

RCM Report to Sussex ASC December 2018

Regional Service Committee Information

Date: 10th and 11th November 2018

Voting RCM's

Saturday: 18 voting RCM's, Sunday: 20 voting RCM's

Service Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Cleantime requirement</u>	<u>Service commitment</u>
Vice-Chairperson	4 years	1 year
Treasurer	5 years	1 year
Alternate Treasurer	4 years	1 year
Secretary	2 years	1 year
Alternate Secretary	1 year	1 year
Resource Vice-Chair	2 years	1 year

I have service position guidelines if anyone wants to see them. If you are interested in any of these positions, please attend RSC for the chance to be elected.

Tradition Eight was read out and discussed.

July RSC minutes were not approved, awaiting friendly amendments to be added.

September RSC minutes had not been sent out yet.

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance - £20,060.47

RSC prudent reserve stands at £11,020.00 (This is for two cycles of RSC).

20% over PR goes to WSO and the same goes to EDM.

Bids for Future RSC's

Upcoming RSC venues were discussed. January 2019 RSC will be in Manchester and March RSC will be in Jersey.

Bids for hosting the RSC are invited for May 2019 onwards. ASC's are encouraged to locate venues where all the RCM's and the steering committee can be accommodated (30-40 people) that has conference facilities and Wi-Fi. The RSC treasurer reiterates the financial and social value in utilizing a single venue by negotiating a group discount and having everyone stay in close proximity.

Any ASC wanting to put a bid in must attend RSC, either by RCM, Chair or Vice Chair.

Other Business

There is no current Archiving committee. Please take to groups that there are service positions available. We were paying £100.02 per month to store archive, now pay £114.55 per month. 5-year clean time requirement for Chair and 4-year clean time for Vice Chair.

There is a GDPR committee who are looking for members to join the committee. If anyone has knowledge of GDPR or is a quick learner, please put yourself forward for the committee.

On Sunday 31st March 2019, West Midlands area is putting on an Area Assembly. All members are invited, non-addicts cannot attend.

Are there any groups that are ordering their literature from ESO? Information needed, not as judgement but to get a rough figure.

ASC's with current Local Services Committee (combined H&I and PI) – East and Central Lancashire, Surrey and Sussex.

RCM reports

- **Dorset** Camp Out chair announced the event will happen on the last Bank Holiday in May, also they will hold some fundraising as a quiz night on 17 November and a New Year's Dance has been booked.
- **Kent** ASC questions - Another ASC has sent flyers to our ASC venue address. RCM brought a similar issue to region back in May. Do we need something in the guidelines? A motion? A statement sent out? **RCM to work with Resources to make a statement to go out to fellowship.**
Kent ASC would like to know how the Essex Public Information Learning day was received? **Unknown.**
- **Edinburgh and Lothians** Convention 9th and 10th February 2019 – It's A Love Thing.
- **The Shires** Xmas party the date is Sunday 16th December in Market Harborough.
- **2019 London Convention** will be held at The Friends Meeting House in Euston on 12th, 13th and 14th April.
- **Sussex F&E** upcoming events, Sunday Roast Speaker Jam, Sunday 9th December, White Cliffs Café, Saltdean, East Sussex, time TBC.
- **Sussex Convention:** SANAC11 will take place at the Holiday Inn, Brighton Seafront. 19th – 21st July 2019.
- **West Midlands** Speaker Jam 21st December 6 pm till 9.30 pm.

Sub-committee reports

RD

Preparation for the EDM

A few of the main topics to be discussed at the Winter EDM 2019 in February will be the election of our first ever Zonal Delegate and Alternate Zonal Delegate, and how this new function can best serve our zone and the wider fellowship. The incorporation of Iran Region One into our zone and how the EDM can benefit that region. Preparation for the upcoming European Service Learning day (ESL) in April 2019 in Prague and how-to best use EDM finances as the Winter EDM is when decisions are made about how to allocate funds.

It can be useful to think about and discuss items likely to be on the floor at the upcoming EDM's in order to offer well informed and conscience led experience and input.

UKCNA30

"Never Alone, Never Again) over the weekend 5,6,7 July 2019.

Positions vacant: Vice Chair (4 years), Vice Secretary (1 year), Chair Media (1 year), Stewarding - Vice & Chair (1 year, 6 months), Vice Creche (6 months), Vice F&E (2 years).

General report: Planning and progress pretty much on course. Theme decided, flyers for NYE will be available for November RSC. Budgets for NYE developing, sound system booked (will have 2 rooms this year, including smaller, "chilled setting"). Some discussion re priorities and clear statement that this is an NA event with a dance rather than a dance with an NA event. We have held the reg price at £15 to make the event inclusive. We believe this represents excellent value for money and is far cheaper than any comparable NYE Event. There are 96 rooms booked at the hotel thus far for the 31st. Merch preparation is underway, and we will use previous suppliers. A mixture of event specific and generic NA material will use UKSO for some merch.

