

## Sussex Area Local Services Committee

### Chairperson report to ASC

19/09/18

#### Sub-committee activities:

*The LSC is responsible and accountable for all PI/H&I, Website and Outreach for Sussex Area of NA.*

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

**HMP Ford:** Meetings are ongoing, attendance is sparse but worthwhile. We are in the throes of negotiating moving the meeting to the Chapel. We discussed the various options available. It was agreed to try to establish regular NA meetings at HMP Ford on Monday evenings within the Chapel facility.

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

*Seconded, voted and agreed.*

**Vetting:** Two names have gone forward. Neil P and Tony M.

NP met the VCP last week at the time set aside, his application was fully completed, and the outcome has been positive. **NP is now also vetted for HMP Ford.**

TM Will soon be meeting with the VCP.

Mark S and John B are also going 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.** We now only have monthly meetings. One Women's and one Men's. August and September's were both well attended. 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.

#### **Ronnie EH reports:**

"Thanks Steve, my apologies as I will be in the lighthouse. Things are going much the same there as the last time that I reported, we had to cancel last week as Brian was unable to attend as we had a recent swap in weeks as he is also got a work commitment this evening".

**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.*

*NB: The regular NA Thursday 7:30pm Chichester Meeting recently re-located back to the Glassworks venue.*

**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.** Still not sure what the position is since we first made this contact.

**Important to mention:** *There might be other service providers in Eastbourne that we need to engage with too.*

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

**Mark K reports:**

"I've attended the Sussex County Hospital H&I meeting each week with other members of NA, male and female, we had one person come up to the meeting two weeks ago, an amputee, and we've given him all the information we can. The main work has been on the wards, each week we talk to addicts on our rounds and we have carried the message to the best of our ability. We are recognised by all the staff now and they immediately tell us where the addicts are for us to talk to. I have encountered no major issues, except some weeks there wasn't a female member available, but Racheal comes in every second week.

On a personal note it would be good if I could be covered once a month to attend the LSC. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. X"

**Website:** Please see separate website report:

NB: 12 step lists need a revision to ask existing 12step members permissions to remain on that list.  
Babs agreed at July LSC to manage this: Ongoing?

**Since GDPR UK Helpline Volunteer lists for example, have been decimated, prompting me to suggest that this has had a similar impact on 12 step listings as well.**

**Dave P:** Dave contacted us a few days ago with a proposal for us to attend a conference in Bexhill on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, as part of "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.

**Upcoming presentations and moving forward:**

**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. This needs to become a priority for us. To bring H&I/PI presentations into these schools over the upcoming 2018/2019 Academic year. Target groups would be years 10 and 11 students, and staff too. This problem needs to be addressed at 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges and the Universities also. Schools and colleges are now functioning again following the summer holidays. Now would be a better opportunity to contact head teachers and pastoral staff. Contact details can be found on local authority websites.

*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.*

**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.*

**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.

NP has taken Helpline posters to a college in Falmer.

**Autumn Meeting lists:**

Updated meetings lists are now available at this ASC.

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

**Literature:**

The committee agreed to place a literature order through UKSO.

The order arrived yesterday. (Tuesday)

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

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. The committee will try to hold an "informal" interim meeting before our next scheduled regular meeting. (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.

**UKH&I:** I attended UKH&I committee meeting again on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. (UKH&I cover expenses for this).

I will keep this as short as I can.

A vote of "No Confidence" was brought against the Chair of UKH&I (who was again absent). After a lot of loving and caring discussion, it was agreed to go for the vote. Vote of No Confidence was carried. In order for UKH&I business to be taken to Region over last weekend. A new Vice Chair was nominated, the usual provision of NA CV and service history. Nomination seconded and Michael P, from SE London, unanimously voted in. He would attend Region to be ratified and carry UKH&I accountability.

I then gave our report to the UKH&I committee. Leaving hard copies of our LSC minutes/Chairperson summaries. I have bought back some newly reprinted Prison Sponsorship Cards, which emphasise a focus on sponsorship for those in institutions rather than Prisons.

**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.

**Request for funds from ASC:****Stipend £400.00p**

Cash in Hand £189.00: Spent since last ASC £211.00, **Request for funds** £211.00 + £144.00 (website upgrade) = **£355.00p** Total including website.

**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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