Chairpersons report to Sussex PI Committee 14/03/2017.

Firstly, thanks everyone who attended last month's meeting.

Thanks, go to Neil P for getting last month's minutes sent out overnight.

Myself as Chair and Nick S as Treasurer attended the ASC last month 15th Feb and were accepted and ratified to these positions.

The PI literature stock was recovered from Area Literature where it was stored for safekeeping, I also ordered some extra bits and pieces directly from UK Service Office. A5 Helpline posters, Guide to local services etc.

Local Website: The printable Sussex meetings list is out of date. I took it upon myself to print off some updated temporary lists, and in the meantime, have dropped a handful to each meeting I have attended.

Following on from the conversation last month about reverting to the pocket sized folded Sussex Where to Find. I have been working with a couple of members of our local fellowship about the design for these and have a proof for approval.

I feel that these are much more durable, and better represent the Fellowship both to newcomers and professionals. We can have 250 of these ready for distribution at tomorrow's ASC with up to 750 ready to be picked up over the next few days. Can we please approve them?

The A5 Helpline Posters arrived this morning from UKSO and I have brought a few along having inserted the local web address www.sussexna.org into the panel provided.

Can we approve them? Then I can run these through my printer and get them all done.

(I only ordered 50. Should we ask area to order some more?)

Training day:

To be honest I think we could really benefit from having a training day. How do we feel about getting Sussex F&E involved in making this happen? Failing that, who would attend a training day elsewhere?

I went up to Region this past weekend, on another matter. However, I was intending to speak with the UKPI representative. They were not in attendance at region, and found out that UKPI do not currently have a Chairperson. Next week I shall attempt to contact their V/Chair to open the discussion about a training day.

If I'm honest I am still trying to find my way around, and would be grateful if we could fill some of the service positions, having a V/Chair would be useful.

We need women in Sussex PI

I was talking with a female NA member the other day about getting the NA message into Women's Refuges. Would it be worth asking if they may benefit from PI presentation?

It then dawned on me that I know someone, in the fellowship, who works with perpetrators of domestic violence. Would it be worth asking if they may benefit from PI presentation?

One of problems that seems to stare at me is that we meet, share ideas once a month in a formal setting. That's OK. However, I believe we could do a lot better if we work towards a plan that puts the ideas together, as we already do, but sets out an action plan as well. How about we try and meet during each month, getting on with the actions? Meet less formally, at a decent coffee shop say.

Also, how do we feel about holding our meetings in say Crawley, Eastbourne, or West Sussex from time to time?

I am getting together with Arthur to take me through a few tips for managing the PI email address/Basecamp. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Request for funds: £19.15p (Lit. Service office) plus funds for meetings cards.