

**Sussex Area PI subcommittee meeting  
Chairpersons summary  
to Area 20/09/2017**

**Langford Centre, Bexhill.**

Since giving a presentation to substance misuse team on 17th August, and having reached agreement. We now have a regular weekly NA meeting within this facility. These started on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and are now ongoing. Yesterday 11<sup>th</sup> went very well. We will be there again on the 18<sup>th</sup>, then due to some of us being away for the following Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, the team at Langford have agreed to us taking the meeting into the facility during that week on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Langford will soon be extending the substance misuse area with the creation of another ward. Between us we are looking to swap to a different day for the meeting.

*Feedback from those attending the meetings has been very good. Feedback from staff has also been extremely positive. They feel we are a real asset to their group of patients.*

*There is a minor security process which we need to follow when attending Langford. Anyone going in to take the meeting, secretary and/or sharer will need photo id each time. From next week, the literature for the meeting can be left on site.*

**Pavilions, Brighton**

I gave a short presentation to Debbie Piper at Pavilions on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. We have been given her permission to bring a weekly open NA meeting into Pavilions starting the first Friday in October (6<sup>th</sup>), exact timing tba. We can also have someone from NA seated in the lobby prior to each meeting as greater/newcomer rep.

This meeting will put up on Pavilions webpage.

It will go on to Sussex and UK websites very soon.

PI have also been formally invited to attend the **Pavilions Team meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November** to give a full presentation to all their staff.

**CGL, Crawley**

Having also given a short presentation to the manager at CGL in Crawley on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. PI were invited to bring a regular open NA meeting using their premises.

This started from last Saturday 9<sup>nd</sup> September 10am – 11:30am, next meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup>. **Due to a few members being away for that Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, can anyone please commit to taking this meeting for that morning?** (literature is on the premises) see me for info.

This meeting is on Sussex website, I will put on to UKNA later this week.

**Worthing**

There is a new meeting starting in Worthing on Monday evenings. Starting 9<sup>th</sup> October 17.

Monday 7:30pm Worthing: Christchurch, Portland Rd, Worthing BN11 1QG

Full details will be posted on websites.

**Stonepillow Bognor**

I will be talking about NA to those in an abstinence rehab in Bognor this Friday coming 10am. I'll take some newcomer packs along too.

**Conquest Hospital Hastings:**

Substance misuse team have been in contact, we are exchanging emails at this moment. ONGOING.

**Stonepillow Hub, Chichester:**

We have planned to get ourselves involved here at the beginning of October, close to week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I will give this my close attention over the next week, and finalise with them, what our plans are. Keep you all informed.

## **Ford and Lewes Prisons**

The best way forward, in my opinion, might seem to be accessing and making presentations to in prison service providers in the first instance. How would we feel about sending information packs to them which would include information regarding how prisoners could get sponsors through the Prison Sponsorship scheme? It would seem to me that the constant requests over many years, to regain direct access to Lewes Prison has served only to harden any negative attitude towards NA. I feel we might have to rethink the approach altogether. Primary purpose. Carry the message. Let's get the message to the addict any way we can to establish that connection first. Then let HP take care of the rest.

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**We as a committee are asking Area to consider the following to be set aside for business at next ASC in October.**

### **Proposal to Area:**

**The PI committee propose the creation of a Local Services Committee.** (This is not new, other areas have developed this approach to good effect)

### **It Works, How and Why: Tradition 2**

*"Any group, board, or committee can become bogged down in disagreement or side tracked by seemingly insurmountable problems. In these situations, it's important to focus our attention on the principles of the program and the solutions they point toward, not on our problems.....Groups may change trusted servants, meeting format, or location, depending on their resources and their needs; service committees may expand their subcommittees, reach out into new territories, or combine their efforts with other committees.*

### **Purpose:**

To combine the joint efforts of PI/H&I into a single entity, LSC. Providing consistent services for those that need an opportunity to experience NA in their lives.

Elected members and volunteers of this committee would be able to do service dealing with the Public and Professionals as well as taking our message into Hospitals, rehabs, refuges, locked wards, and wherever possible into Prisons. Helping to remove gaps in service caused when one or other of these committees have folded in the past.

### **Benefits:**

One interactive committee: Single point of accountability: Lower committee venue costs: Single pool of literature: More effective means to achieve our fellowships one primary purpose: To Carry the Message to The Addict who still suffers.

### **Financial implications:**

More effective use of NA funds.

### **Our next meeting:**

7pm 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Friends Meeting House  
Ship Street  
Brighton