

PI report
to
Sussex Area Service Committee (ASC)
7pm, Ralli Hall, Hove
19th July 2017

The Sussex Area PI Sub- Committee have met twice since the last ASC.
Firstly: 7pm 27th June at The Alcampo Lounge, London Rd, Brighton, (Informally)

Then 11th July 2017 at, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton. (Formally)

Myself and Neil P also attended the UKPI Committee Meeting in London. 4th July 7pm at Friends Meeting House, Euston, London. Lots of good stuff going on. We now have a better understanding towards overcoming some of the barriers to prison clearance procedures. Working with Public Health England. Mutual Aid conferences. The work going on in discussions with Merseyside, Manchester, Birmingham, Metropolitan and Sussex Police Forces. More will be revealed.

I also went to the UKNA Convention at The Birmingham Metropole Hotel. I took the opportunity to attend a PI presentation given solely to Professionals. I also attended a PI workshop the next day for NA members only. All good stuff.

On Wednesday 5th July we gave a presentation at the Southdown Housing offices in Lewes. This presentation was to a team of workers and line managers, providing a "Housing Brokerage Service", to service users caught up in the criminal justice system. The Housing Brokerage Service works closely with probation from within the community, and provides the same services from direct referrals coming from within HMP's Lewes and Ford.

We believe that the presentation went well. We have since exchanged email contact with their managers working at Lewes and Ford prisons. The difficulty they have is in getting our message across to their "clients". Hopefully, we can build an ongoing relationship with Southdown and find a way forward. Given a bit of time, we may be able to find a way to give us a better chance to get our message across. It will be a work in progress.

Last Wednesday, 12th July we gave a presentation at the Stonepillow Hub, Day Centre in Chichester. We spoke to a relatively small audience. Three from within the Stonepillow organisation itself and another person who works closely and alongside them. So, four in total. Stonepillow are providing services to those who are homeless and in the margins of society. Many of them with acute or chronic substance misuse issues.

The presentation was extremely well received and the response from them has the prospect of being very fruitful for all concerned.

Having completed the presentation and answered as many questions as were raised we again exchanged emails etc.

Following on from that, and on the same day, we were contacted by email and asked if we would be prepared to take weekly NA meetings into 2 Night Shelters: One near Chichester itself and the other nearby to Bognor. The Hub Day Centre would like us to do something similar as well.

We have agreed to maintain regular contact and are looking to have the meetings started from around the end of August onwards. We will work closely with Stonepillow to make this happen.

We will also be contacting the lady from the NHS Sussex Partnership to see how we might assist in getting the message across to those she has contact with.

Last month we told you about, **AYA (As You Are) in Southwick**. This is a Counselling service, which also provides training for those embarking on a counselling career. They have now confirmed a time and date for the presentation. **Wednesday 9th August 7pm**. We will report on this at the next ASC on 16th August when more info will be available.

Pavilions: We have taken several steps to secure a date to undertake a PI presentation to their team. We are still waiting to hear back from the manager. Several voicemails have been left both ways. We were in fact hoping to have been there earlier today, but had received no actual confirmation. Vice Chair will carry on with the effort to get the go-ahead. It is likely, that from there, we will be asked to hold a regular NA meeting within the drop-in centre for their clients.

Poster campaigning: Mark K and Nicola J are due to set out on a poster run tomorrow 20th July.

Time is getting very close for PI at the Brighton Pride Festival. (Less than a fortnight)

Flyers have also been distributed to all the London ASC's, West Midlands ASC, and 300+ were put on the seats for the closing shares at the UK Convention as well distributed at the LGBTQ meetings at the same convention.



Sussex Area Narcotics Anonymous
Public Information Sub-Committee
will be present at
Pride Festival, Preston Park, Brighton.
In the
WellBeing Field.*
Saturday 5th August 2017 from 1pm – 6:30pm
NA meetings, held during the day.
Meeting times: 1:30pm -2:30pm, 3pm - 4pm,
4:30pm - 5:30pm

For more information, contact:
Steve L: 07838255113

*WellBeing Field: Is a drug and alcohol free zone within the Pride Festival event

NB: *This event is taking place inside the Pride Festival itself. Anyone wishing to attend the meetings or seeking help for recovery from the disease of addiction will have to have paid for entry to the Pride Festival Event.*

We have almost got the complete list for the passes we need for the day. That's 12 altogether. Myself, Peter W, Peter F, Mick G, Kat M, Donna D, Rachel H, Helen W, Nicola J, Mark K, Jayne D, awaiting confirmation from one more member.

We must get all our "stuff" onto the site between 9am and 6pm during the day before. Friday 4th August. We will need help with this too.

*We must vacate the site by **7pm** on the 5th, the day of the event.*

What Next?

