outreach for Sussex Area of NA.

HMP Ford: We still have support for bringing NA H&I meetings into HMP Ford. Saturday Mornings and/or Thursday Evening. So far, we have put forward 7 members for the vetting process. The process requires a great deal of information, address records, employment records, CRO. There are limited time frames for completing this on-line, computer skills and patience required.

- **Pete F and myself went into Ford Prison (5th April)** The main purpose was to give a presentation to all senior department heads. This presentation seemed to be well received.

Prior to this presentation though, we were met by the Head of Reducing Reoffending. He gave us the time to discuss with him, the problems we have been encountering over the vetting system. We reached an accord, he understood our concerns and will look to reviewing the current methods. We all agreed to work upon a temporary solution for the meantime.

Following on after the official presentation, Pete and myself, had a productive discussion with the NHS DART team leader at Ford, looking to bring PI presentations to their staff. We hope to give similar presentations to other prison staff too.

- **Since then:** The Number 1 governor has granted us to permission to take meetings in for 2 months (on the understanding that we still apply/re-apply for proper vetting). That's the deal.
- **Also:** We have been formally invited by the DART team to come and present to their staff. Hopefully from these, we might be able to arrange to get other prison workers to attend. Presentations can be arranged for any Friday at around 10:30am

HMP Lewes: I will speak to UKH&I and reach out to see if they can help in any way.

Elysium Hove: (formerly the Priory) Regular weekly H&I re-established at this rehab facility, Friday 6.30 -7.30pm.

Langford Centre, Bexhill Regular H&I meeting (males only) Monday afternoon 2pm-3pm. We are also preparing to facilitate regular meetings for women within this facility. Monday 9th both Babs T and Nat S went along and spoke to the appropriate team to discuss this. An agreement was reached that a Women's meeting would be going ahead. The first Women's meeting took place earlier this week 16th April. As a result, it has been agreed with staff at Langford Centre that we alternate between the Women's and Men's meetings every other week.

Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing. Tuesday evening weekly H&I meeting. Short email report from Brian B:

Attendance 12 to 15 + a chair and myself. Very little literature is taken despite encouragement. White and Orange Key rings are given out every week, especially as few stay longer than 28 days. They are supposed to be purchasing a bulk amount of key rings but have not done so yet, I will keep reminding them. Always a helpful and positive group all of whom have shared back to chair.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester. Regular weekly meeting Thursday afternoon 1pm -2pm. This venue space is still available for another NA meeting if anyone wishes to set one up.

William Collier House, Brighton. Since taking the first meeting into WCH on the 7th March. I went to see the team leader Su M. We both agreed that a less formal approach might be better for having an NA presence at WCH. Since then we met again.

This is what was discussed and agreed on Monday: 16th April

Twice a month we set up a stall/table, in the Lobby at WCH.

From there we can provide information, meeting lists, free NA leaflets, literature, and answer any questions from the residents, in an effective but less formal way.

We've agreed that this would allow us to introduce ourselves more slowly and help cultivate and build trust too. We would then be more able to encourage residents to try to attend our weekly meetings, locally, during the day.

We looked to introduce this at WCH during week commencing 7th May. (say on either Wednesday or Thursday) I will email Su again to confirm the day and time.

Pavilions, Brighton. Although we hold a fully open self-supporting NA meeting at Pavilions, they have asked if we would like to hold NA panel presentations to clients as an introduction to NA. Here's an email we received:
Hi Steve, as we discussed it would be really good for us to be able to organise NA attending the rethink group. As I said I anticipate it being roughly once every 10 weeks for approx. 15 minutes to do a PI type panel presentation rather than an ESH share. I am leaving my current job but have cc'd Wilf in who can continue to assist with this.
Agreed in principle. Are we ok with that?

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. We had a meeting with the manager of the substance misuse team (Jo Bisp) at the Hospital in January. Since then Jo sent an email on the 5th March. It's been a long road. It's now agreed and confirmed: We can have the seminar room up at the RSCH (Royal Sussex County Hospital on Tuesday evening.
This NA H&I meeting will formally commence from Tuesday evening 7pm, 8th May 2018
In the interim we will be able to go along to introduce ourselves to the Nursing Staff on the wards.

Sussex NA Website: Paul R, Neil P and myself (Steve L) met at 13:30hrs Monday 9th April. To work on changes to the sussexna.org website and Domain servers. It was proposed that we seek advice from services best equipped and skilled in helping us to undertake these changes.

We have arranged a consultation with **Shoestring Digital** on Monday 23rd April at 2pm. This will allow us to explain clearly, what we want, along with the changes we need to make. The initial consultation (1st hour) is free. Then £40 per hour.

Upcoming presentations:

This Thursday 19th April, 10am: Supported Housing Project, Queen Street, Littlehampton. (Women's Project)

Moving forward into 2018. Ongoing

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

Police and Probation services, Prison Officers, Local Schools and 6th form colleges. Fire Services, Ambulance teams including St Johns Ambulance Service. Solicitors/Barristers

Poster runs

Poster campaigns. Anyone willing to take this up? There are guidelines to follow.

Meeting Lists: New meeting lists are now available. Spring 2018, please dispose of all old Winter lists.

Service with the LSC

There are Service positions vacant as full committee members: Treasurer, 12 Step Coordinator, Literature Secretary.

- Service with this committee is available for anyone, especially members who can only do so now and then.
- There are some members wishing to do service with this committee, but, find it difficult to attend committee on a Tuesdays. Any thoughts on how we might be able to accommodate these?

Request for funds: see separate sheet

Our next meeting:

7pm, Tuesday 8th May 2018, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

Next UKH&I meeting 5th May 2018, Gordon Hospital, Blomberg St, London

Next UKPI meeting Tuesday 5th June 2018, Buck St, Camden, London

If anyone would like to attend either of these UK sub-committee meetings, let us know please.

Thanks everyone for allowing all of us to be of service on this committee.

Steve L