

# RSC HOSTING

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ADHOC COMMITTEE

# CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

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- The RSC is a forum where Area Service Committees (ASCs) can interact with each other and with subcommittees of the RSC. This is done through the Regional Committee Members (RCMs), who represent the different Areas in the UK. RCMs can also interact with the European and worldwide fellowship of NA through the Regional Delegate and Alternate Delegate.
- RCMs are the most important participants at the RSC. They represent their Areas, just as GSRs represent the groups at the ASCs. RCMs share experience to find solutions to common problems. RCMs report to their local fellowship on the activities of other Areas, the subcommittees of the RSC, and of the wider fellowship. The subcommittees of the RSC and the Admin committee of the RSC take instruction from the RCMs.
- A motion brought forward by the Kent ASC which passed at May RSC, to begin the discussion on weighing up the options for the future hosting and facilitating of the UKRSC.
- An adhoc committee was set up in response to this.

# AIMS

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To discuss the options of:

1. Keep region physical
  2. Move RSC to virtual platform
  3. RSC to split 50% F2f and 50% virtual
  4. Offer to hybrid.
- To evaluate the benefits and limitations of these options and to offer an informed evaluation of these results to be delivered to the July RSC.

# KEY POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- Amount of time business takes during the RSC.
- Opportunity for communication between RCM's to discuss their ASC business.
- RSC operates off CBDM. How effective is this dependent on platform.
- Finances incurred to cost – benefit ratio.
- Overall ASC/ Subcommittee participation .
- Opportunity for fellowship develop of the hosts area.
- Opportunity for observers at the RSC.
- Ratification process of elected subcommittee chairs/treasurers.
- Is this change necessary?

# TIME

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- Before the pandemic the RSC took place over 2 days between 10am – 6pm with 2hr total of breaks.
- Current structure of virtual RSC is 2 days between 10am-3pm with a 1hr break.



# COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS

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“RCMs should carefully study the reports from their own areas’ groups, officers, and subcommittee chairs so that they can pass their areas’ experience on to others at the regional meeting. RCMs will be more effective contacts between their areas and the regional committee if they take time to talk personally with other participants in their area committees. That way, they can get a better idea of what needs and concerns the regional committee should address” – **Taken from Guide to Local services.**

- The opportunity for interaction between members during the RSC on the virtual platform is restricted.

# CBDM

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## **Why Consensus-Based Decision Making?**

- CBDM is not just about particular policies or rules, or specific Concepts or Traditions. It is about a group conscience process that connects us with a Higher Power. CBDM offers a potentially more inclusive process than parliamentary procedure, which can marginalize addicts who do not know “the rules” well. Our service bodies are a forum where trusted servants can be heard, and CBDM is about listening. With its emphasis on inclusion, collaboration, and consensus-building, CBDM is in harmony with our spiritual principles. The consensus process is how we manifest the idea “together we can do, what we cannot do alone” in a service setting.

## **How does CBDM work?**

- There are different variations of CBDM, but the basic steps are consistent. Within these basic steps, there is a great deal of variation depending on the individual service body’s process and the type of decision being made. The material in this section is intended to help clarify how the basics of a consensus-based processes work and have been adapted to fit the UKNA RSC needs. Each NA community is free to create a process that works for them.

# OPTION TABLE

	F2F RSC	VIRTUAL RSC	50/50 SPLIT	HYRBID
<b>Time</b>	17hr	10	Split	17
<b>Communication between members</b>	Opportunity for RCM's to discuss area business before, during breaks, after business at the RSC.	Limited	Split	Yes
<b>CBDM</b>	No change	Dependent on full RCM participation	Split	Limited
<b>Finances</b>	budgeted	Reduced cost	Split	Above budgeted cost
<b>participation</b>	unknown			
<b>Fellowship development</b>	yes	no	limited	yes
<b>observers</b>	Yes dependent on travel	yes	split	yes



# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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- The average budget is £800 in total for the weekend and Region pays for this. A visual check should be done prior to putting the bid forward to Region, to assess the suitability of the room, and to check disabled access.
- The costs for the Regional venue cannot exceed a total of £800 (including refreshments), unless Fellowship Development cost proposals being part of the bid.
- **Travel Reimbursement:**
- UKNA Region travels UK wide. Therefore, no specific monetary limit can be placed upon a committee member travelling to and from the UKNA Region meeting, this is due to the varied abode of committee members, and the changing location of the Region meeting.

### **Subsistence Reimbursement:**

Subsistence is widely agreed as an out of pocket expense whilst attending the UKNA region meetings; this is due to members having to eat out. No elaborate food and drink expenses should be reimbursed, and prudence should be exercised in meal selection(s)

### **Policy:**

1. In keeping with the “September 2019 Policy”, each member of the UKNA Region Service Committee can request up to a maximum of £20 per day of attendance. This will typically be a Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. In the event that members are required to stay at the UKNA Region Hotel on a Sunday night, due to inaccessible travel home until the Monday then a maximum of 4 days Subsistence will be reimbursed.

### **Accommodation:**

Due to the UKNA Region Meeting travelling UK wide, it is impossible to place a cap on accommodation on a per person per night basis. However, if the Region meeting location falls to the admin committee to decide its location, due care shall be given to prudence when booking Hotel or Accommodation arrangements.



# IMPLICATIONS

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- Will service attendance at the RSC increase/decrease as a result of F2F/virtual.

## EXPENDITURE AT THE RSC IS DEPENDENT ON:

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- the no. of admin committee positions active.
- The location of the RSC being hosted in respect to the distance from the locations admin members reside at.
- The number of ASC's that have requested support from the Region to cover the cost of attendance for their representative.