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09:50 am	Meeting opened – chair asked us to ground ourselves in the room	
Service Prayer	West Country	
Concepts	West Yorkshire	
	UK Areas RCMs	
	AREA	RCM and Alternate
	Channel Islands CI	
	Chiltern & Thames Valley CT	George
	Cornwall CANA	Davy
	Devon De	Manu (Vice)
	Dorset Do	Dusty
	East & Central Lancashire ECLANA	James
	East Midlands EMANA	
	Essex EANA	Paul
	Farsi Speaking FSANA	Shahram
	Farsi Online FOASC	
	Free Counties FCANA	Georgia
	Greater Manchester GMANA	Chris
	Hampshire HANA	
	Kent KANA	
	Merseyside MANA	Andee + Carl (Vice)
	Norfolk & Suffolk NASA	
	Northeast England NEANA	Matty
	Northeast London NE	Check Tape
	Northwest London NWL	Nina +Noa
	Northwest England & North Wales NWEANA	Tam
	Scotland- East Coast SEC	
	Scotland- Edinburgh and Lothian SE&L	
	Scotland – Glasgow & West	Robert
	Scotland- West Coast SWCANA	
	Scotland West Lothian SWL	
	Southeast London SELANA	Carlene
	Southwest London SWLANA	San
	South Wales Area SWANA	
	Surrey SU	Tim
	Sussex SX	Ben
	The Shires TSANA	Ness
	Highlands and Islands HIGNA	
	West Country WCANA	Chantel
	West Midlands WMANA	Bobby
	West Yorkshire WYANA	Emma
	Yorkshire and Humberside YAHANA	Aidan + Danny
	UKNA SUBCOMMITTEES	
	Archiving UK	No Chair
	Communications UKCOMMS	Kerryanne
	Convention UKCNA	John
	Fellowship Development UKFD	Steve (For ratification)
	Hospital & institutions UKH&I	Fil

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	Prison Sponsorship	
	Public Relations UKPI	
	Service Office UKSO	David O
	AD HOC COMMITTEES	
	UKNA RSC GUIDELINES REVUE	Willow-Rose
	INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR LITERATURE	Sam
	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
	CHAIR C	Tracy
	VICE Chair VC	Michael H
	Regional Delegate RD	Sam
	Alternate Regional Delegate AD	Martina
	Treasurer T	
	Vice Treasurer VT	Bonita
	Secretary S	Willow-Rose
	Vice Secretary	
	Resource R	Andy F (Part)
	Vice resource	Stevie G
	Tech	Hannah
	Guest - Andy Apologies For Ratification	
Treasurers opening balance	<p>Chair announced that the treasurer has stepped down and thanked him for his service.</p> <p>Report given by current Vice Treasurer who will serve as acting treasurer for now.</p> <p>Opening Balance - 14,408, 8000 under our prudent reserve, £11,000 contributions, expenses of £18,000, current balance between 23k and 24k less additional funding requests.</p>	
Voting RCMs	18 Voting RCMs Quorum confirmed	
Approval of minutes	<p>Changes agreed - change suggested by secretary to amend a motion from passed in principle to agreed in principle</p> <p>Change a word in NW London's contribution to guidelines.</p> <p>Passed with those changes agreed.</p>	
COMMS Workshop on GDPR	<p>Chair gave a history of COMMs and a description of how COMMs fits into the service structure. No need to be techy to serve Comms, many service positions available chair gave a breakdown of the service positions and their clean time requirements and responsibilities for COMMs and it's subcommittees. There is a lot of service available for COMMS and it's subcommittees.</p> <p>PowerPoint to be distributed to RSC participants.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – What does the Online Platform Coordinator do?</p> <p>COMMS Chair – They administer the zoom accounts, and ensure that spaces are available.</p>	

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	<p>NW London RCM – Two areas in NW London hosts shares, could these be linked.</p> <p>Andrew (Guest) – There is a policy that the website does not link to local NA websites. Resource to investigate the reasons for this.</p> <p>FD Chair – Noted that the special worker facilitates keeping the website running.</p> <p>Alternate Delegate – Thanked COMMs chair for the level of information given. Noted she struggles to find the positions vacant on the website.</p> <p>COMMs Chair – suggests members could email, announces service opportunities at every opportunity.</p> <p>Paula – Thanked COMMS for their presentation. States there is a lot of information.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Thanked COMMS for report and work. Notes presentation is informed and detailed. Notes that RCMs get less time to give their whole report back to ASCs than chair had to give presentation. Suggests COMMS could deliver this more widely as a webinar.</p> <p>West Midlands RCM – Thanks for the information. Who would a member contact if they wanted to be of service. Would not know how to find the email address.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Feels the pain involved with getting members to do service. All members of RSC need to take responsibility for putting out service information and making it attractive.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Agrees the email address should be made accessible. COMMs have a budget in their stipend to do learning days. If practical the chair is very happy to come to ASCs and give a presentation. Will also be doing presentation at UKCNA.</p> <p>ECLANA RCM – Can we circulate the recording.</p> <p>Andrew, a guest gave a presentation on GDPR on behalf of COMMS.</p> <p>GDPR is a law that was introduced in 2018, remains in effect post Brexit. There are 7 principles of GDPR, relating to accuracy, concise, lawfully and securely held etc.</p> <p>Privacy policies whilst rarely read are a legal requirement.</p> <p>Personal data includes the obvious stuff, name date of birth etc, but also things like IP addresses, social media tags etc.</p> <p>Special data includes the likes of race, sexuality, but could also include clean dates as this is health data.</p> <p>Processing data includes forwarding, storing, filling in an environmental scan, writing information on a piece of paper.</p> <p>Individuals have rights around knowing what is stored, access to data. Right to request deletion.</p> <p>Things we should be doing include listing what data we are storing and doing an inventory of that info. We should be clear why we are holding data, and in most circumstances will need informed consent.</p> <p>In general data cannot be demanded, only freely consented to. If consent is agreed</p>
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	<p>for a period, then consent ends at the end of that period.</p> <p>There are further requirements for special data.</p> <p>We can request to be removed from lists etc. We have a right to request data be suppressed/deleted.</p> <p>The maximum fine that can be levied is 17.5m or 4% of annual turnover.</p> <p>We should be auditing our data and producing policies to ensure compliance.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Where does responsibility for GDPR sit in NA? NW London RCM – What’s the key message to take back to groups in NW London? West Country RCM – Do areas need to have a data policy? FD Chair – Thanks Andrew. Experience is that this is not about rules, we are unlikely to fall foul of the ICO, but it’s about principles. Our members are all criminals, and it’s essential we safeguard our members under the principles of anonymity.</p> <p>Andrew – Thanked FD chair, agrees it’s about the principles. ASCs, and other bodies are responsible for the data they handle. We can send emails round on a regular basis to confirm they still wish to be in the list.</p> <p>West Midlands RCM - Wants to create a local website hosting convention photos and other information. Can we discuss whether this is practical. Chair – lets address this in AOB tomorrow.</p> <p>Shires – is it advisable for ASCs to register with the ICO? Essex RCM – Are area email lists and whatsapp groups in line with GDPR? Is there any guidance over removing folks from group? Are youtube online shares appropriate?</p> <p>Andrew – Will send resource the presentation for distribution. Suggests that we need to ask members regularly if they wish to stay on any given list. Personal usage of cloud storage does not come under GDPR. However using personal cloud storage for organizational data will be an issue.</p>
Session 2 11:35	Chair welcomed us back into the room and asked us to support by being back on time, keeping side comments to a minimum
Positions Vacant	Treasurer, Vice Vice Treasurer, and Vice Secretary – No candidates at current.
Voting RCMs	24 – Quorum confirmed
Elections and Ratifications	<p>No candidates for any admin positions.</p> <p>The Vice Treasurer will be filling in as acting treasurer for now.</p> <p>Chair explained that when subcommittee chairs are voted in by subcommittees, they would visit RSC and ask for ratification by the RCMs. If not ratified they would</p>

