

RCM Report to ASC March 2024 – from Manchester

RCM: Ben G

Alt RCM: (Vacant)

Ben G attended both days 9th and 10th January 2024 in Plymouth

Next Region:

DAY 1

- Service Prayer
- 12 concepts
- Introductions

6th concept focused on and read out from the booklet.

Ratifications:

There were some intense discussions around re-ratification of the UKCHA chair who had stepped down in frustration at the last Region. The previous chair was re-ratified during a vote.

FD Workshop:

FD wanted to empower attendees to be able to give good presentations, the room was broken into small groups and invited to contribute ideas that would help make presentations successful.

RSC Reports: Highlights:

It was agreed that GMANA could borrow audio equipment from UKCNA.

There was some talk about young persons representation at Region.

Surrey: PI training day Surrey 21st April

Apologies offered over someone handing out grey books.

UKCNA

Mission statement read: Positions vacant: Vice Creche co-ordinator, Secretary and Vice Secretary

Flyers out, gone through UKSO. Merchandise now for sale on UKNA website. Full programs available. Theme: Unity, Diversity, Inclusivity.

UKPI

Vacant positions in report...Motion In: Will helpline ask appropriate callers where they found out about NA?

Lots of nationwide committees doing good work.

Several events have taken place. If any area is approached by a national body, please contact UKPI.

NA LinkedIn being considered.

Na.org...search for audio files.....basic text audio, anglicised version.

We can let meetings know we are MAC friendly on our web pages.

Day 2

Service Prayer

UK FD

Need treasurer and vice treasurer. Committee is 4 years old and has progressed well. They have local reps.

Workshops coming up, including one at the London convention: Building stronger home groups.

Environmental scan leaflets handed out. New position to be created: Workshop coordinator...job description being written.

Please attend FD meeting if you want anything from FD.

Environmental Scan: 111 responses so far.....leaflets given out for distribution.

UK Comms

A lot of service positions are still available.

Website and Helpline training are all less than 2 hours.

Polish speaking panel are required for Polish share reviews....can ASCs week out?

Kerry-Anne will put together a Comms learning day to try and boost service...attendance encouraged!

Please ask for the word to be spread....

GDPR will be added to agenda for next region.

UKSO

Distribute leaflets and books....non-profit

Not much to report, people have been volunteering.

UKSO work office hours and should only be expected to respond within those hours.

Prison Sponsorship

Currently no chair or vice chair – report given by RSC vice chair. No treasurer, vice treasurer. No functioning committee.

UKH&I

UKH&I online: Coordinators and Secretaries required for online meetings. 10am and 2pm each week day. Targets: People who Working from Home, flexible shifts, not working, self employed.

Prison clearances still difficult. Short questionnaire has been sent to all areas.

RD/AD report

<https://edmna.org/> – new website re: Europe and World

2026 WSC: Topics: Gender neutral language, disruptive behaviour, MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) and DRT (Drug Replacement Therapy: IP30)

2025: ECCNA will be in Rotterdam.

Attracting people to service is a worldwide issue, there was a workshop in Sofia during the EDM.

Archiving

Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer required.

Volunteers required for cataloguing.

If you are interested in the history of NA in the UK – please step forward for service!

Ad hoc committees

Ad hoc guidelines

Struggling for servants – meet on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9am (adjustable).

The point raised was that this was originally a temporary committee but now seems to have become permanent. Will be discussed next Region.

Prayer and Meditation ad hoc committee

Aiming to have a Zoom meeting 2nd April. Open to all.

Bids for Region

Agenda formed. 3rd Wed of every month. Several Guidelines added to WhatsApp group.

2 meetings, 10 and then 8. What is currently wrong? Only 2 bids a year.

A list of reasons why RCMs don't do it was solicited and compiled.

Further feedback will be solicited.

There was a suggestion about making Region F2F.....would exclude the problems of bandwidth etc.

Motions:

Brought by UKPI: Can the helpline please ask callers how they heard of NA. Helpline: Friendly amendment: 'addition of 'where appropriate'.

Brought by West Midlands: Request for Audio version of Step Working Guide and How it Works and Why. This was carried, UKPI will research costs.

Brought by UKPI: UKPI request for £500 a month. Will be postponed until next region until cost impact can be established.

Brought by Treasury: Per diem expenses should be supported by receipts. This was discussed at length and rejected.

Brought by UKPI: Request for funds for advertising around UKCNA. This was parked pending further information.

Treasury:

Opening balance: £27,546.91 PR, £15,200

Closing balance: Unknown at this time.....