

## Sussex Area LSC report to ASC

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The committee last met 7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Friends Meeting House, Ship St, Brighton BN1 1AF.

7 members present. Marc S, Steve L, Mark K, Bobby P, Alan, Richard C, John.

Apologies: Paul R, Ronnie EH, Joe W, Phil T, Keith S, Neil P.

12 Concepts for NA service: read by Richard C

Treasurers opening balance: £400.00 Tea £20.00

Positions vacant: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Vice Treasurer, Minutes secretary, Panel leader Royal Sussex Hospital, Panel leaders for HMP Ford, Panel leader HMP Lewes. ~~Panel leader Pavilions Friday H&I meeting. Alternate Panel leader Lovelong House, (Littlehampton)~~

### Elections for vacant positions:

**Bobby P** came forward to apply for Panel leader at Lovelong House. (Phil T had previously recommended to both LSC Chairperson and Treasurer Bobby's willingness to fill the position). Bobby gave his NA cv etc: Answered questions of his understanding of the service position. Agreed to attend Lovelong for the next few coming weeks alongside Phil. Following this the commitment will work on an alternate basis. A vote was taken, and Bobby was duly elected.

**Richard C** expressed his willingness to be of service in any capacity as part of the committee. With that in mind. As a result of difficulties in maintaining a proper level of NA service at Pavilions recently, Richard stated he was willing to be shadowed for a few weeks, with a view to taking the position as Panel leader when ready. This was discussed by the committee and agreed. Richard will accompany Steve L to be inducted into the role. Voted on at next month's meeting.

The following positions still remain vacant: Can GSR's please announce these. There are also many other types of service that anyone can get involved with which do not require lengthy commitment.

Chairperson, Vice Chair, Vice Treasurer, Minutes secretary, Panel leader Royal Sussex Hospital, Panel leaders for HMP Ford, Panel leader HMP Lewes.

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### Reports

#### HMP Ford:

Due to both vetted members being unavailable. Meeting was cancelled on the 29th June & 6<sup>th</sup> July. It did run last Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Next meeting scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> July

Moving forward: Ronnie EH and Mark K are going through the vetting process for Ford prison with the view to starting the Monday evening NA meeting in the Chapel.

We need to find another willing member to be vetted to provide extra cover for the Saturday meeting if possible, too. (The meetings are well attended and attracting new members)

**On another note.** At least one of the guys from Ford will be attending the Sussex NA convention for a few hours on the Saturday.

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#### HMP Lewes:

Paul R and I have attended HMP Lewes on most occasions so far since starting the H&I meeting on M wing. We were unable to be there earlier today, 9th July, because of personal work issues. The meeting is also often disrupted by prison management requirements. We expect that in future that these may be waived to allow us to hold the NA meeting regardless.

Joe W is still waiting to receive his SAR(subject access request). All being well, end of August should allow clearance to be sorted.

Prison sponsorship scheme is starting to connect sponsors to sponsees.

Next meetings scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

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**Langford Centre, Bexhill.** We now only have one monthly meeting. A combined Women's and Men's meeting. Babs T is the panel leader/secretary.

**Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing.** Going well. Report from Ronnie EH....edited

Hi Steve there is nothing new to report in regard to the light house to be fair, it's going well and as a result it has boosted the numbers at the Monday NA meeting as people who have left the lighthouse are coming back to the meeting!

**Lovelong House, Littlehampton. Lovelong report.** Going well. Report from Phil T  
Hiya Steve Here's the report for Lovelong.

It's still early days, but so far so good. The attendance has been low, around the 2-3 mark, due to the treatment centre being fairly new. In fact, tonight (9<sup>th</sup> July), I believe we're down to one! However, we would be expecting to see 10-12 people when the unit is full. We are well received by the staff and the clients and the general feedback has been good. Unfortunately, we have not attended twice in the last month. Once for Croatia and the second time for family business. The treatment centre was informed and were quite understanding! However, this shows the need for the position to have alternate secretaries to avoid this happening in the future. Hopefully this will be rectified tonight  
In love and fellowship. Phil x

**Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.** Going well. Report from Mark K....edited.

Sussex County Hospital meeting has been attended by patients for the last couple of meetings and we have been able to encourage them to come back to NA. Kat M and Steve B covered while we were away. Could do with someone coming along to be either alternate, or take on the full commitment, as my time is past due. Thanks for allowing me to be of service Mark K.

**Pavilions Friday:** I have to say I have not been able to be consistent with maintaining this commitment. My workload has gotten in the way. How can we move forward? As stated earlier, we may have a solution thanks to Richard W.

**Website:** This will be posted to the Sussex NA website

Neil will post the report as soon as he can.

**Brighton Pride:** We have again been asked to provide an NA presence at Brighton Pride this year. They create the space for us, which means we have a small marquee with a garden area equipped with tables and chairs, we hold three NA meetings throughout the event on the Saturday. Alongside of the meetings we work in pairs distributing NA posters and leaflets to the public and professionals. Would any NA members like to come along and take part? Please contact us asap so we can get the security passes sorted.

**Ongoing:** Might be a good time to have a look at poster campaigning again, it's coming up for a year since last undertaken.

**Update** Members in Hastings have other PI/H&I prospects in their area.

Following some contact with Hastings members: There seems to be a willingness to establish a "satellite" LSC in their part of Sussex to assist Sussex Area LSC.

The committee discussed this at some length. What we agreed requires some local help from GSR's and other willing members.

*We will present our proposal verbally following this written report.*

#### **Meeting lists:**

These have been updated and reprinted. They are available at this ASC.

**Literature:** Any panel leader/Secretary requiring literature should contact **Mark K.**

Literature for both Ford and Lewes have been requested from Mark.

#### **Expenses:**

Steve L ....HMP Ford 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	£20.00
Phil T.....Lovelong House since starting	£70.00
Ronnie EH Lighthouse train fare	£ 6.00
Meetings lists (Colourfast)	<u>£75.00</u>
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<b>Treasurers closing balance:</b>	<b><u>£229.00</u></b>	<b>Tea £20.00</b>
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<b>Request for funds from Area</b>	<b><u>£171.00</u></b>
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***Our Next regular meeting: 7pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF***

*We are always looking for support on this committee.*

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

**Steve L (LSC Chairperson)**

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