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	<p>not continue as chair.</p> <p>We have a candidate for ratification in the role of FD chair.</p> <p>John has come forward to put himself forward for ratification UKCNA Chair.</p> <p>Vice Resource read the relevant roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>Candidate gave a service CV.</p> <p>V Chair asked standard questions for the role.</p> <p>CANDIDATE RATIFIED</p> <p>Candidate, Ian in attendance to be ratified as Prison Sponsorship Treasurer.</p> <p>Vice Chair read role and responsibilities for PS Treasurer</p> <p>Process paused due to tech issues and candidate being online.</p>
Bids for Region	<p>Under the current guidelines any ASC can put a bid in – Admin will support if needed.</p> <p>Essex RCM is attending RSC for the first time with a bid.</p> <p>Essex have submitted bids for September and November, however September is for the wrong weekend, so the bid under consideration will be the one for November. The bid is for the Holiday Inn, near Southend airport. Bid comes in at £1000 for the two days, which is a little above the amount in the guidelines. WiFi apparently more than good enough. Rail station adjacent venue and hotels. Concessionary room prices available at hotel.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Thanked Essex for bid and states that £1000 is reasonable.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Have we always stayed within the £800?</p> <p>RD – Thanked Essex for bid. Asked for clarification on room prices. Pointed out that sharing rooms is cheaper. RD emphasized that it's so important to have reliable wifi in November due it being election month.</p> <p>West Country – Where has the technology been good?</p> <p>Chair – We do have some areas where the technology has previous worked well.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Do we have any other bids?</p> <p>Chair – No, but we have time.</p> <p>CONSENSUS IS TO GO TO ESSEX</p> <p>Essex requests a workshop/presentation in the evening from FD.</p>

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	FD very happy to facilitate.
Old Business – UKPI helpline campaign	<p>UKPI have been in talks about getting the helpline number on trams in Blackpool during the convention. UKCNA and UKPI are asking for £2500 towards this campaign.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Opening balance for £8000 under prudent reserve and even with contributions since we are only £1000 above. We are quite tight.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Believes contributions from ASCs to Region are currently low, believes we could go back to areas and ask for more contributions.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – This was bought to us as a helpline campaign, we know bus campaigns are very ineffective. No real increase in calls during the previous bus campaign. Thinks it's a lovely notion, but it's a firework, it looks nice but achieves nothing.</p> <p>Dorset RCM – Has been involved in advertising. Doing a campaign once might not give instant results, but repeated advertising brings results.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – When he puts money in T7 it's to help carry the message to the still suffering addict. It's not about opinion it's about fact. We don't know who this will reach, but he knows members have been reached via posters.</p> <p>Essex RCM – What's this for?</p> <p>UKCNA – It's to put posters with the helpline number on trams and bus stops during the convention period.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Hesitant to support spending that much money without evidence to suggest it could work. Believes there would be better uses of that money to carry the message.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Why does this need to be during the time the convention is on? This feels like a lot of pressure to spend a lot of money. Why does it need to be there and at this time. Why is the money better spent here than elsewhere?</p> <p>NWENW RCM – Will UKCNA be on the poster? Wants money contributed to go towards carrying the message.</p> <p>CTV RCM – How do we know if previous bus campaigns were successful.</p> <p>Chair – We have no evidence either way. Helpline did not ask, due to policy at that time.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – No information about UKCNA on the poster, it's purely about making the helpline attractive. The reason is because people are present doing service for NA at that point in that place. We don't have the evidence as to whether it works, but we have anecdotal evidence that posters work from NA members. Also big companies do advertising because it works.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Points out that the 11th concept says that funds must be spent</p>

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	<p>responsibly.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – IF we are going to spend £2500 we should do some research first and decide where best to spend it. It could be Scunthorpe, or anywhere.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Do the Blackpool PI committee have funds?</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – They will put in another £2500.</p> <p>The Shires RCM – How long is the campaign?</p> <p>NE London RCM – The poster we are talking about is available for any group to put out. Why don't we put the poster out?</p> <p>COMMS chair – Last region the motion went through for helpline to start asking the question about where callers heard about the helpline.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Is it £5000 in total and where does the rest come from?</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Yes. The ASC will pay the other half.</p> <p>RD – Would the other subcommittees be requesting top ups to support the campaign.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Understands no.</p> <p>No consensus to go forward with the plan.</p>
July Region Dates	<p>We discussed this a few regions back. July Region will clash with the EDM and European Convention. The RCMs were asked whether they would like to change the dates to accommodate our delegates to attend both, and to support trusted servants who will be attending both.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Proposes we move it to the weekend on the 21st.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Her ASC is held on the 3rd Weekend.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – At Surrey convention they are running the area meeting at the convention. We could run region at the UK convention.</p> <p>RD – It was the consensus of this body, we have moved the region to accommodate the UK Convention, and to accommodate a clash with the European Convention.</p> <p>Motion made to SW London to move it to the 21st Passed by a majority.</p>
Session 3 2pm	20 Voting RCMs quoracy confirmed
Ratifications Continued	<p>One member, Ian in attendance seeking ratification as Prison Sponsorship Treasurer.</p> <p>RSC Chair read the role and responsibilities for a sub committee treasurer.</p> <p>Candidate gave a service CV. Candidate also stated he is 6'3".</p> <p>V Treasurer – Asks is the candidate financially solvent and prepared to sign the</p>

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	<p>misappropriation document.</p> <p>V Chair asked the standard questions for the role. Candidate has experience in other treasury roles.</p> <p>Chair – States that the sub committee may need a bit of support, as the RSC V Chair has currently been supporting.</p> <p>V Chair – The subcommittee has not been functioning, without a chair, or a treasurer, however we do have a member who is prepared to do service as treasurer but will need some support.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Would the subcommittee treasurer have to fill other roles like chair?</p> <p>V Chair – No.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Happy to support candidate if ratified.</p> <p>CANDIDATE RATIFIED</p>
RCMS Reports	
Channel Islands	Not present no report
Chilton and Thames Valley	Solvent, delivered GSR training. Camp-Out July 26 th to 28 th . PI goes from strength to strength. Speaking to summer events about having a presence. Will be at Reading festival. H&I going into various locations.
Cornwall	Not present, no report
Devon	Not present, no report
Dorset	ASC large and doing very well. Camp-out upcoming. Loads of stuff going on. H&I going out to loads of venues. The RSC donation on the report is incorrect, this has not been contributed
East and Central Lanc	Will be making a contribution to region when the new bank card comes through. Voted to put money towards the ad campaign, which will now not be coming out. Working on H&I and PI. Lots of service going. Had a unity day recently, did have money ring fenced for the ad campaign.
East Midlands	Not present, no report
Essex	<p>Last area 24th April in Essex. 33 Meetings in Essex. 16 GSRs in attendance, quorate. LSC (H&I, PI) disbanded, but the basic needs will still be covered. Camp-Out proposed for June 25th. Rounders event upcoming. Contribution made to region.</p> <p>Questions – Asks what amount of money is spent on world convention, and what the purpose and outcome of World Convention is? Would like to know if we voted on the motion about changed is gendered language in literature? Asking when the proposals were made. Asks where any action is being taken with regards to meetings which have changed literature.</p> <p>UKFD Chair – The total cost of the FD event was £1400ish. We got really favourable feedback for this event. The motivation behind us doing this was that South Wales had not attended RSC in years, and the event was to support development of the fellowship in years. PI gave a myths and realities presentation to professionals at the event. FD directs members towards the SW RCM reports. The experience was</p>

