

## **RCM Report to ASC January 2024 – from Plymouth**

RCM: Ben G

Alt RCM: (Vacant)

Ben G attended both days 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Plymouth

**Next Region: TBD**

### **DAY 1**

- Service Prayer
- 12 concepts
- Introductions

### **Vice Resource voted in:**

Concept 4 was read out in detail, Stevey was voted in for Vice Resource after giving his resume.

### **Hosting Region:**

There was a discussion around this as of late, there have been no bids to host region and it had been left to the RSC committee to organise, which isn't really sustainable. Obstacles were looked at too, the issue of funding came up. A motion was put forward to form an ad hoc committee to explore options and obstacles.

### **RCM reports: Highlights:**

Issues with Barclays in the Devon ASC eventually resolved.

Off the back of the Dorset report, there was a discussion around flow of funds and how to promote it from groups to area and from area to region. Bruno will attach some information about prudent reserves. Hoarding money at any level should be discouraged,

Three-counties has a new PR group.

GMANA had put forward a motion re: sustainability of literature which they didn't feel was answered properly by the WSO....it will be picked up in new business. UKSO had a loss last year but a surplus the year before.....UKSO actually reduced prices....but all associated costs, transit, price from WSO etc went up. UKSO can't make another loss. Aiming for £2000 surplus this month

NW London: Question re: HMP vetting times.... Lack of people stepping forward for service. Suggestions: People going to share on the value and purpose of service. London convention early bird price over but still cheaper to buy ahead of time. A role was proposed for the London convention 'wellbeing and kindness chair' to mitigate risk of inappropriate behaviour that hasn't been taken yet (concerning)...Londoners wanted to take it.

London: Valentine's event, boat party/convention.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

#### **Guidelines:**

Struggling for support, needs some RCMs involved. Have put activities on hold until there are more doing service. They meet at 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.

#### **Inappropriate Behaviour:**

Next meeting TBD. Working on an update to the pre-existing, regionally approved guidelines.

### **Treasury:**

## UKComms Report (Website and Helpline)

- Still critical in terms of resource

## UKNA Prison Sponsorship report (20 minutes)

- No representative today (no Chair since October but someone will attend in March)
- All other main positions filled. The committee is confident that it is fulfilling their responsibility of carrying the message through sponsorship, literature and other NA materials being sent into prisons, and our other work within the service structure.

## UKSO:

Deficit in accounts but cash okay. Lit sales are up but so are costs....so prices up after a long hold. UKSO are receiving lit direct from China now instead of being re-shipped from Europe. Now having to go via Cape of Good Hope though! Care: Please could those who order make sure they get their sums right. There is also money outstanding (>£10K).

Audio version of 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Basic Text is complete – UKSO need to sign a contract which will allow it to go into circulation.

## UKNA Archive report

No chair at the moment.....they are in discussions about getting archives to the London convention.

## Fellowship Development (Stuart)

- Have met with local FD committees...(there needn't be an FD committee for an area to have an FD rep). They meet 1st Wed of month.
- A success: Has increased engagement in Scotland. Building Stronger Home Groups presentations delivered locally. Environmental Scan has about 80 responses to date.
- Scans can be offered to Areas (e.g. Glasgow) to assist with inventory type activities.
- FD have offered to create a grab sheet of collated information of how to attract people into service...will be sent with action list post each Region.
- May be a 1-hour workshop at March Region: To teach RCMs to deliver workshops at ASC. Train the trainer etc.
- There could be a 'service matching tool' developed.....a user inputs their skills and the tool suggests appropriate service!
- There will be lots of positions vacant shortly!

## UKH&I: (Fil)

- Lack of staffing in prisons is an issue.

Getting online meetings into island venues: Jersey, Isle of Wight, Guernsey.

## Motions:

Prayer and Meditation leaflet: Farsi:

This motion was passed after some discussion, there were some who felt it best to exclude the personal experience of selected addicts, there was also an opinion that it may be better entitled 'Working Step 11'. It is not proposed that this become an IP, only that a committee be formed to form content.

### **Regional Delegate report:**

- **ECCNA: Helsinki....12-14<sup>th</sup> July.**

- ECCNA39 The New Way of Life – Helsinki 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Early Bird registration is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 = 25 EUROS
- Lazy Bird registration is open 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 = 30 EUROS
- Bird registration is open 12<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 = 35 EUROS
- ECCNA38 Speaker Tape: <https://eccna.hu/#player>

- **WCNA 38: Get ready for**

- Pre-registration for the World Convention will be launched Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 3pm UK Time.
- Dates: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024
- Venue: Walter E. Washington Convention Centre, 01 Allen Y Lew Place NW, Washington, DC20001, 202-249-3000.
- Updates: [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna) and [www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe)
- The World Service Conference will be 3–9 May 2026 in Woodland Hills, California.
- The interim WSC meeting will be online 28 February and 1 March 2025.

### **UKCNA (John)**

- Positions vacant.
- Creche sorted.
- Will get Blackpool tower lit up in green and gold!
- Nominations for people to share being accepted.
- **There was some quite serious controversy and bad feeling around funding of expenses for UKCNA which will be tabled to next region.**

### **New business**

EDM/ECCNA coincides with the July Region:

Can we move RSC to weekend before or after? Have written report from RD/AD

### **Treasury**

Opening £26,749.50

PR 15,200+7660 for special projects 22860

Sat am: Available funds £3889.40 (contributions £9,988.44)

No contributions to EDM/World recommended.

Closing.....TBD (still receiving expenses)....will come out Thursday.

### **UKPI**

- Did event in Holyrood (Scottish parliament), training done in Cornwall – more coming up.
- Have been looking at QR codes onto posters.
- Facebook and Instagram looking better.
- Liaising with UKCNA for campaign around UK convention
- **Basic Text Audio:** Average reading age in prison is 13.... we were gifted use of a high-end recording studio in Brighton. Audiobook is finished!! Contract: Between UK Region and World Services has been drafted...gives UK rights to produce merchandise independently for 2 years, i.e. allows us to produce merchandise, e.g. souvenir memory sticks. Its between UKSO and Region what happens next! Some members were unhappy with the prospect of making money from merchandise generated from this audio file, others thought that if people wanted to pay for merchandise then it was okay, NA needs to make money. The discussion was around whether to sign...UKPI pointed out that signing would give us more options. The consensus was eventually to proceed with signing.

## July