

LSC report to ASC

20/02/19

Our last committee meeting was held last week on 12th February 2019: 5 NA members in attendance.

Positions Vacant: Vice Chair, Minutes Secretary, Vice Treasurer, Panel leaders(secretaries) HMP Lewes x 2, 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:

No-one came forward to fill vacant positions.

Treasurers opening balance: £400.00

Tea: £23.40

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 have spoken with the DART manager and the Chaplain to finalise starting the Monday evening meeting. Ideally, we need another NA member to clear vetting at Ford. A meeting on Saturday 9th February had to be cancelled due to both vetted NA members unable to attend for personal reasons.

It would be good to have at least 2 other willing NA members taking this service up.

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 UPDATE: I went along to HMP Lewes last week, taking the relevant paperwork along to be photocopied. Also, had to answer a few questions face to face with the Vetting Contact Person (VCP). On the 12th February I received the online vetting weblink to complete the application (15 days are allowed to complete this). I expect to have this submitted within this timeframe.

Not sure where Paul R is with his application.

*HMP Lewes is a category B remand prison demanding different and stricter access than we currently experience at HMP Ford (Cat D) ***It would be good to have at least 2 other willing NA members taking this service up.***

Langford Centre, Bexhill. We now only have one monthly meeting. A combined Women's and Men's meeting.

Babs T contacted me to seek advice about combining the meeting at Langford. I sought a consensus, by phone, from 4 other committee members all of whom agreed it was ok to go ahead. The latest meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday 18th February.

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. We will soon get around to making contact again.

William Collier House, Brighton. Must sort the literature for this facility.

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.

Website: *Please see separate website report:* This will be posted to the Sussex NA website

The outstanding Web server invoice was paid by BACS, having received the funding at AREA last month.

Substance misuse in schools:

Dealing with this, will report as and when details become clearer.

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

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. The new Worthing meeting on a Wednesday evening started last week on the 13th February

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

We do need to put together an order from the UKSO.

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).

Out of pocket expenses:

Babs T. Langford Centre

3rd September 1st October 29th October

3rd December 27th December 21st January

6 x £10.00

£60.00p

Steve L, HMP Ford

Saturday 02/02/2019

£20.00p

Total: £80.00p

Treasurers closing balance: £320.00p

Tea: £17.66

Request for funds at ASC: £80.00p

Our Next regular meeting: Tuesday 12th March, 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 me to be of service.

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