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	<p>really positive and the RSC was very well attended, and it has been very beneficial to the ASC.</p> <p>Resource will pull the historic information and circulate.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Where are we at with the gender neutral literature. Asks where UK region sits with that?</p> <p>AD – The motion is one of the issue discussion topics for the current CAR sequence – large amounts of information is available on NA.org. This is a discussion topic at the EDM as well. The delegate team can take the conscience of this body to EDM. However it will be difficult for us to establish a policy before the EDM, due to timings. This body raised the issue of meetings de-gendering language on a group basis. We received an unofficial response that this would be local issue. Officially amended readings are against the FIPT, and there are alternate solutions.</p> <p>Essex RCM – How does it compare to the response to the Baby Blue?</p> <p>Alternate Delegate – The “Baby Blue” situation is very much more complex and not directly comparable.</p> <p>FD Chair - The policy of this region is that this region has a policy that baby blue meetings are removed from the website.</p> <p>NE London RCM – There are workshops that address this issue in a comprehensive fashion. Suggest these will help.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – There is specific policy on the “baby blue”.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Wants to know what is going on with regards to this issue.</p>
Farsi Speaking Area	<p>The area is happening the same week as the RSC. A report will be submitted for the post region report. Have made a contribution of over £1000 to the region. ASC has a literature committee who have attended events. Have sent out Farsi literature to prisons. Doing PI campaigns. Would like to be involved with national PI campaigns. Some service members have stepped down. ASC has a committee to translate Region documents. Working as part of the prayer and meditation adhoc.</p>
Free Counties	<p>ASC has been busy. New H&I subcommittee, will be going through the handbook. Currently just have one meeting. PR going very well. Not planning to hold another convention this year. Discussing flow of funds, and will be doing a financial inventory. Looking for breakdown of the costs from Region. Working on writing some guidelines, as they have been mostly running on memory. Have based whatsapp guidelines on the RSC ones.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Can get the breakdown of costs and will circulate.</p>
G Manchester	<p>ASC only had 9 groups out of 50 meetings at last ASC, but this is standard. UKPI are working with G Manchester to do a learning day. Working on setting up a Young Persons Committee. What constitutes a young person in NA terms? Convention coming up on 26th May.</p>

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	<p>YAHANA RCM – Leeds has a young persons meeting, that meetings criteria is members who got clean under 25.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Has a young persons meeting on the Saturday. Can RCM take some flyers please.</p> <p>RD – At the previous region NW London area requested information on Young Members Meetings. RD has connected with the delegate from the Netherlands, who have given a presentation. RD will share information.</p> <p>Surrey RCM -</p>
Hampshire	Not present
Kent	Not present
NE London	Stephen – A vote was discussed regarding removing groups that amend literature from the website. But this motion did not pass. A group is hoping to put together the workshops on this topic.
NW London	<p>94 meetings, including one in St Albans, 74 physical, 20 online. No hybrid meetings. 21 RCMs at last ASC. Agreed to start producing London Where To Find. Will be updated on a quarterly basis, being sold for 25p. London convention was successful and made profit. Thanks UKPI for recent support in doing a workshop. The UKPI presentation has reduced the resistance to MAC somewhat. Working on young persons work.</p> <p>Questions – Says the NA meeting finder app doesn't really work. Has the issue with the conflict in the guidelines been discussed. Have a lot of people with tech experience who suggest zoom may not be the best app for holding a hybrid region.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Had not heard of NACHO before, where can she access more information.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Suggest the physical meetings and online ones should be separated in the London WTF.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Nacho used to be Xmas outreach, would come together at Xmas. Was online during the pandemic. The fellowship voted to make it an all year round service.</p> <p>V Treasurer – We were at an impasse over the expense policy guidelines – the understanding is that this may be resolved after the next convention cycle. Believes that the RCMs should make a decision due to the inconsistency.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – NACHO seems to have died a death, needs discussion about how to support addicts on the street.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Believes that part of the problem with doing NACHO is that CRISIS have decided they do not want us coming in.</p>
SE London	Attendance has been dropping of late. ASC is now hybrid. New H&I chair ratified. Lots of service vacancies. Struggling with lack of service positions being filled. In the process of vices stepping up. Lots of change and change is scary.

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	<p>FD Chair – Notes that many areas are struggling with service – FD will ne very happy to support if asked.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Check Tape</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Recently GM has not been well supported. Have previously said that if they cannot get positions filled inform members that the area will fold.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Have sorted the issue getting the hybrid on the website.</p> <p>Shires RCM – Put out an announcement to the GSRs that the ASC was in danger of folding, built an Ad-Hoc to work around the issue, with some success.</p> <p>UKH&I Chair – Have the London areas considered forming a metro, to share some of the burdens. A metro would consolidate some service, more information is available in the guide to local services.</p>
SW London	<p>H&I going out to prisons.</p> <p>Someone has been banned from two meetings independently due directly abusive behaviour of vulnerable young male members. The preamble was not sufficient, literature was made available to GSRs, old timers having conversations. Would like to know what is going on at a regional level regarding abusive and predatory behaviour. Have submitted a motion.</p> <p>Chair – We will address SW London’s motion tomorrow. Please could RCMs read.</p> <p>G Manchester – Concerned with banning people from NA, but have had some success in dealing with these issues without doing so.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Had a similar issue a few years back. Banning someone from a specific meeting is not the same as banning someone from the fellowship as a whole. They did take a step to ask someone not to attend meetings in their area at all.</p> <p>NE London – There was an individual who was stalking NA members who made connections via zoom. We have some pretty good guidelines around this.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Was involved with a situation with a convicted stalker in another fellowship. Court cases still ongoing, suggests extreme caution.</p> <p>RD – There is a workshop tomorrow morning on the topic of predatory behaviour.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Wonders how often Concept 10 is used to step back and have a look into these issues?</p> <p>Chair – We previously decided that our traditions do hold us with these issues and we do have literature such as predatory behaviour literature.</p> <p>SW London RCM – There are reams of evidence with regards to this specific issue, no decisions re banning have been made lightly, and it has now been made a police matter.</p>

