

Sussex Area Local Services Committee
report to ASC. 21/11/18

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 lately has been between 4-5 attendees. (Last week's meeting had to be cancelled.) The last opportunity we had to discuss and update feedback from DART team was a fortnight ago. All is good, they are happy with the way things are going. However, we were advised that we may soon have to hold the Saturday meetings in a slightly smaller room within the same offices. I don't believe that we should have a problem with that.

As we reported a few weeks ago. We will soon be taking a regular NA meeting into Ford Prison Chapel on Monday evenings. We hope to get that arrangement underway shortly and will update everyone at the December ASC.

The DART team would like us to continue taking a Saturday morning meeting as well.

Vetting: Still ongoing, with several NA members in the pipeline.

HMP Lewes:

We have had some recent email exchanges and phone conversations with The Forward Trust (formerly RAPT) at Lewes Prison. They are very keen for us to meet them and discuss setting up an NA H&I meeting in Lewes.

This will ultimately require at least two members to complete the Vetting processes. Successful vetted applicants would also have to be willing to pick up keys from the main gates.

I have spoken with them today they have invited us to attend a meeting with them at Lewes Prison on Tuesday 4th December. (TBC asap) We need members to come forward for this service. WE need 3 people to attend this initial meeting. I have two so need one more.

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.

I have been unable to attend the men's meeting here for the past two months for personal reasons.

Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing. This Tuesday evening H&I meeting continues to thrive and is well attended.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester. No NA presence here since end of May.

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

William Collier House, Brighton. LSC involvement here will be reduced to just providing NA leaflets and meeting lists.

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

This meeting could not take place on Tuesday 14th November (Hospital was informed)

Website: *Please see separate website report:* Report will be posted to Sussex NA website asap.

There are some changes to how the Sussex meetings lists appears. The homepage shows the meetings held on the day. Any one who has any issues or concerns should contact: webservant@sussexna.org

The "bug" on the mobile edition of the website has now been resolved

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 6th 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.

Sussex University:

The annual substance misuse presentations/lectures were given to medical students at Sussex University. Feedback from this event (which we attended of course) has been very positive acknowledging the input from NA etc. Special thanks to all those who attended on our behalf. **Rachel H, Kat M, Mark K, Hayley F, Bobby P**

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.

Meeting lists:

Has everyone notified webservant@sussexna.org of Xmas/New Year meeting changes.

Any meeting desperately short of meeting lists please contact lsc@sussexna.org we will try to get some to you. There will be lists available at next ASC too.

Literature:

The committee agreed to place a literature order through 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).

No Request for funds from ASC this month.

Our Next regular meeting: Tuesday 11th December 7pm, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

We are always looking for support on this committee.

Informal interim meeting: Time and venue to be announced

Thank you for allowing us all, to be of service.

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