Last Sunday of the month at Hilton Hotel, Pendigo Way, Birmingham, B40 1PP

H&I

We welcomed new committee members – Secretary, Chair and PS Chair.

Would like to thank Darren S, outgoing Chair, for his PS service. He will remain doing PS service in another capacity

FLO – 09/11/18: UK H&I Joint UK PI presentation to the prison governors Annual conference. Venue Raddison Blu Hotel East Midlands Airport.

Mark Docherty Governor HMP Wakefield. Ned Kelly governor HMP Full Sutton Steve Johnson Director High-Security Prisons. Prison governor HM Prison Norwich. As fellowship liaison Officer for UK H&I we presented a brief summary and ESH shares alongside Peter UK PI who gave information RE NA as a resource in the communities. Got a great link with prison governors of our aims as a fellowship to gain effective clearance into high-security prisons. Mark Docherty HMP Wakefield shared the success NA has in his prison for the prisoners. Successful attendance alongside its location being held in the visits room to avoid the clearance headache. While prison has a positive view of NA as well as it's H&I members doing service there. Other prison governors in attendance spoke of us having more experienced sure as the need for tackles the drug problem is huge and unprecedented in HM Prisons nationally. Director of High-security prisons Steve Johnson reflected to us a possible invitation to their next meeting to move forward our aims as a fellowship in carrying the message. Ned Kelly HMP Full Sutton Governor spoke of his desire to have H&I meetings starting ASAP due to HMP Wakefield's success. Overall the presentation was very positive for our fellowship. Would like to thank UK PI for the unity this creates in moving forward as a fellowship.

RCM's to take back to their areas: *Please let your local area H&I chairs know it is suggested that part of their service is to attend the UK H&I sub-committee meeting where possible. Your presence and input would be greatly appreciated.*

Could RCM's highlight to members who fulfil the necessary requirements, the fact that we have people in prison willing to work the NA steps who need sponsoring.

PI

To maximise the national profile of NA so that everyone in active drug addiction knows about us (or knows someone professional who knows about us).

Positions vacant: Vice Chair, Vice Treasurer, Vice GLO (Government Liaison Officer)

General report: Working on UKPI guidelines. Final draft prepared for our approval at our next committee meeting before being sent to Region.

A survey of UK NA members was completed on 31st August. A more detailed report with findings will be presented in time for Region.

Problems/progress against specific objectives, requests or questions from Region: Attended Prison Governor's Conference; Stall booked at NAPOC Probation Officers Conference 2019; Presentations to Royal College of Psychiatrists and Centre for Social Justice planned too.

UKSO

General report:

1. Literature - European office has been struggling to be supplied by NAWS US, so are short on items e.g. IP16 (for the newcomer) and orange keyrings. It is getting better; the last order was nearly complete.

2. Stocktake - We need to close for the office for UKSO to do a full stock take. This means that all processing needs to be put on hold. The website will stop taking orders for a weekend October / beginning November.

3. Charitable status - All directors need to sign Trustee eligibility declaration for submission to the Charity Commission. Lucy and Micky signed today, Bonita, Alex and Andy still to sign as were not able to attend last Office meeting.

4. GDPR - We have completed and agreed on the Privacy Notice for website for GDPR compliance

- Historically people who received free Basic Texts in prison had their contact details shared with H&I, however, no information sharing agreement is in place, information not being shared at present.

Subcommittee Meeting details: UKSO 202 City Road, London EC1V 2PH 19th December

Helpline/Website

Positions vacant: Vice Chair, Distance Sponsorship Vice Chairs, Vice Treasurer, Vice Secretary, Email Coordinator, Helpline Volunteers, Helpline Day Coordinator, Helpline Trainers, Share Review Committee Reviewers, Distance Sponsors

General report: We are in the process of reorganising our subcommittee to better reflect the diverse nature of our committee. The main change is that there will be 5 subcommittees underneath our main committee. This will help focus discussions.