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Session 4 16:10	13 Voting RCMs quoracy confirmed
Merseyside	<p>Merseyside have a report. Learning day upcoming. June 1st FD committee will be doing a workshop on service structure and fund flows. H&I and PI are doing work. ASC has money set aside for area funded events. Requests neighbouring ASCs share the event flyers. Learning day will be free.</p> <p>Question – H&I committee can get books into prisons, without going to contraband, getting 40 books a time in. Wants to ask if other areas have experience of funding getting books in.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Area H&I committee provides the funds to get books into literature, and the area has found the money.</p> <p>H&I chair – If inmates write to to H&I they will be sent a book. PS can also do so. The only other way is for a family or friend to get books in. PI do send started packs, but they don't send bulk deliveries of books to Prisons, if area choose to do so, it's great but it would not be covered by H&I remit.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Sometimes when sent by H&I books get sent to contraband. Can the prisoner request a book be sent to Merseyside H&I to take in.</p> <p>H&I Chair – UKSO is a trusted supplier, books will not go to contraband.</p> <p>Andrew (guest) – UKSO can write to ministers if there are problems with books going to contraband.</p>
Norfolk and Suffolk	No
NE England	<p>Have had discussion about putting a bid in for Region. Have done area inventory sessions. Asking how well is the ASC serving groups. In NE Area some groups have started a separate ASC, Teesside. Conversations ongoing about boundaries and relationships. Has suggested to Teesside that they could send a representative to RSC.</p> <p>Convention on the 18th to the 20th of October will be held in Middlesborough. Strong programme, will be a great convention. Over prudent reserve. Have looked at the funding flow PowerPoint. Will be making another contribution to region shortly.</p>
NW England and North Wales	<p>Over the last two months 19 GSRs have represented 50 meetings. H&I going into 50 institutions. Collaborating with neighbouring ASCs regarding a learning day. Had a convention with a lot of clean time, but this convention lost money. RCM delivered the GSR workshop. Currently under prudent reserve.</p> <p>Questions – Which video platform is acceptable for NA at any level?</p> <p>West country RCM – Doesn't understand the question.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – It's a group autonomy thing, each group is autonomous in line with our traditions.</p> <p>FD Chair – Thinks it's sad that meetings have become known as Zoom meetings.</p>

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	<p>They are not. FD chair thinks no platforms are designed for us. Happy to discuss more off of the floor.</p> <p>Dorset RCM – It's whatever the group finds most appropriate.</p> <p>UKH&I chair – Any online platform is acceptable so long as it's available to everyone. The exception is the Vision platform which must be used in prisons as it's the only one approved by the prisons.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Conventions are to spread the message not to make a profit.</p> <p>Question – Can we have some clarity on USB sticks for prison laptops?</p> <p>UKH&I Chair – This is not something we do. But there is project ongoing about embedding literature in computers.</p> <p>Question – What are the resources for deaf people available in BSL?</p> <p>Andrew (guest) – We need members to do service. Perhaps FD could gather the information on who has the skills.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – This body asked for sign language to be added to convention. Is aware some members in London speak BSL.</p> <p>FD Chair – BSL has been recognized as an official language. Has been discussing with members in Florida who have put together guidelines on additional needs. Happy to start looking into the resources available. Folx in the USA have been working on this – it's quite ex</p> <p>Question – Where can the 6th edition Audio Basic Text be found.</p> <p>UKH&I Chair – Does not believe it's finished.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – It's on NA.org.</p>
Scotland East Coast	Not present, no report
Scotland Edinburgh and Lothians	Not present, no report
Scotland Fife	Not present, no report
Scotland Glasgow and West Coast	ASC is tomorrow. Had a convention last week. Was a big success. Woman's celebration of recovery upcoming. LSC meeting. More positions have been filled since the last report. Woman's celebration of recovery is a women only convention.

Sunday 12th May 2024

	Chair welcomed us and apologizes for the tech issues yesterday
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Northeast England NEANA	Matty
Northeast London NE	Stephen
Northwest London NWL	Nina
Northwest England & North Wales NWEANA	Tam
Scotland- East Coast SEC	
Scotland- Edinburgh and Lothian SE&L	
Scotland – Glasgow & West	Robert
Scotland- West Coast SWCANA	
Scotland West Lothian SWL	Gary
Southeast London SELANA	Carlene
Southwest London SWLANA	San
South Wales Area SWANA	
Surrey SU	Tim
Sussex SX	Ben
The Shires TSANA	Ness
Highlands and Islands HIGNA	
West Country WCANA	Chantel
West Midlands WMANA	Bobby
West Yorkshire WYANA	Emma-Louise
Yorkshire and Humberside YAHANA	Aidan
UKNA SUBCOMMITTEES	
Archiving UK	No Chair
Communications UKCOMMS	Kerryanne
Convention UKCNA	John
Fellowship Development UKFD	Steve
Hospital & institutions UKH&I	Fil
Prison Sponsorship	
Public Relations UKPI	
Service Office UKSO	David O

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	AD HOC COMMITTEES	
	UKNA RSC GUIDELINES REVUE	Willow-Rose
	INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR	Sam
	LITERATURE	
	Prayer	
	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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	Alternate Regional Delegate AD	Martina
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	Vice Treasurer VT	Bonita
	Secretary S	Willow-Rose
	Vice Secretary	
	Resource R	Andy F
	Vice resource	Stevie G
	Tech	Hannah
	Visitor – Andrew	
Service prayer	V Resource	
12 Traditions	West Country RCM	
Voting RCMs	Quorum confirmed.	
RCM Reports Continued		
South Wales	Report Submitted, Not Present	
Surrey	<p>Meets 3rd Saturday of the month in Guildford. 20 face to face, 10 online groups. Poorly attended, RCM speaking to GSRs. ASC was struggling, motion put forward to rejoin South West London – members came forward to stop this happening. LSC super proactive, have postered pharmacies, and have worked with the council to get posters in libraries. Working with Richmond in South West London. Ran a UKPI training day. Will be represented at Reading festival. Attended a 12 step fair in Guildford aimed at employers. Approached by some major employers. Doing university workshops. Prison meetings going well. Working with South West London on H&I. Convention on the 20th July. Struggling financially, don't really have enough funding to make a contribution to region.</p>	
Sussex	<p>24 GSRs at last ASC. Looking for a chair, Sussex NA convention will be at the holiday inn, over the august bank holiday weekend. Need FD service. Have placed a large literature order, so do not have any money to contribute. Had a physical mailbox, but was not getting many deliveries. Have changed terms. A member was approached by South African NA members, asking to have their banner signed. Banner has been bought to RSC for members to sign.</p> <p>Visitor – UKSO will offer mail redirection to any ASC.</p> <p>West Country RCM – What mail are you receiving.</p> <p>Sussex RCM – Not much, bank statements, that sort of thing.</p>	
The Shires	<p>30 Groups. 10/11 in attendance. Last ASC held at an event. Fair bit going in PI. Have been in contact with institutions and police. H&I chair currently filled. £200 above</p>	

