

March 8th and 9th 2025 Region Crystal Palace

Admin roll call 9.30 start

Welcomed new RCM, acknowledged outgoing RCM Dusty.

12 concepts read by Simon J

In attendance RCM introductions

Subcommittee chairs.

Roll call of RCM's 13 in the room 4 online

Admin introductions

Approval of last Regions minutes Dusty

Treasures opening balance £25,645.60

Nominations/elections

Fourth concept read out.

Single candidacy process for election.

Chair of RSC Micheal H put himself forward for this position, he meets all the requirements set out in the guidelines.

The questions from the guidelines were asked he replied yes to all, is a GSR to his home group, online rotation for another group.

Questions from San NE LDN.

Does his service period reset now or does he have to do 7 months remaining on vice position.

Steve UKCNA chair

Look at rotating elections for RCM so people have a hand over period.

Essex RCM asked how important that it's and it's up to RCMs to decide the answer to San question

Lisa UKSO said we have guidelines that say he would have to be stand in until November then stand down and be re-elected in November at official election dates.

Kevin Hampshire RCM guidelines changed so RD could go to WSC and questioned whether we needed to change them again.

Chris GMANA RCM said we should deal with this vote and address these other questions later when necessary

Micheal to be voted in for 2 years and step down from remaining 7 months of vice chair.

RCMs voted in favour of Michael to be chair until November 25 before putting self forward for re-election.

We have a nomination for vice treasurer Steve.

Questions

Asked about experience with excel , spread sheets . asked how his process is going to be different to previous handling of high pressure situations, as last time he was angry during a debate, during this process Steve was driving and we had to revisit it later when he had pulled over.

When the vote finally happened, the vote was No.

Vice chair nomination from Dusty. All requirements met and questions answered in line with regional guidelines.

Question whether Dusty position of vice chair of PI Dorest was a conflict, answer was no. One other question was will he have to be re-elected in November when region holds elections, the answer was yes.

RCM's Voted Yes – Dusty is new Vice Chair of Region.

Break 1120 – 1135

14 RCM's in room

3 online

UK RSC inventory moved to new business for Sunday

Old business

Motion/ Guidelines.

First motion

Bought by Bonita Treasurer of the RSC

Update the RSC guidelines as detailed in 2.2 what are the requirements of all subcommittees. (see motions in working doc)

Requesting sub- committees to submit budgets every year in January rather than March, to be in line with UKNA yearly budget. Also to give more details about what a budget entails.

Numerous questions all looking for clarity on the fact a budget is a projection rather than a concrete plan and Bonita responded

Bonita – “budget is only a plan is flexible, and sub com won’t be cut off if they reach budget if they are accountable to region around what they do spend and when that’s fine. “

Motion passed

Also brought by Bonita

Length of service for members of admin committee

Currently guidelines say its 1 year and 18-month service with 6 months training period for vice.

Change length of service to 2 years to aid continuity and help with more time to sign over bank accounts and overall give more consistency.

Micheal chair asked if this means Bonita will stay another year to which she replied yes

Nina RCM NWLDN asked if we also need to change the time of when someone comes in to create an overlap to train people up, so they have same length of service but start at different times of the year.

Bonita responded to Nina suggesting creating a friendly amendment and bring to new business on Sunday, which was agreed.

Ratification of RSC bid guidelines. Discussion around these on the floor.

Motion Passed.

Length of service for members of admin committee

Next motion – website Bobby West Midlands RCM bringing motion

Improve website to grant more access to the website believe if not managing website could be overwhelming and need new processes and procedures such as employing an outside company rather than special worker to manage it.

Seconded by San

Kerry Anne Comms chair responded in regards to website emails been checked back to Feb 24 and no email from Midlands in regards to missing password, if doing multiple ones message - email@ukna.org

Lisa UKSO also felt that it would help to say to everybody that they have been working hard and if there are any problems message directly and work in accordance with concept 8 around effective communication, as those who have made direct contact have had their issues resolved very quickly.