Share Review - Been reduced to 3 groups due to the non-commitment of some members. 22 shares reviewed since the last Region. We got the following from a member sent to us – **"...I really need to be at home with the children at the moment, but I also really need this fellowship. Listening to shares online is so comforting to me. It's my lifeline. It has deepened my identification with NA as the solution to my problem at a time that is so painful I'm surprised I haven't walked away. Instead, my faith in this program and love for the people on it has grown. Please feel free to pass this message to the wonderful people on the committee who make sure the shares are there for an addict like me when I most need them. I am very grateful."**

Distance Sponsorship - Distance Sponsorship continues to be busy, for the last couple of months So far over 40 requests since the last report and from all around the worldwide. A lot of the requests DS is getting seems to be no starters and we get one email and a lot never reply to the email I send to them. So Instead of linking first, just trying to get some communication going or there no starters. DS is really struggling for female's sponsors. This first time that we have females waiting for ATM for females sponsors. Please can RCM's take this back to your areas. DS previously expressed, we are always looking for members to get involved with Distance Sponsorship. The sponsee's that DS have linked to sponsors in the last 8 weeks Sponsee's - 6 male's in the UK, 2 Female in Holland, 2 Female in the US, 1 Female in the UK. New Ratified Sponsors - 1 Female sponsor in UK, 1 Male sponsor in Holland. New guidelines brought that need to be ratified.

Helpline - All going well. Need volunteers as always. New committee meeting every 2 months. New WhatsApp guidelines to be ratified.

Online Meetings - All going strong with an average attendance of 20-30.

Suggestions or recommendations to RSC: *A workgroup should be set up to establish guidelines around GDPR. I met with a member who has experience and would be willing to help. This would take a few months to do as we would need to establish what personal data is being stored and how it is used before the guidelines could be formulated. We would hope to provide guidelines for Region and its subcommittees, ASCs and their subcommittees and for Groups too.*

Subcommittee Meeting details: Skype Last Thursday 7.30pm

Action at Region:

Five motions were considered at Region and action will be undertaken as required. (see motions at end)

A new Chair and Vice Chair of the UKH&I subcommittee were ratified, they shared their vision for the committee and are actively seeking ways to improve the working relationship and confidence in UKH&I – with RSC, ASCs and members.

The UKRSC treasurer has completed the review of the H&I accounts – Motion 11-18, July 2018 (annual inspection of each subcommittees accounts by the UKRSC treasurer is part of the most recent RSC guidelines).

Elections:

The admin committee elections took place on Sunday morning, we welcome the members of the admin team to service at region.

Chair: Sam I

Resource: Reese

Regional Delegate: Simon

Regional Delegate alternate: Sam K

The next RSC meeting will be held in Manchester in January, we will be travelling to Jersey in March. NASA has offered the venue in Norwich as another potential 'default' for times when no ASC bids to host.

Policies to be considered:

Can RCMs please consider the [UKSO expense policy](#); and the Website and Helpline committee policies [WhatsApp Policy](#) and the [Distance Sponsorship guidelines](#) that will be brought for discussion/ratification at the January region.

Motions at the November RSC

Motion	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
14-18: European Service Learning Day 09.09.18				

That the UK Region funds the (in post at the time of the event) RD & RDA to attend ESLD3 in Prague.	The RD and RDA have huge experience to share at this body, and would learn a lot about how better to serve the UK Fellowship	RD NWENWASC	The event is in Prague, and would cost in the region of £700, for the full event, including travel, accommodation and per diem allowances	Passed unanimously
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Motion 16-18: GDPR ad hoc – 10.11.18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
To form an ad hoc committee to formulate guidelines and guidance around GDPR	To make sure we are GDPR compliant and fall within the law.	Chair W&H NWENWASC	Members to do service. No foreseeable financial implications.	Passed unanimously

Motion 17-18: UKCNA commitment to supporting hosting ASC – 10.11.18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
That any area hosting the UK convention have the right to request 20% of the overall profit, provided they do not also hold their own convention.	To support the ASC geographically hosting the UKCNA, and to encourage other ASCs bid to host the UKCNA. This recognises the impact the two convention events have on local ASC opportunities to hold events. Also, to promote unity	WMASC Dorset	20% of the UKCNA profit	Passed unanimously

Motion 19-18: Inventory – 11.11.18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
To schedule into January 2019 RSC agenda time to complete RSC inventory by way of splitting into work groups that would then feed back to the body. This would be an hour for each of these. That the groups include a member of the admin committee, a subcommittee chair, and RCMs	To fulfil our yearly inventory as designated in the RSC guidelines. The RSC needs an inventory process, and this is laid out in the guidelines. No additional members have put themselves forward for the inventory ad-hoc committee. This process does not appear to be functioning as required. We have not had any action on this despite it being part of a motion (09-18; 12.05.18) that the body take an inventory about the way decisions are made and whether sufficient time is allowed.	Kent NWENWASC	2 hours on RSC agenda.	Passed unanimously

Motion to be considered at next RSC:

Motion 18-18: Sustainable practice in NAWS produced merchandise 11.11.18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
Clean time keyrings to be made from recycled and non-toxic plastic		NELASC	May be an increase in cost of keyrings Resources cost associated with potentially sourcing a new supplier	