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	<p>prudent reserve. No contribution to RSC this month. Had a motion to put in a bid for Region in collaboration with North London. Progress is slow, but it's happening in the background.</p> <p>West Midlands RSM – When will The Shires be bidding.</p> <p>Free Counties RCM – Maybe early next year.</p> <p>NW London RCM – The two ASCs are working together which means things sometimes need to be agreed in both ASCs, which can be slower.</p> <p>Visitor – UKSO can provide cheap printing services to ASCs.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – In the US professionals are encouraged to attend meetings. If West Country think helplines are important they can get involved with the national helpline.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Interested to hear what the area thinks would be gained by running a local helpline.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Professionals asked to attend meetings in Soho – only attended open meetings, and visitors where announced, group asked for approval.</p> <p>Essex RCM – How would members be trained for a local helpline? How would it work with the national helpline? Also notes national helpline is struggling for service. Not keen on professionals attending meetings, many members have institutional around professionals. Really good to work with professionals as PI, but prefers they don't attend the meetings.</p> <p>FD Chair – On UKNA at the bottom there is a link to PI which will provide fantastic information for professionals.</p> <p>Chair – IT would probably be useful to liaise with COMMS chair re helplines.</p>
West Midlands	<p>72 f2f meetings. Meetings in forensic hospitals. 25 members waiting for clearance. Convention August 3rd or 4th, byt Birmingham airport. Camp out Friday 16th to 18th August. Birmingham unity day upcoming. Vices vacant. Saving towards public liability insurance. Have a Lloyds bank account, which is working quite well.</p> <p>ASC has 95 groups, and the where to find co-ordinator has most of the information. Wants to know if ASCs could have specific admins who can update the website for that ASC?</p> <p>Some members are looking to put in a bid for the 2025 UKCNA. This will be an entirely separate committee, although WM ASC does support the idea.</p> <p>Have spoken to UKSO about GDPR.</p> <p>V Chair – read out information from the bidding information for UKCNA from out guidelines.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – There is rotation on the committee.</p>

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	<p>UKCNA Chair – They are already starting negotiating with hotels etc. There's a lot of work that goes on, and it would be a lot for new trusted servants to just take over.</p> <p>Chair – Vice Chair and Chair will come in later.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Anyone can edit a meeting, it usually takes around 4 days, but phone calls to check NEED to be answered. Website is working on allowing meeting co-ordinators to update meetings, but this is a major change and progress takes time.</p>
Schedule Discussion	<p>Chair – We are running late, there has been a suggestion to drop the RD workshop. How do members feel.</p> <p>RD – Will not be available much between now and the EDM, due to service commitments etc. Will be guided by the RCMs on whether the workshop should take place today.</p> <p>Chair – Lets carry on and review at lunchtime.</p>
West Yorkshire	<p>Meets first Saturday of the month. 17 Groups and 17 meetings. 9 GSRs in attendance. rEminding GSRs of the importance of attending. Areas not attending of requesting literature. Positions available. LSC moving along nicely, but still have some service available. Working with YAHANA around LSC work. No events planned yet. Started ringfencing money for a convention. Did a flow of funds workshop, hoping to link up with FD and COMMS. GSRs voted to increase the budget for new meeting packs.</p> <p>Question – Can environmental scans be explained better to members? Members think it's to do with trees and that stuff.</p> <p>Sussex RCM – Find the name environmental scan counterintuitive, and believes it should be called a survey.</p> <p>FD Chair – Requests that RCMs put in reports and question in advance, so trusted servants can research how best to answer. If you would like support from FD, please put in a service request form, or come to the committee meeting. FD have found information in the NAWs planning basics published in 2011. The document put out when it originated explained it's not about trees.</p> <p>COMMs chair – Every page of the website has a feedback form at the bottom.</p> <p>FD Chair – If there are issues with anything that's being done by FD please let FD know.</p> <p>RSC Chair – The name does consistently get bought up.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – IF you have to explain the name, you should change the name.</p> <p>The consensus is to change the name</p>
Yorkshire and Humberside ASC	<p>LSC working in tandem with West Yorkshire, covering H&I and PI. Believes LSCs are a way forward for many areas. Active PI work, initiatives include talking to the police. Tends to be self organized rather than ASC lead. Members attended Leeds festival last years with a tent labelled "Hug not Drugs" in gaffer tape. Some feel the presence</p>

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	<p>should have been more like that at Reading. Where hoping to deliver an LSC workshop over RSC, but this ended up not having. Next time YAHANA will have a detailed update on progress in a number of institutions.</p> <p>Convention fundraiser, speaker jam and other evens planned/upcoming. Making and effort to involve and empower GSR. Would like trusted servants to share their GSR report forms. New audio literature greeted with enthusiasm, and the ASC would like more.</p> <p>CTV RCM – Happy to support around festival events.</p> <p>WY RCM – Seems to be the same people attending every Leeds festival, this time they were looking for young members. Can WY be involved with Leeds</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Don't see why not.</p> <p>Tech – Do these festival events tend to be done locally rather than by PI</p> <p>YAHANA – Yes.</p> <p>FD Chair – We've found a different way of using LSCs. It would be awesome to get something on part.</p> <p>Alt Delegate – Campaigns were discussed with national PI. This year we had a young member who's first involvement was when they came round from a coma.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Was not suggesting it's not good that we were there. But would prefer we use properly produced NA items rather than gaffer taped banners.</p> <p>YAHANA – is it correct that YAHANA has a standing order to RSC?</p> <p>V treasurer – Will check</p>
V Treasurer	Can any subcommittees who haven't included requests in their reports please let her know.
Scotland Glasgow	<p>ASC and LSC well attended. Glasgow have their own helpline. Working on a radio advert. Preparations for convention going really well.</p> <p>Question – Have been trying to get a meeting on the website for some time. Notes that meeting are available on World Website.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Current policy states the website does not link to local NA websites.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – Some meetings have been through the process but are still not appearing.</p> <p>COMMs and RCM will discuss F2F</p>
Session 2 1125	Chair invited us back into the room
Voting RCMs	11 in the room, 1 online. Not currently quorate.
UKCNA	Sold 72% of the rooms so far, coming into a busy period, 62 more rooms to sell, to avoid any financial penalties. Time for a big push. Full programme has been