UKSO chair David asked if Motion can be moved to new business pending UKSO report this afternoon, enabling Bobby to make a more informed decision.

Bobby agreed

Michael Chair RSC offered to meet with Bobby to go through and clarify motion

Kerry Anne said there is a lot of info in her report comms tomorrow if he wants to wait for that.

Service website proposal. Was 2nd

H & I thanks for that guidelines I will come back and show changes highlight what was changed

Micheal says not clear asked Phil UKHI

Micheal suggested we table this until new business Sunday

P&I Guidelines showed changes . was approved

RCM reports

Chair pointed out the lack of reports that was submitted on the deadline.

This is not acceptable for the admin committee to be able to complete and send out the pre region report on the given deadlines to be able to read sufficient reports give time to read and respond and support.

RCM reports.

Surrey report.

Glasgow and West Coast of Scotland.

Channel islands – NRR (No Report Received)

Chiltern Thames valley – NRR

Cornwall – NRR

Devon – NRR

Dorset – Jay incoming RCM Dorset/ Dusty outgoing RCM Dorset

areas struggling for service

42 meetings a week

Campout being planned Jurassic campout

Questions – what happened to the national where to find printed version from a member who does not use the internet.

Answer – Lisa ukso – rsc decided that it would stop doing it but each asc can get info off website and print it out.

Eclana – convention June 26 first Unity Day 29.3.25

Motion bought by member for LSC to do an inventory around prudent use of NA funds in relation to literature they are taking into prisons. Agreed by LSC but not carried out yet

East Mid – NRR

Essex – report read by Paula RCM Essex

Lunch 1-2

Meeting restarted 2pm

14 RCMS in room

3 online

RCM reports

Farsi online read on their behalf by Sam RD

3 counties – NRR

GMANA – Chris RCM

Question to comms about they are rewriting guidelines and would like to know in relation to there meetings list position and are thinking of sending servant to comms meeting and making updating website part of that position.

Kerry Anne responded by saying yes send him to next COMMS COM meeting for ratification, once ratified will complete training and do meetings for your area.

Hampshire – Report read by Kevin RCM

Alt RCM Siobhan is away; Kevin forwarded her apologies.

highland and Islands – Michael RCM read report.

Nina NW LDN RCM

question

Sponsoring people in prisons who may be on DRT such as methadone, they don't clarify whether its allowed or suggested.

Phil H&I chair answered question saying it is up to the sponsor about the DRT such as methadone

LDN SE – NRR

LDN NE– San RCM

Concern for the CAR report from RD to give sufficient times to take back to areas to discuss.

Question about sum up and Bonita spoke about it being pencilled into the agenda for tomorrow

Niel AD responded to question about CAR report and he set the dates out English version on 3.11.25 translated version 3.12 then have until 4.3.26 to put in any amendments then 19.3 for final amendments then vote on them asap after 19.3 and are gonna try and give 15 days so looking roughly 3.4.26 to decide on it in before the conference. As a delegate team look to get online workshops in place by end of nov 25 to give plenty of time for people to get stuff from their areas.

Sam RD added that input from ASC online would be helpful

Straw poll suggested

Merseyside area – NRR

Norfolk and Suffolk RCM Jay –

NE England Matty RCM read report

UKSO supported them with literature and setting up account

NWENW area – no RCM in attendance however report received so will be read by vice chair of RSC

Cent Scot - NRR

West coast - NRR

Edinburgh and Lothian – NRR

Glasgow RCM Robert read report

Presentation on Scottish history of resistance movement event and see what that's all about and if it is within NA remit to be there.

Long turn around between RSC ratified minutes making it harder for groups to be involved in decision making. Lack of secretary was cited as reason for this.

Various questions and debates around attending the history of Scottish resistance event, many valid arguments for and against, ranging from we cannot be affiliated a political cause to we are not supporting a political movement we are carrying a message to possible addicts in that environment as we are inclusive and this was our primary purpose.