H&I?? We have been handed a small amount of the H&I literature stock.
With ASC approval, the PI Committee are willing to absorb H&I for as long as necessary.

AYA presentation on the 9th August 7pm

12 Step lists to be updated and put onto UKNA Helpline.

Starting soon after the Pride event, we will be targeting homelessness organisations.

Day centres and night shelters in Brighton, Crawley, Burgess Hill, Redhill, Hastings and St Leonards and Eastbourne.

We now have some clear guidelines on how to operate within this field.

We need your help in identifying these organisations offering homelessness support. If you have any information, please get it to us. We will follow it up.

We have got a contact for the DAAT workers in Ford Prison. This will be followed up.

We will try to start up a relationship with RAPT within Lewes Prison. We will also attempt to approach both Lewes and Ford Prisons management, to try and gain us a seat at the table when they hold their monthly Substance Misuse Meetings. (Used to be called Drug Strategy)

Hastings and Rother Police:

I have recently been given the names of some officers who appear to be willing to hear from us.

What can you do?

Positions vacant:

Vice Treasurer, Tea Person, Literature secretary, PI/H&I Liaison.

The committee needs some women volunteers with clean time. Lots of Women are homeless and marginalised too.

We can all think about handing meetings lists and helpline cards out to rough sleepers. Please let me or any of the PI committee know if you want to get involved in this kind of outreach work.

Anyone else wanting to get involved please let us know. Come to our committee meetings, get on the mailing list.

Help is needed with lots of stuff: Making up presentation packs. (stuffing envelopes). Same thing with mail shots.

(stuffing envelopes). Laminating Helpline Posters (satisfyingly slow)

If you are clean 3years and over, can you think about taking a meeting into a night shelter.

Meetings lists:

Available, please take some back to your meetings.

These have changed colour to pale green, with Summer printed on the front page. This is now fully up to date and includes "New" meeting in Brighton on Monday evening and the Lewes Thursday evening meeting. Please destroy any old meetings lists you have.

www.sussexna.org www.ukna.org

We have considered how much and what "free literature" we need, not only on Pride day but ongoing for other presentations. (Bearing in mind that over the last couple of weeks or so we have given out over 80 leaflets along with helpline flyers and cards at presentations) {we're now quite low on stock}.

We are asking area to agree to placing the orders for us very quickly, we're running out of time and may have to go and collect it from UKSO at City Road.

We will only be giving away for free: Meetings list, leaflets, white key rings, helpline posters and little white booklets and maybe some NA bumper stickers. We would like to purchase a Literature Rack too. (This will also be used at other events and presentations).

Some stuff we can get on Sale or Return and order separately. (Requires accepting certain terms and conditions)

10 Basic Texts, 10 Just for Today, 5 Living Clean, 5 Guiding Principles, 50 White books UK stories, 10 National WTF's

20 Parents & Carers in NA(free). We are intending to sell the books (maybe a newcomer gets a Basic text). What we don't sell we either send back or area buys it as part of the next month literature order. (usually how its worked in the past). The value of this SOR order is approximately £350
Perhaps we can get a couple of Basic texts into Lewes and Ford.

We are hoping to get ASC approval to get NA T shirts and an NA Banner. There are a few copies of the proof for you to see.

30 T shirts at approx. £4 each £120 total. 12 for the Pride volunteers with the rest put on sale either at Pride or, next Unity Day or Campout. So, 18 T shirts going on sale at a £10er each = £180

We have a price for an NA Banner (multi use), other NA events, presentations etc. 3metres long with a .5metre drop on blue plasticised cloth, hemmed with eyelets £66 incl. VAT

Our opening balance was: £250.00, Tea £3.76p

Closing balance: £103.68, Tea £3.76p

Expenses paid: Meeting lists £56.80p, travel £56.10, Printer paper, ink cartridges, envelopes £33.25= £146.15 + minor error- £00.17p = £146.32

Request for funds from area:

£146.32 monthly top up. Plus £250.00p for T shirts/ NA Banner, volunteer expenses and refreshments for Pride etc.

Total: £396.32p

We are confident that T shirts sales will go a long way to cover this funding and would be returned to area.

As stated earlier:

We are also asking Area to order literature for us: £217.15p (This will be invoiced to Area account)

At the same time asking UKSO to supply us with NA Books in addition to the above on a Sale or Return basis. Value £340.50. Area needs to agree to UKSO T&C's.

Our next meeting

Tuesday 25th July, 7pm

Cascade Coffee Shop,

24 Baker Street,

Brighton BN1 1JN,

focusing mostly on the logistics and so on for the Pride event.

Main Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 8th August, 7pm , Friends Meeting House, Ship St

Brighton, BN1 1AF

Thanks for allowing us to be of service.

Steve L, Mick G, Peter F, Peter W, Neil P, Dave P, Mark S, Nick S, Barry K, Nicola J, Mark K