PI report

to

Sussex Area Service Committee (ASC) 7pm, Ralli Hall, Hove

21st June 2017

The PI Committee have met once since the last ASC. This meeting took place yesterday evening 7pm The Alcampo Lounge, London Rd, Brighton.

I must apologise on behalf of the committee for forgetting to notify Area of changes to our regular meeting time. We took this decision due to several committee members being absent and away on the 14th June. This was an oversight.

Thanks to everyone who came and attended the PI Learning Day on Sunday 4th June.

Your feedback overall has been very positive. A great day we feel. We would like also to say a huge thank you to the guys that came down from UKPI for the day.

We said last month that following this learning day we would hopefully "Hit the ground running".

WELL:

Following on:

On the 5thJuly we are making a presentation to a team which works directly with HMP Lewes and HMP Ford. These are Southdown, which provides a "Housing Brokerage Service", providing these services to those caught up in the criminal justice system.

We will know much more when we report back to Area in July.

We have been approached also by, **AYA** (**As You Are**) in **Southwick**. They would like us to give a short presentation. This is a Counselling service, which also provides training for those embarking on a counselling career. We have yet to secure a date, so again more info will be available at next ASC.

Contact is also being made with **Pavilions**, to secure a date to undertake a PI presentation to the team. We are waiting to hear back from the manager. It is likely, that from there, we will be asked to hold a regular NA meeting within the drop-in centre for their clients. We can probably manage that.

We will soon be making contact with the Vice Chancellors of Brighton University, Sussex University and 6th form colleges throughout Sussex.

We are also very pleased to announce:

Our participation at:

Pride Festival, Preston Park, Brighton. Saturday 5th August. 1pm - 6pm.

Please see the flyer overleaf: Flyers are available to take back to your meetings.



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

We hope to create greater awareness of Narcotics Anonymous within the wider community.

Particularly those, who think they may have a problem with drugs and alcohol.

Information, free NA literature and meeting lists.

Plus

A safe place to share.

For those in recovery, or just a desire to stop using.

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 will be given a limited number of registered "passes" to help facilitate us to do what we are doing.

The PI Committee are looking for a small number of members, (6) six, to attend and help us out on the day. We will be putting together some guidelines. It will be a commitment for the day.

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 day of the event.

This event has the attendance of up to 55,000 people in the park during the event. Reaching out to just 1% of that number would be mind-blowing.

We must consider how much "free literature" we may need on that day. We will be asking area to place the order for us, perhaps on a sale or return basis from UKSO (assuming they are willing).

Our presence at Pride has been entered into the Pride Program Magazine. Please see the attached copy at the back of this report.

Outreach Work:

Over the coming weeks we are going to start making inroads to making presentations to providers who support the homeless. We now have some clear guidelines on how to operate within this field.

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

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.

Meetings lists: Available, please take some back to your meetings. These have Spring/Summer on the front page. There are two meetings not yet on the meeting cards. (All the meetings are on the websites)

www.sussexna.org www.ukna.org

Monday 7.30pm BRIGHTON St Nicholas Church, Church Street, Brighton, BN1 3LJ. (Meeting Format: Basic Text Study Group). DA / no pets

Thursday 7.30pm LEWES- (New Venue) Quaker Meeting House, Friars Walk, Lewes BN7 2LE.

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Our Treasury Balance is:

Main - £135.21, Tea - £3.71

Request for funds: £159.79

£114.79 top up for monthly balance. + £45.00p 1000 PI Pride event flyers

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.