Ash – stand in Surrey RCM

UKSO report David chair delivering as not here tomorrow

At last region reported officer manager being off with long term illness and no longer able to do job, started process of recruiting new manager as he is unable to continue

So will be a period of a few months to recruit and embed new one

Vice chair Lisa is co ordinating running of office

Did have 1 full time 2 part time and volunteers. Could not operate and Lisa stepped in and has done a fantastic job

Engaged a part time bookkeeper to rebuild the accounts system

Website development is part of role which is to ensure the website works and is safe, secure and technically functional

David requesting a 3 month extension on the funding to pay Lisa for her time even though she is not a paid worker.

Motion passed.

Back to RCM reports

Sussex RCM – Rachel

New neuro diverse meeting online

Shires report RCM Nessa

member asked what reason for increase in prices for lit and Nessa has received detailed exp from UKSO and will pass on

West Country – NRR

West Midlands – Bobby RCM read report

There was a question about the sharing of the online guidelines with ASC, GSR 'sand subcommittees

West Yorkshire – not present, report read out by vice chair of RSC

Yahana – Gary

When is treasurer report for UKNA and NAWs available

No treasurer report as treasurer was on holiday.

Niel AD responded saying on na.org world service reports up to mid 23 still waiting on 24 EDM one should be in working docs up to the conference in Malta a few months ago

SE London RCM report read by Carlene RCM SE LDN

Steve FD chair with FD report

About to get involved in workshop at LDN convention

Couple of upcoming events one in Northeast and one in Norfolk and Suffolk

Working towards getting results of Survey (environmental scan)

Experimenting with AI to assist with NA service

Discussion about putting together literature around service

Request people to please use forms on websites to request workshops as this is the process

Regularly attending EDM

Invited to take part in workshops at EDM learning day

Spent no money since last region so not asking for any from region

Budget of 6000 a year max

Done a rough idea of how much budget needed this next year and have a rough number of 12000

Many questions and opinions from the floor on AI and no resolution just healthy debate as this is ongoing work that will be brought again and discussed and decided on at various levels of the service structure.

Steve states that the AI Being built for the subcommittee using it , and its built on a model used for this and its being looked at it its not actually being used right now .

4.30 chair called end of service

Thanked the AD Neil for service with the microphone

Serenity Prayer .

SUNDAY

9.30 Start.

Service Prayer read by Jay

RCM Introduction Head count in the room 12 online 2

Subcommittee's introductions

Subcommittees reports cont.

UKCNA34 . please can all RCM share the flyers in your area for all the upcoming events

Questions from floor.

Ness RCM gave feedback on workshops given at the convention

Nina RCM points events in SW link in with local area and give flyers in PDF and feedback on how good workshops are at convention and asked if merch was available

Sam RCM has given some experience about how LCNA does the program

Kerry Ann COMMS if they can change the front page on the website for events on the front ,

Simon PI feedback on workshops not great attended on subcommittees topics

Paula, shared experience on workshops

Bonita. holding other event to top up amount needed for the convention as healthy balance right now so if funds would be needed

Steve FD do we need to do workshops how to encourage people into service

Lisa UKSO experience given on workshops

Response from Steve D he is looking into feeding back to programs about topics for workshops, try to keep the balance as it's a celebration not a service convention

Will give PDF for the flyers as they have Jpegs, as far as funds are concerned he happy the funds will be raised

Ken UKNAC TRESUER will not need any money as the previous events have raised a good amount of funds so far

Simon J PI say he does admire that the committee is funding the convention with fundraising around the country

PIUK

Simon gave report

Questions

Rach RCM is there a cost for the training days, is the survey flyer for professional doc etc

Jay RCM how do we get training in our area

Bobbie RCM any updates on the it works how and why publication

San RCM so what is the AI literate can you clarify ,who doesn't like us ? is UKPI helping

Fil HIUK says please don't spread fear about AI.

Simon responds. Yes, the flyer is for everyone. It is a tool for professionals. In terms of training, the area requesting the training will provide the venue and food. There is a cost that the training comes up with a cost the PI covers this, yes there is a process for asking for training we suggest that areas co-op with others to exchanged detail and work together , the audio book is coming along check report .

