

Sussex Area Local Services Committee Meeting
Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF
Chairperson Summary
23/05/18

Meeting called for this evening due to absences for next scheduled meeting on June 12th.

Any other business which arising this evening, may have to be managed by Vice Chair Pete F

This LSC is responsible and accountable for all PI/H&I and Outreach for Sussex Area of NA.

HMP Ford: We now have support for bringing H&I meetings back into HMP Ford. Saturday Mornings commencing 19th May. Gov No1 granted us this right for two months on condition that we get some of us vetted during the meantime. Each week until then 1 H&I leader will take two other H&I members into Ford, with entry granted by Gate passes. **Three local H&I/LSC members have been invited and sent new links for re-submitting vetting applications. Q. Who has managed to do that? Who still must get started from months ago? Would anyone else like to put themselves forward for vetting or restarting it?**

HMP Lewes: Still struggling with finding a way forward. It's a long haul, we will find the solution soon. **Mark S may have an idea for us.**

Elysium Hove: (formerly the Priory) This meeting has now been discontinued for the foreseeable future. Not as result of anything to do with us. Elysium are changing focus to other areas of business. Addition facilities may restart later at a different location in the area. We will maintain regular contact. **Thanks go to Shawn T and Tim C for their service at Elysium.**

Langford Centre, Bexhill Regular fortnightly H&I (Men only) meetings Monday afternoon 2pm-3pm. We now have regular fortnightly H&I (Women only) meetings Monday afternoons 2pm – 3pm. Recently, these meetings have been held on Tuesdays. Due to bank holidays and some difficulties finding members to come and share. **On Tuesday 22nd I suggested to the Clinical team at Langford, that we get together with them soon, to discuss the future of the NA meetings held there, particularly as another detox/rehab ward at Langford has opened.**

Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing. This Tuesday evening H&I meeting continues to thrive and seems to have a positive impact for the clients, many of whom, having completed the rehab program attend regular NA meetings. **Ronnie and Bryan doing a great service here.**

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

William Collier House, Brighton. (YMCA 94 bed facility) Twice monthly, an LSC panel member accompanied by an NA member will set up a table/stall in the lobby. Giving out local meetings lists and information along with Newcomer packs. This will start fortnightly from tomorrow, 24th May.

Pavilions, Brighton. Although there is a fully open self-supporting listed NA meeting at Pavilions, they have asked if we would like to hold regular H&I Panel presentations to clients as an introduction to NA. We have agreed.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. H&I NA meeting between 7pm – 8pm on Tuesdays in the Seminar Room/level 9 Millennium Building. We began this process, in earnest, on Tuesday the 8th May. Most of the staff and nurses we were able to talk to seem very open to NA. Since then, we can now have access to 7 wards, where it is hoped that initially we can get to establish good relations with ward staff. Last week, 15th May, we had 4 committee members plus 2 other NA members that came in to do ward rounds initially then attend the meeting itself. One patient attended. This week, yesterday 22nd May, 5 committee members plus 3 other NA members attended. We went onto 4 wards, spoke to staff and some patients. One patient was able to attend the actual meeting. *It had been suggested by Jo from Pavilions, that it could be helpful for us to have NA Badges/LANYARDS, so that hospital staff could gain a little more assurance about who we are.* We made up 4 NA Lanyards which helped in that respect. **Are you happy for me to look at getting some properly made up? Thanks to everyone who has joined us to do this service for the last couple of weeks, many of whom have expressed the desire to commit regularly in future.**

Mark S was at the ASC last week and ratified as LSC treasurer.

Bryan B has finished a poster run in Horsham and has requested more. Some more A4 and A5 helpline posters will reach him shortly. His next run will be moving onto Crawley. Thanks Bryan

Website: We are in the process of changing the website domains/servers. Upgrading, obtaining secure certification, going from HTTP to HTTPS. As well as becoming compliant with Data protection legislation. Proper security would help to allow secure pre-registration to local events for example.

Holidays: Many of us are away at conventions and holidays during the next few weeks. It is therefore important to look at how these will impact upon the services that this committee provides. **Can each of us give a list of dates that they will be away for the next 6-8 weeks please?**

Ford: We have the Saturday morning meeting at Ford Prison covered except for the 9th June. The meeting has been cancelled and agreed with DART. Pete F will lead the meeting on the 23rd June

RSCH. Tuesday 12th June, we need to arrange suitable cover or cancellation.

Langford Centre Bexhill: We must cancel the men's meeting here on 19th June and one of the women's meetings. I can liaise with Natalie and Babs for that

Stonepillow: Lots going on at Stonepillow throughout June anyway, already talked about this with them a few weeks ago. I will sort an agreement with them tomorrow. **Incidentally, they are opening new homelessness facilities with proper meeting space available for NA H&I meetings. This has been an ongoing plan since we first engaged with Stonepillow earlier last year.**

Upcoming presentations:

25th May: 10am **Ford Prison.** Presentation to professional DART Team service workers.

14th June: 8am – 12 noon. **NA** stall/table at Prevention of Reoffending Roadshow. **HMP Ford**

Brighton Pride: Saturday 4th August 2018 **Wellbeing Area, Preston Park.** We have been invited to repeat the successful NA participation from last year. This will involve some preparation to put together again. However, we can draw on last years' experience to accomplish it. It will need 12 NA members on the day the way it was last year. We need to compile the list of members able to commit for this service way ahead of the event itself. Minimum 1year clean time requirement. **Do we feel that that is sufficient?**

Drawing on last years' experience, **it was felt that it could benefit us to also have a small portable stall on the main field itself. Can we put this down for discussion say, next month or very early in July?**

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 too.

Local Police, Probation, Legal Professionals. Nurses?

Next scheduled meeting: 7pm 12th June Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

Thanks for allowing me to do service on this committee.