

## LSC report to ASC

20/02/19

**Our last committee meeting was held last week on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.***

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### **HMP Lewes:**

Since our initial contact with The Forward Trust (formerly RAPT) at Lewes Prison on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.***

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**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month, Gordon Hospital, Bloomberg Street, Pimlico, London. (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month).

**UKPI:** 7pm, Henderson Rowe, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Sq., W1J 6BR (1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Steve L**

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