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	<p>developed. Lots of people try to book rooms via Booking.com – these rooms don't count towards the rooms we've sold, and will not involve the banquet, there are a few separate banquet tickets available, about 35, half have gone already. Working with the subcommittees – they will be attending the convention, will have a room on the Saturday. UKCNA will give the subcommittees the room, they just need to let UKCNA know in the next two weeks. Chair will be standing down after the wash-up for this convention, there will be plenty of positions vacant, please attend the wash-up if interested. Will discuss guidelines at the final wash-up. Wants to ensure it's attractive for members to serve regardless on income.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Contacted UKCNA regarding doing a workshop at UKCNA, but was told the programme is already full.</p> <p>Yahana RCM – Wants to underline the importance of booking through NA. We're financially exposed – confident we will, but we can help.</p> <p>FD Chair – Thanks UKCNA for finding space for the subcommittees. Would like to make a proposal for an excellent subcommittee chairs meeting to plan for the day that the subcommittees have.</p> <p>V Chair – Next subcommittee chair meeting is the 9th of June at 7. Can discuss having an extra meeting. The part read from the guidelines this morning was from an appendix.</p> <p>V Chair – Ideally a bid should be forthcoming 16 months in advance, if this not forthcoming it falls to the sitting committee.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – The programme is full except for the 8 -5 for RSC subcommittee. The 5pm cut off will be a strict cut-off. Please can the availability of the room be announced on the subcommittee chairs meeting. From May 23rd the convention committee will meet weekly.</p> <p>West Midlands RCM – Have we had any bids for next year?</p> <p>V Treasurer – What would the financial impact be if we did not sell the rooms?</p> <p>H&I Chair – We have a presentation ready, 1hr and would like to take 2 -3.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – There are no bids in, they have a vague quote from the Metropolitan Hotel in West Midlands. The key is for people to communicate. Discussions have taken place with a number of ASCs but no formal bids. Historically if an area hosts UKCNA they would not hold their own convention but would be able to request 20% of the funds coming from RSC.</p> <p>WM RCM – Can UKCNA come to WM ASC to discuss?</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Announces that bids are welcome every RSC. At 16 months they will start looking, but ultimately it's the RCMs decisions.</p> <p>Chair – It might be useful for trusted servants to liaise.</p>
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	<p>UKCNA Chair – Region has the contracts with the information on the financial penalties. These would be variable depending on how far short we fall.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Could somebody please share the document with the requirements to host region.</p> <p>RD – We can use UKSO around contracts.</p> <p>UKCNA – Confirms the venue requirements in Appendix 5 are correct. There's nothing restrictive apart from the penalties in the contract.</p>
UK Fellowship Development	<p>Doing well, four years old now. Some really exciting service. They have a new treasurer, who will hopefully attend for ratification next time. They have a European rep. Have created a new workshop request co-ordinator position. Representatives in a multiplicity of districts, including a new rep in the Highlands. Positions vacant.</p> <p>IF you would like FD support please submit a service request form and/or attend the FD meeting. Workshops regularly delivered one happening this weekend, upcoming in Carlyle, Merseyside, Dorset, and Mars, the Red Planet.</p> <p>Have had a recent request that involves St Albans. Had a bid to support Glasgow FD, have been asked to put together a tailored scan for Glasgow. Conscious of the idea they will need to consider renaming the Environmental Scan. Delivered a building stronger home groups workshop at LCN.</p> <p>They are presenting a set of new guidelines for ratification.</p> <p>Have launched the service matching form – inspiration is from zones and the USA. Asks for information about who you are and what are your experience and skills, and seeks to match with service opportunities.</p> <p>Have had 140 responded to the '23 – '24 scan. Have circulated six month interim report. Producing some really useful information.</p> <p>Service should start with what do you need, if can we help you.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – What do we think is an ideal minimum number of respondents in order to take an accurate sample of the fellowships views.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Was food for newcomers at Region or at the Llandudno Convention? Please can you make financial report available?</p> <p>FD Chair – The more responses the better, it's a snapshot and FD makes the information available to body, does not draw conclusions. The 1400 included the total cost of holding the region. The banquet was 1100, was agreed by the body as being an important event to support FD within the ASC.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – It's knee jerk response to make decisions based off of 140 responses. Would expect us to have set a minimum number of responses for the information to be valid. Didn't hear much about the scan at LCNA. Attendees could have been invited to complete the scan. Has not thought about the survey since the last region.</p>

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	<p>Essex RCM – Was there a presentation that cost money the Llandudno convention?</p> <p>FD Chair – No.</p> <p>FD Chair – we don't make decisions. It's for RSC and ASCs to make decisions about how they use info.</p> <p>Sussex RCM – We also had a members survey, was that from UKPI? And could these be combined?</p> <p>Free Counties RCM – Could we ask attendees at the UK Convention to complete.</p> <p>FD Chair – There's no correlation between the ES and the UK members Survey. Might need to co-ordinate with UKPI. Possibly they could be done on alternate years. Asked for a table at LCNA but was told no. Very willing to do a table at UKCNA if it's possible to do so.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – What is a representative sample? IF three RSC members complete a survey it would not be representative. Recalls that there were 58 responses on a previous scan, and that this was presented as the voice of the fellowship. Likes putting it on at conventions.</p> <p>NE London RCM – A previous survey handed out surveys with pencils to boost responses. Suggest it be promoted in areas.</p>
FD Guideline Ratifications	<p>Some RSC members have not read these guidelines.</p> <p>V Chair – Suggest that we come back in July.</p> <p>FD Chair – Would be happy with this suggestion.</p> <p>Consensus is to revisit in July.</p>
UK Hospitals and Institutions	<p>Every first Sunday of the month. H&I online is not part of any area. Meets on first Thursday of the month. Trying to recruit heavily for secretary positions, especially looking to recruit those who got clean on the screen four years ago. Needs about an hour and half during the day.</p> <p>No vices currently. Announcing now, so that they don't end up with vacancies next year. H&I is fantastic service. Met with the treasurers, to try to make sense of the bill for literature sent into prisons. When the stipend is topped up a lot will go straight to UKSO to pay literature invoices.</p> <p>There will be work to do around prudence of sending literature when PS is properly running again.</p> <p>H&I do not generally travel to do workshops, except for UKCNA, but will support ASCs doing their own. Try to remain environmentally friendly and prudent by not travelling.</p> <p>Suggest that zoom has poor wifi etiquette – believes it will help if phones are not connected. We need at least 18mh upload. Would like to be of support to our tech people around the tech requirements at next region, which he can attend face to face</p>

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	<p>as it is nearby.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Wants to catch up over the visionable</p> <p>V Treasurer – Will meet with PS and PI and our treasurers to sort out a budget for PS.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Does Regional H&I prefer for ASCs to pay for literature going into prisons?</p> <p>Visitor – The PS and PI accounts at UKSO have now been separated. However if PS orders books they will go on their bill.</p> <p>H&I Chair – UKH&I will not supply texts to ASCs. They provide BTs to inmates not to areas. IF ASCs can afford to send basic texts they are very welcome to do so.</p>
UKSO	<p>Apologies from chair and vice chair. All is well at the office. Have attached some guidelines for ratification – OK with them being parked till July. UKSO named as the first point of contact for NA in the UK. info@UKNA.org can be used at an email address – this goes straight to UKSO and will be forwarded as necessary.</p> <p>UKSO have written a letter stating that there are complications regards to looking after the RSC equipment. They are happy to do so however, if the RCMs decide it should be so.</p> <p>UKSO note that postage costs have gone up and that they will need to pass these on, about 15%.</p> <p>SW London RCM – What are the financial implications of holding the equipment.</p> <p>UKCNA – There's a lock up room at the convention, which UKSO may use.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Would like to see the email from UKSO.</p> <p>H&I Chair – Would like to use the info@UKNA.org email address.</p> <p>UKSO Director – The financial implications are in the letter. The large suitcase too large to be couriered and one of the other containers does not lock. We would need to buy three suitcases, which would cost around £300, and the courier costs would be around £160 each time. Are happy to facilitate this if the RSC chooses this option.</p> <p>Chair – Thanked UKSO for their report and information. Historically and recently since RSC made the decision to go hybrid members have carted the significant amounts of equipment needed for RSC.</p> <p>SW London RCM – What happens if it gets lost?</p> <p>V Chair – Neither of the options currently identified appear to be entirely practical. We can look at other options during an inventory process.</p> <p>UKSO Director – Thanks UKCNA for the lock-up room. If H&I would like to use the email address, UKSO and happy to facilitate, please just let them know, and update contact details on any flyers etc.</p>

