

# **RCM Report to ASC September 2020**

Virtual Region (Zoom) Saturday 12/09/20

RCM (Natalie S) and Alt RCM (Neil P) both attended.

This was a busy RSC meeting, 30 in attendance at throughout the day, including Admin committee, sub-committee chairs RCMs and Alt RCMs. 15 Voting RCMs present.

There was also over 35 people signed into the live stream for observers at points.

## **Action at Region:**

**Bids for region** – November Region will be held via Zoom. This will be over 2 days this time. Saturday will be business as normal. Sunday morning will be for annual steering committee elections.

November region will be held Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Link to follow.

**Postions Vacant** – Chair – 5yr CTR, Vice Chair – 4yr CTR, Secretary – 3yr CTR, Vice Secretary – 2yr CTR, Resource – 3yr, CTR Vice Resource – 2yr CTR, Treasurer – 5yr CTR, Vice Treasurer – 4yr CTR, Alt RD – 4yr CTR

*All steering committee positions will be available in November except RD. If you would like to put yourself forward, please submit your nomination to [resource@ukna.org](mailto:resource@ukna.org) by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.*

**Minutes for last region** – March, May and July minutes not sent out yet due to lack of minutes secretary. These were recorded, and resource chair is trying to pull minutes together. These should be sent out soon.

*We urgently need a minutes secretary, please announce in your groups.*

## **Treasurer report:**

Opening Balance £ 21,891.10

Prudent reserve £ 11,350.00

Income £15,505.20

Expenses £2641.08

WSO contributions £13,902.08

Closing balance: £20,853.14

EDM & WSO Contributions balance £38,729.29

Usual contribution to EDM and WSO is 20% over prudent reserve to each. This month it was agreed to send 40% to WSO as a one off. This was to help WSO with these tough financial times. EDM are currently over their prudent reserve and will also be making an extra contribution to WSO.

## **Ratifications:**

UKPI Treasurer – Mike W, Vote carried unanimously.

**Old Business** – PLI question was raised again. Treasurer will look into this again. Previous quotes were between £3000 and £7000 however it was highlighted that this might increase due to the current situation. Some areas have there own blanket coverage. Kent, just over £1000 a year, West Midlands £700 which includes all meetings, unity days and conventions. One suggestion was to announce in January

that we could look at blanket coverage for the whole UK fellowship and set a date to start the following January, giving us time to get the message out and to set aside the money to cover it. This will be revisited again in January.

### **Sub Committees –**

Full versions of all Sub-committee reports and all region working documents can be found in the UK Region section in the For members page at [www.susexna.org](http://www.susexna.org)

This includes all positions vacant, meeting times and zoom links.

### UKPI

UK Member Survey ended 31/8. 1422 completed more than 15 questions. Another 400 members approx. completed less than 15 questions. Full report to be made in November.

Organising online attendance at NAPO [Probation officers conference] 8-9 October. We have a new website for Professionals [www.ukna.info](http://www.ukna.info) which we wish to link the [www.ukna.org](http://www.ukna.org) website . Looking at using another platform for communication and storing info other than Basecamp

### UKCOMS

We need more male sponsors for distance sponsorship.

Please do not call the helpline for information about returning to F2F meetings.

Bulletins are regularly posted on UKNA.org.

### Fellowship Development

Low attendance but we are starting to see progression and FD is moving in the right direction.

New Treasurer Voted in and to be ratified, we have discussed and have agreed to split the AREAS into Zonal areas so we can try and recruit people from each Zone to take the lead on any FD requests from that area.

We are Working on FD guidelines and will present at the next region for discussion and ratification

We are in discussion with Cornwall and the channel Island to see how we can help them with struggles they face

Letter sent to Recourses to pass on to RCM's to take back to their areas and groups explaining what FD do and how they can access us

### UKH&I

The committee would like the outstanding and tireless service of member Andy J to be recognised as he has sadly passed away. He was a strong member of the PS team and he will be sadly missed.

Devon area have created a poster to send to prisons to clearly show addicts currently serving how exactly they can go about requesting a free Basic Text.

Devon area expressed interest in putting on Zoom H&I Learning Day and were asked to submit a proposal.

Merchandise – Merchandise has been picked up and inventory has been completed. Member to contact Gordon Hospital to discuss the possibility of our H&I committee meeting returning to their venue.

### UKCNA

They still have the possibility of a physical new years eve event, depending on legislation, they are trying to negotiate a contract with a better cancellation clause.

This now looks like it will be an on-line event to raise funds for region as convention committee has the funds required for 2021 event.

#### UKSO

The original timetable to move by October has slipped by about three months due to Covid.

Lucy & Bonita have now viewed office space in Preston and been given a proposal on the lease.

Next steps are to get due diligence on lease, start recruiting and then plan handover.

Likely to need a month handover, to take place in London as it will happen before we move into new office, not afterwards.

Still not decided on how the new special worker role will be set up, it will be part time but query how many days. Depends on projected sales income.

We have had applications for new Directors and are considering them, with a view to filling the current vacancy and setting up a staged handover to new service members.

#### RD

A summary of all the decisions made at part 1 of the partial, virtual 2020World Service Conference (WSC2020) can be found here:

[https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/wsc2020virtual/Summary\\_of\\_Decisions\\_WSC\\_2020\\_Part\\_One.pdf](https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/wsc2020virtual/Summary_of_Decisions_WSC_2020_Part_One.pdf)

A summary of all the decisions made in Part 2 of the partial, virtual 2020 World Service Conference (WSC2020) can be found here:

[https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/wsc2020virtual/Summary\\_of\\_Decisions\\_WSC\\_2020\\_Part\\_Two.pdf](https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/wsc2020virtual/Summary_of_Decisions_WSC_2020_Part_Two.pdf)

There is a lot of other information about the partial virtual WSC 2020 that can be found on the WSC Virtual Materials page, here: <https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2020virt>

Rather than inundate you with papers, we felt it was better to signpost you towards the online resources, so you can read as much as you want to!

- There were 267 participants online, including 136 voting RDs, with 6 voting Zonal delegates, and 11 Board members, though the ZDs and WB don't vote on every motion.
- The WB (world Board) presented an emergency budget to conference. There were 23 suggested amendments, all of which failed to reach 'strong support', and so failed. Here's a link to the budget and cover materials: <https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2020virt> its about 1/3 down the page.
- We agreed to 'seat' 3 new Regions, including North-west Russia

#### AoB

RSC Task Force Workgroup, that is researching and posting the current Government and NHS guidelines around meetings - both Recovery and Service. As changes in the guidance occur, they will be posted here: <https://ukna.org/covid19>

Alt RD will write to Public Health England and seek written clarification regarding NA and how we stand with current government guidelines. This will be passed out to RCMs as soon as we have it. In the meantime, the suggestion was to stick with the current suggestions and only meet if absolutely necessary. (See covered update on UKNA.org).

Once the clarification is received from PHE resource will email all RCMs for an emergency conscience, this will also include a discussion on whether or not to start posting face to face meeting on the website.

Also discussed was the distribution of PDF versions of our literature. This is not fellowship approved and is breaking copyright. There are some leaflets and booklets available for free download. Book length pieces are still available to purchase.