

Sussex Area RCM report to Region

JERSEY: 10th & 11th March 2018

Number of groups and meetings: 37 throughout East/West Sussex.

ASC: 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday each Month. Ralli Hall, 81 Denmark Villas, Hove BN3 3TH

Our last Area meeting was 21st February 2018

Next Area meeting 21st March 2018

Sub-committee activities:

Sussex Area now has a **Local Services Committee (LSC)**. This committee is responsible and accountable for all PI/H&I and Outreach for Sussex Area of NA.

HMP Ford: We now have support for bringing H&I meetings back into HMP Ford. Saturday Mornings and Thursday Evening. So far, we have put forward 7 members for the vetting process. The process requires a great deal of information, address records, employment records, CRO. There are limited time frames for completing this on-line, computer skills and patience required.

HMP Lewes: Having sought help from the NHS services provider within Lewes prison. We have been informed that currently, 2 NA meetings regularly take place, run by inmates themselves. We are trying to gain a little more information about these meetings.

Elysium Hove: (formerly the Priory) Regular weekly H&I re-established at this rehab facility, Friday 6.30 -7.30pm.

Langford Centre, Bexhill Regular H&I meeting (males only) Monday afternoon 2pm-3pm. We are also preparing to facilitate regular meetings for women within this facility.

Recovery Lighthouse, Worthing. A new Tuesday evening weekly H&I meeting began 6th February '18 in this rehab facility. Facility are keen to purchase NA literature via UKSO.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester. Regular weekly meeting Thursday afternoon 1pm -2pm. This venue space is available for another NA meeting if anyone wishes to set one up.

William Collier House, Brighton. Request form this facility for PI/H&I presentation, which took place, 5pm 17th January 2018. After several follow-up calls and email exchanges, a time and day have been agreed to bring regular H&I meeting into WCH. Meeting arrangements finalised and will start Wednesday 7th March '18.

Pavilions, Brighton. Although we hold a fully open self-supporting NA meeting at Pavilions, they have asked if we would like to hold regular H&I Panel presentations to clients as an introduction to NA.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. We had a meeting with the manager of the substance misuse team at the Hospital at 2.30pm 23rd January. The details from this meeting will be put before the NHS Trust managers when hopefully permission will be granted to move things forward.

Upcoming presentations:

5th March: Supported Housing project Littlehampton.

21st March: Supported Housing Project, Whyke Lane, Chichester.

5th April: Ford Prison. Presentation to professional services, prison officers at Ford Prison.

The Sussex Area NA Campout

Campout 2018. This is taking place during summertime, at the same venue as last year.

Blackland Farm, Grinstead Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 4HP. In the heart of the Sussex Weald.

Dates: August 24 @ 13:30 - August 27 @ 15:30. Details posted to the Sussex NA and UKNA websites.

Current financial status:

Sussex Area Treasury: Closing balance 21/02/18.

£3591.51, includes £1000 Ringfenced to Campout Committee + £1000 Ringfenced against PI project. RCM expenses, Outstanding literature invoicing. Two months operating costs for sub-committees. Leaving us just on prudent reserve.

No contribution for Region this cycle.

Questions for Region:

- 1) How far back do Regions account books, banking records, etcetera go? Has any progress been made since last region? **A: 2005 and the rest are held in the archive.....apparently. I get the impression that the archive is posing a problem.....**
- 2) At last region Sussex Area asked. Were the minutes from the Extraordinary UKSO meeting held at Gordon Hospital, Bloomberg Street, London. 12th July 2016, circulated to the fellowship? Or at the Region, September '16 in Cornwall? The meeting was held at the request of the RCM's, who also agreed that Region Vice Chair attend to facilitate it and report back to region.

The question was replied to: By both Matt, as Region Chairperson, and Chris as V. Chair of Resources. Both of whom asserted, that the minutes from **that** meeting **were** distributed at the Region in September 2016. However, having trawled through the pre-region mailings for that time, these minutes, it would seem, were not distributed as claimed, in January 2018

Given the fact that these minutes had been distributed and sent out to the members present at the meeting within good time, including Matt M. (Region V. Chair)

It should have been incumbent upon the Region V. Chair (Matt M) to have given a report about this to: (A) To the steering committee during its mid-cycle meeting in August 2016, (B) A full report should have been presented to this body at the September 2016 RSC in Truro, Cornwall.

Was a report given by region V. Chair at the mid-cycle August 2016 Steering Committee Meeting?

If NO? Why not?

If YES? Then please could we all have a copy now?

Why was no report given at the September 2016 RSC?

Why were these minutes not distributed openly to RCM's who had requested the meeting take place?

A: Still insistent that they were sent out.

- 3) Region January 2018 Preston. Near the close of business on Sunday an email was read out by Matt M.
 - Who else received the email? When did the email arrive?
 - In the interests of transparency, can we have it forwarded to all members of this Body?
- 4) Were the needs and recommendations for Travel & Health insurance factored into the bid to host region in Jersey? **A: No**

Additional information:

Sussex Area will NOT ratify the Proposed WTR Guidelines at this RSC.

CAR reporting & survey results will be forwarded to Alt RD at the RSC.

Sussex GSR's have set up a small ad-hoc committee to compile a bid to host region later this year.

Sussex Area needs an alternate RCM, Vice Treasurer.

We will need a Treasurer and V Chair at the time of our April ASC.

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Interim RCM Report to Sussex Area Service Committee

21st March 2018

I attended Region 10th 11th March in St Helier, Jersey.

Please see the document I took, included with this interim report.

I have not yet received the RSC minutes and will give a more complete report at the next ASC on 18th April.

It's important to draw attention to a couple issues that came to a head at the RSC.

The Region guidelines:

This document really does need some thorough scrutiny. There are a lot of changes that are getting made, and we all need to be involved, to actively ensure that many of these proposed changes are properly amended.

For example:

- Quoracy, or non-quoracy, with votes being given to steering committee members to attain it.
- Steering Committee changing its name/status to Administration Committee.
- Many of us feel that it should be written in to these guidelines that an atmosphere of recovery should be established and maintained throughout.
- There is a need to formulate more clearly the means of bringing forward any proposal for a vote of no confidence.

List goes on and on. Other Areas also have concerns too.

I will send out a copy of these guidelines along with the Area minutes for everyone. I'd like to invite everyone to read and comment on them.

Q: Have we made any progress with putting a bid together to host Region?

The Region for July will be held at Preston again.

Thanks everyone who helped with the CAR report. I was able to collate the votes from us and handed the results to our Regional Delegate to take to WSC later in the spring.

Upcoming events:

London Convention: 13th – 15th April

UK Convention: 5th – 8th July

Check out all events at: www.ukna.org/events/

Next Region: 12th & 13th May in Birmingham: **Then:** 14th & 15th July in Preston

I have a request for additional out of pocket expenses: **£58:00p**

Please see separate sheet.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.