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COMMS	Treasurer has stood down, but there is a new treasurer who will attend next region to be ratified. Will be looking at creating a Vice OPC position in coming weeks. Helpline has started asking members where they heard about helpline where appropriate. Treasury report submitted. Stipend top up requested.
Prison Sponsorship	No written report, but this will be produced. PS now has a treasurer. Still needs a chair and a vice chair and a vice treasurer. PS does great work, and it would be double great if they had a full committee to continued to do their work
Archiving	<p>No written report. Will be produced. Will be doing a stall at UKCNA. Will do a presentation about service in archiving. Will be doing a rebranding exercise – looking at calling it UKNA History. Requests £146 over normal stipend to pay for member to attend UKCNA.</p> <p>UKCNA – Can put some bits relating to archiving on the screen if wanted?</p> <p>V Treasurer – Will discuss payment of stipend with Michael.</p>
Session 3 13:45	13 RCMs, narrowly quorate. Chair invited HP into the room.
Motion from West Midlands, seconded by Surrey	<p>Motion calls for a project to launch a project to produce audio versions of It Works How and Why, and The Stepworking guide in UK English, and possibly Ips as well.</p> <p>The objective is to bring our literature to those for whom reading is not a good option,</p> <p>The costs would be £3000 over a two years period.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Over two years this should be affordable as it's over two years, and it would be a prudent use of our funds to get the message out to addicts who are still suffering.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – This was discussed at the UKPI meeting. Understands that UKPI would like to be actively involved in this discussion.</p> <p>NE London RCM – It works how and why is already recorded in American English. SPAD has been done in worldwide voices. IWHW states that when we get involved with elaborate activity it distracts from our primary purpose.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – The average reading age on men in UK prisons is under 13. Many people who come into NA can't read the word anonymous. This would be a hugely useful tool and could be made available loaded into devices in Prisons. English is the language of recovery in Europe – English is the language used in European forums. This could be a resource across Europe.</p> <p>Sussex RCM – Spoke to PI about this, believes this was already under consideration by UKPI.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Wants to speak in support. RCM is dyslexic, used the American audio text. There are issues with our education system, not everyone is literate, but many who are not can understand the spoken word. And having an electronic resource would</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Not convinced it's prudent if it's already available in US English.</p>

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	<p>FD Chair – In principle – how can we say no? It's really important work that needs to be done. There are some versions from 2007, but they may not still be current. Not sure how the stepworking guide would work. We shouldn't call it translation as this would complicate matters, and need to be approved by world as a translation project.</p> <p>West country RCM – Can we get the US audio version into Prisons?</p> <p>PI Chair – Visionable is platform like Zoom. Not used to get audios into prison. We would share links of mps3 with the prisons – runs alongside Visionable, but is a separate platform. Visionable is a meeting platform. We can't translate, or change a word, it has to be exactly the same cover to cover. We can get any resource that exists online into Prison.</p> <p>Vice RCM Merseyside – A bit uncomfortable with discussion. We're a world wide fellowship, and we're looking at spending money making in British.</p> <p>AD – Points out the correct names of the literature.</p> <p>PI Chair – Lots of other countries have done the literature in their own language.</p> <p>NE London RCM – If it already exists, it doesn't seem right to make a specifically UK English version.</p> <p>WM RCM – Why did we make a version of the BT then.</p> <p>Guest – There was no audio version of the 6th edition, in US or UK English. Also the audio version of IWHAW is only available on CD not online.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – Would like clarity on PI's position.</p> <p>PI Chair – Versions not available on NA.org website. PI is in favour.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY</p>
Treasurers closing balance	<p>Provisional closing balance £13,684, which would leave is £9175 below prudent reserve. Treasurer points out that we are currently getting lower contributions, but that our costs are still the same or potentially more. Please be aware of this when making any financial requests or requests for increased stipends.</p> <p>NW London RCM – What might the impact be of us being under prudent reserve over the last two months.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Prudent Reserve is £20860. These amounts are rarely all requested, but we can't guarantee what contributions will coming in. We wouldn't be able to make contributions to EDM or World if under Prudent Reserve and have not made contributions recently. We should look at our reserved funds, expenses and funding flow as part of the inventory process.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Has seen financial trends in the form of a graph showing financial trends.</p>

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	<p>SW London RCM – Asks if V Treasurer would be willing to attend next RSC face to face as our guidelines state.</p> <p>Chair – When we get to July we will deal with July.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Will have a look for the graph, and if found will send out with post region report. Was voted in as an online vice treasurer, has recently given birth, and these circumstances were discussed at the time of election.</p>
Serenity Prayer	SW London RCM
SW London Motion calling for Region to be face to face	<p>SW London have submitted a money called for Region to take place purely face to face, and to remove the hybrid element. States that members online are not able to participate properly, due to logistical issues.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Surprised South West London have come up with a negative motion. We need to have a balanced conversation on this. Insisting members intend f2f would carry large costs which would outweigh the financial issue – strongly in favour of hybrid is more inclusive.</p> <p>Dorset RCM – All in favour of hybrid, but feels that the equipment is antiquated. We could improve our technology.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Feels SW London’s pain and frustration at not having the full admin committee in the room.</p> <p>FD Chair – We seat three online areas, these may be excluded if we went face to face only.</p> <p>COMMS chair – Has attended online once and won’t do it again.</p> <p>NWENW RCM – We’re professional organization, lets keep to that.</p> <p>G Manchester – Wouldn’t back this motion now, but if the tech isn’t improved in a year or so, he would support.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Wouldn’t be able to attend if this was only online. Explained requirements to RSC, group has said they would like a bit more information.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Wants to apologize for tone of his earlier contribution.</p> <p>San – Thanks everyone for contributions, bought it forward for a debate.</p> <p>CONSENSUS – To be considered again after inventory in September.</p>
RSC Inventory	<p>V Chair read out the inventory process and questions from our guidelines.</p> <p>RD – We would formulate an Ad-Hoc committee to take this forward. The process is quite plainly set out in the guidelines.</p> <p>Chair – And adhoc committee would need a point person and at least two RCMs.</p> <p>West Yorkshire RCM – Am I to take these questions back to my ASC?</p>

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	<p>Chair – No.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Used our guidelines as a basis for part of the guidelines?</p> <p>Lothians RCM – Thinks this could be simplified.</p> <p>Chair – At the moment the guidelines suggest we look at these questions, plus any other questions the body requests. Chair these will be answered in a workshop by the body. Individual members don't need to wrap their heads round every question.</p> <p>West Yorkshire RCM – These are standard questions in the guidelines, this is already the process itself, there are no changes except adding stuff.</p> <p>Surrey – This in an inventory about RSC in general. It took us half an hour or 45 minutes to do one question around tech.</p> <p>Chair – we will do a workshop, we won't go through the questions one by one as a whole.</p> <p>RD – The present policy is that we form an adhoc for inventory.</p> <p>NWENW RCM – There's 21 questions on there. We could break it down to 5 groups doing a few questions each.</p> <p>West Yorkshire – This adhoc is to look at the inventory.</p> <p>V Chair – The adhoc looks at the inventory, and comes back with answers, which will then be discussed. Tech and finance can be topics for discussion.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Some of these questions are straight yes or no. Can these be added to the guidelines.</p> <p>Chair – What a gift to be able to inventory this body and to produce learnings. Serving on an adhoc would be a really good opportunity.</p> <p>Dorset RCM to serve as point person.</p> <p>Chair points out there are really clear guidelines for this, please speak to Dorset RCM</p>
Session 4 15:45	<p>Chair invited HP back into the room</p> <p>16 Voting RCMs quoracy confirmed</p>
Prayer and meditation ad hoc report	<p>Point person thanked RSC for hard work. Adhoc started 2 months ago, on the first Sunday of every month. Needs more members to attend. Still will be a resource which can be used by the Region in the future.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – The group has met a number of times, and has looked at existing conference approved literature. Aim to bring something to us for approval or amendment. Hoping to have an extra meeting next Sunday afternoon, if they can get a room.</p>