His experience indicated that individuals unfamiliar with NA might feel discouraged. so its not liking us it's not knowing us. so how can we change the view

Providing support is important, but it is recommended to have areas available to reach out to local agencies, as this is considered best practice.

UKCOMMS

Kerry Ann gave the report.

Can RCM take back to ASC that they would really like shares from unity days conventions and can you share emails to shares@ukna.org

If anyone has sent an email putting themselves forward for share review apologies please get into again . shares@ukna.org

Jay RCM has asked to put to have a vice position , do you need us to motion that

Not asking for site 1 admin needs 3

UKHI report read

Question for the body. can HI send the HMP Liverpool be sent any basic texts to the local HI as it was a concern that the Governor is not letting in any and when on release the books are in their property

San asked if the SW area attended UKHI

Reginal Delegate Report Sam RD gave the first half or the report

The outcome was a workshop focusing on literature distribution, translation, and the entire process required for completion. This session raised numerous questions regarding the motions from EDM.

Ness RCM asked for clarification on seated and unseated communities

James RCM asked about the seated or unseated being present at the world conference and could he have clarification on this

Gary RCM believes it is important to support the Israeli motion to ensure literature is available to addicts in their own language.

Neil A.D. presented the second part of the report, which reviewed the motions and detailed the voting outcomes by the delegation team. He explained and informed about all the motions, discussions, and their respective outcomes.

The floor was then opened, and RCM expressed gratitude to the Delegate Team.

There were some questions regarding the RBZ process, but this did not pose any issues as the RCMs clearly understood the procedure.

Chris RCM spoke about the NAWS response and how it doesn't cover all literature what about merchandise

The prayer and meditation Ad hoc report have got a leaflet together and will circulate it they are in the final stages of this will be shared with the body and brought back after lunch for questions

Lunch time

Back for the afternoon session RCM role call 11

Shahram addressed the body from the Ad Hoc committee, noting that there is no leaflet available at this time. The minutes have been distributed, and the chair requested input from the members on how to proceed.

Treasurer reports on flow or funds .

Workshop presentation given

Questions

Robert RCM asked if he could have the template to share this in his area

Nina RCM thanked Bonita but still doesn't feel there is a concrete answer for the holding of funds

Steve D reports that their home group modifies the announcement regarding the purpose of the pots and deliberates on whether they should be sent to the region or used locally.

Several comments on how the 7th tradition pot is announced in meetings.

Bobby RCM notes that there are many online meetings in his area, but the participants do not attend the ASC. He seeks advice on how to encourage them to contribute.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

A online presentation about the pros and cons about implementing this (available in working docs)

Questions about bank accounts QR codes and when it comes down to it the groups do have the autonomy and to take this find back to the groups and if RCM can share what works and struggles

We completed an RSC inventory and we have not done anything with it and Michael asking what the body wants to do with it.

After questions and comments from the floor Micheal RSC chair Guidelines suggested September is time for inventory so we will do a fresh one then and this was agreed.

Break

New business

What was the feedback from the last inventory which was 3 regions ago

Stipend for COMMS £172.00 agreed

Vice chair funds passed

Liverpool HI being given permission to take into the prison the basic texts through a local member.

Steve D asked why FRANK on the helpline as it an affiliation.

The venue for may region is Plymouth . Copthorne hotel Plymouth. PL11AR There is a code to use UKNA090525 for room rates single £85 double £95

Highlighted issues around using outside organizations on the website privately for helpline workers. the Frank No the Score etc should be removed as it's an affiliation.

Treasure is closing balance £ 32,585.26 Available funds £8225.26

contributions £20,759.24

Expenses £8819.58

Contributions EDM & WSO £2500 each

This was discussed and voted to be adjusted to half of this amount meaning £2500 to each body making a total of £5000. This was due to members citing potential upcoming expenses around either improving website or creating a new one. It was discussed at length and voted to be halved.

Closing £ £32,585.26

Available funds £8,225.26

CHAIR THANKED THE BODY

Close the meeting this serenity pray

