

Sussex Area Local Services Committee

Chairpersons summary to ASC

21/03/2018

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

UKH&I Meeting: As chairperson of LSC, I attended UKH&I Committee meeting on Sunday 4th March at the Gordon Hospital, Pimlico, London. Very worthwhile, great place to exchange experience and pick up information. I would encourage anyone here, to come, or go along next time. The UKH&I Committee meet on the first Sunday of every month: Next meetings 1st April 13:00hrs and then 6th May 13:00hrs.

We discussed:

HMP Lewes: Having sought help from the NHS services provider within Lewes prison. We have been informed that currently, 2 NA meetings regularly take place, run by inmates themselves. We are still trying to gain a little more information about these meetings. (I asked the chair of Prison Sponsorship Scheme about whether anyone was using them from inside HMP Lewes? As far as possible he will try and let us know)

HMP Ford: I told UKH&I that we still have support for bringing NA H&I meetings into HMP Ford. Saturday Mornings and Thursday Evening, and that 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. The issue of the vetting process became a lengthy discussion at Region over last weekend. Many areas are experiencing some real issues and inconsistencies whilst some NA areas are getting through without any worries. UKH&I are making every effort to help overcome the difficulties. Anyone who has attempted to apply or going to apply, please could you inform us of the outcomes. The UKH&I fellowship development team are trying to bring forward vetting results/outcomes as a discussion issue with the governing authorities.

(Pete F and I, have been invited on 5th April: Ford Prison, to give a Presentation to professional services, prison officers etc, at Ford Prison.)

Elysium Hove: Regular weekly H&I meeting held every Friday 6.30 -7.30pm. These are going very well.

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.

Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing. A regular H&I meeting held here every Tuesday evening since beginning of Feb. Facility are willing to purchase NA literature via UKSO. This meeting is going very well.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester. Regular weekly H&I meeting here on Thursday afternoons, 1pm -2pm. This venue space is available for a regular NA meeting if anyone wishes to set one up.

William Collier House, Brighton. A meeting went into WCH on 7th March '18. Since then, following a discussion during the LSC meeting on the 13th March, a few changes will have to be made for taking NA into WCH again.

Pavilions, Brighton. Although Sussex area hold a fully open self-supporting NA meeting at Pavilions, they have asked if we would like to hold H&I Panel presentations from time to time for clients as an introduction to NA.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. Having had a meeting with the manager of the substance misuse team (Jo Bisp) at the Hospital at 2.30pm 23rd January we have been waiting for the outcome: Jo sent an email on the 5th March, confirming that we can have the Seminar Room up at the County Hospital on either Monday or Tuesday evening. We then arranged to meet again: 15th March, 3pm Audrey Emerton Building. This meeting however, had to be postponed. I have been trying to contact Jo again to get things moving forward. All being well It looks likely that mid/late April will see a start to H&I meetings held at Royal Sussex County Hospital.

Sussex website: www.sussexna.org

We are attempting to develop and improve the website.

Upcoming presentations:

21st March: Supported Housing Project, Whyke Lane, Chichester. Completed earlier today

5th April: Ford Prison. Presentation to professional services, prison officers etc, at Ford Prison.

Moving forward into 2018.

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 all along the coast, up to Crawley, out to Chichester. Finish and review Brighton and Hove.

Service with the LSC

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

Our next meeting: Formal

7pm, Tuesday 10th April 2018, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

Next UKH&I meeting 1st April 2018, Gordon Hospital, Blomberg St, London

Next UKPI meeting Tuesday 1st May 2018 Buck St, Camden, London

LSC funds:

Opening Balance after last ASC:	£400:00p	Tea balance: Cfwd	£17:82p
Expenses to date:	-£232:00p	Breakdown on separate sheet	
Cash in hand 21/03/2018:	£168:00p		
Total:	<u>£400:00p</u>		
Request for funds from this ASC:	£232:00p		

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

Steve L