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	<p>COMMS Chair – Please email the OPC.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Stresses this is a great opportunity to get involved in an emerging piece of literature. Meetings are for an hour one till two. Will confirm this on WhatsApp group.</p>
Region Hosting Adhoc	<p>Point person has sent out the minutes. The purpose to look at how RSC can best support ASC with encouraging and submitting bids. AdHoc had tried to come up with some suggestions and some solutions.</p> <p>There are multitudes of suggestions. Include having a workshop about bids for region. Neighbouring ASCs can pair themselves to come up with bids. Another suggestion is that the guidelines for hybrid need to be looked at. The current guidelines are not fit for purpose. Importance of testing the internet and wifi multiple times noted. Suggests that we could share venue used by a subcommittee or convention. Could there be a list of resources made available to ASCs? Clarity on who's paying for what – this isn't in the guidelines.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Thanked point person for her report. Joined a session of the Ad-Hoc committee. When searching around for a venue asked the Holiday Inn for a list of available venues, which can be shared. Could we look at a wifi booster.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Thanks point for the report. Was the Ad-Hoc suggesting it could be a good idea to meet at conventions? If so it should be noted that the broadband width will be hammered by the number of people in attendance.</p> <p>FD Chair – Sits of the committee – the guidelines are not fit for purpose.</p> <p>Chair – Is there a timeframe.</p> <p>Point Person – Six months will be in July. Ad-Hoc is hoping to have something put together.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Thanks for report. Suggests the next step could be to work with the guidelines subcommittee to update the guidelines?</p> <p>Free Counties RCM – Everyone seems to support updating the guidelines. Suggests update it and bring it guidelines.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Put the guidelines together and submit them.</p> <p>Essex RCM – What were the main things that were raised as reasons bids are not being submitted.</p> <p>Chair – Bids just weren't coming in. We set this up to find why there are no bids coming in.</p> <p>Point person – Grateful for the questions. Hearing support for getting the guidelines updated. Maybe it would be helpful if we were to look over the suggestions – could RSC members eliminate any of these suggestions.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Thinks reviewing the guidelines is the most useful thing. We don't</p>

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	<p>need a workshop.</p> <p>AD – There effectively is not guidelines committee. Perhaps the way forward is for a working party to be formed, perhaps the two could work together.</p> <p>Chair – There's a few different things coming up here which are going off topic a bit.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Wants to see a script for identifying a venue.</p> <p>NW London RCM – The suggestions are in the document.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Report asks for clarity on whether transport information is a necessary part of a bid. Thinks accommodation should come off the bidding form.</p> <p>Essex RCM – Thinks it's becoming overcomplicated.</p> <p>Chair – There's a lot here. There seems to be consensus to update the guidelines. There might be a slight bit on confusion on the validity of this adhoc. Some people may feel comfortable making bids already, but some do not.</p> <p>Chair – If individuals would like more time for this discussion, please attend the AdHoc.</p>
Inappropriate Behaviour at NA meetings	<p>Has posted an update in the WhatsApp group. Took a session with one of the World Board members. Asked for experience around updating literature, but there has been an issue there end. As soon as point person gets a date from the OPC will discuss.</p> <p>NE London RCM – Bought a motion a few years back asking for us to bring all the leaflets together into one booklet.</p> <p>RD – The aim is to produce an update the 2005 literature.</p>
Guidelines	<p>Alt Delegate – If we want guidelines updated we will need members to come forward to work on guidelines.</p> <p>NE London – Believes that guidelines should be updated at Region not in a separate group.</p> <p>RSC Secretary – Guidelines never owned the guidelines, they would do the admin work to come up with a form of words, which would then be presented to RSC.</p> <p>RD – It's obvious we are not getting through the business which is on the floor already, and this would not be improved by having the fine point of wording guidelines decided on the floor. Likes the idea of having a live rolling committee. Doesn't think it's practical to do it any other way. Everything takes time. The guidelines updates are behind, need people involved. We don't have enough human resources and we need a mechanism.</p> <p>Farsi Speaking RCM – Attended adhoc a couple of times. Noticed that there was low attendance, which means that a small amount of people will influence the outcome. In their area they regularly review the guidelines, and feels it's just a matter of time management.</p>

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	<p>NWENW RCM – We're going to half past 4 discussing guidelines. We could have time on a morning at RSC to discuss.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Half an hour is not going to do it.</p> <p>Vice Chair – Line is drawn, this will come up in old business in July.</p> <p>Chair – There is a lot business to get through at RSC.</p>
RD Report	<p>Next EDM is in Helsinki in Finland at the same time as ECCNA.</p> <p>Eccna 11th July to 14th July. RD can recirculate information.</p> <p>World convention is at the end of August in Washington DC. Still many hotels available.</p> <p>Between now and EDM, our delegates will be attending the online participants webinar. Our delegates intend to serve in the same room to do service at the interim online conference. EDM have approved a lot of changes to the EDM guidelines. Delegate team will be attending community guidance meetings.</p> <p>EDM budgets have returned to a six monthly cycle. We have been informed that we have not made a contribution since Jan 2022. We need to have two signatories physically in the same bank to send an international payment. New zonal and alternate zonal delegates voted in. Chair of fellowship development role being voted in, term of current chair extended.</p> <p>The delegate team will need deliver workshops as part of the EDM and CAR process.</p> <p>Over 15000 people have registered for World Convention.</p> <p>World convention will be held in Europe in 2027. We have expressed and interest but so have a number of other European countries.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Would like a few words on the process of updating EDM guidelines? If we were bidding for world convention could we bid for Glasgow, where Jimmy K was born. Why was EDM budget cycle changed to six months.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Heard that Delegate team intend to meet together, is it not practical to meet at either of their homes?</p> <p>RD – Doesn't really know why the budget was changed to 6 months. Asked but did not feel she got a full answer. Looking into where best to base the legal entity of EDM. It takes forever to get people changed on mandate – we had a treasurer based in Egypt. One treasurer did the whole of their service without managing to get on the bank account. They were from Ireland, some other countries would present considerably more difficulties. EDM has a work committee which does the work and then presents the guidelines for consideration at EDM. We don't get a say in where in the UK the convention would be, if the UK is chosen. The World Convention team would make the decision.</p>

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	AD – it's not possible to have two members meet in in the delegates homes. Last year the delegates served together in a room. There are several requirements for World Convention relating to the venue, but also accommodation and transport lists etc. Does not believe Glasgow was on the list of places which satisfied the requirements. But there's not harm in telling the World Convention team about the link to Jimmy K. Reminds us how fortunate we are having literature available in it's native language.
Meeting closed 17:00	