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10:20 am	Meeting opened – chair asked us to ground ourselves in the room	
Service Prayer	Resource	
Concepts	Gary wherever	
	UK Areas RCMs	
	AREA	RCM and Alternate
	Channel Islands CI	
	Chiltern & Thames Valley CT	George
	Cornwall CANA	Davy
	Devon De	Gerry (Acting) + Manny (Vice)
	Dorset Do	
	East & Central Lancashire ECLANA	
	East Midlands EMANA	
	Essex EANA	
	Farsi Speaking FSANA	Shahram
	Farsi Online FOASC	Kamran
	Free Counties FCANA	
	Greater Manchester GMANA	Chris
	Hampshire HANA	
	Kent KANA	
	Merseyside MANA	Andee
	Norfolk & Suffolk NASA	
	Northeast England NEANA	Matty
	Northeast London NE	
	Northwest London NWL	Nina +Noa
	Northwest England & North Wales NWEANA	
	Scotland- East Coast SEC	
	Scotland- Edinburgh and Lothian SE&L	
	Scotland – Glasgow & West	Robert
	Scotland- West Coast SWCANA	
	Scotland West Lothian SWL	
	Southeast London SELANA	Carlene
	Southwest London SWLANA	San
	South Wales Area SWANA	
	Surrey SU	Tim
	Sussex SX	Ben
	The Shires TSANA	Ness
	Highlands and Islands HIGNA	
	West Country WCANA	Chantel
	West Midlands WMANA	Bobby
	West Yorkshire WYANA	Emma
	Yorkshire and Humberside YAHANA	Aidan
	UKNA SUBCOMMITTEES	
	Archiving UK	No Chair
	Communications UKCOMMS	Kerryanne
	Convention UKCNA	Adam (Vice Chair)
	Fellowship Development UKFD	Stuart (outgoing)
	Hospital & institutions UKH&I	Fil

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	Prison Sponsorship	
	Public Relations UKPI	
	Service Office UKSO	Lisa (Vice Chair)
	AD HOC COMMITTEES	
	UKNA RSC GUIDELINES REVUE	Willow-Rose
	INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR LITERATURE	Sam
	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
	CHAIR C	Tracy
	VICE Chair VC	Michael H
	Regional Delegate RD	Sam
	Alternate Regional Delegate AD	Martina
	Treasurer T	Bruno
	Vice Treasurer VT	Bonita
	Secretary S	Willow-Rose
	Vice Secretary	
	Resource R	Andy F
	Vice resource	Stevie G
	Tech	Hannah
	Apologies For Ratification	
Voting RCMs	18 Voting RCMs Quorum confirmed	
Approval of minutes	Minutes Approved	
Concept Six	Read by San.	
Bids for Region	None received	
Elections and Ratifications	Vacant positions Vice Secretary. No candidates.	
	John has come forward to put himself forward for ratification UKCNA Chair.	
	John made an apology to the RCMs for standing down and the circumstances under which had done so, and presented to put himself forward to be ratified as UKCNA Chair again, having been reelected by the UKCNA subcommittee.	
	SE London RCM – Thanked candidate for his apology.	
	NWL RCM – Thanked candidate for his apology. Asked if we will need to address the questions on the stipend now.	
	NWL Vice RCM – Thanked candidate for apology, and acknowledged.	
	Glasgow RCM – Thanked candidate for his apology. Noted the difficult situation created by the candidate at the previous RSC.	
	West Country RCM – Enquires who the contracts would fall to if candidate not ratified.	
	RD – Enquired as to blocks to service, and how can we support. Thanked candidate for coming in person.	
	FD Chair – Thanked candidate for his apology, noted everything else should be parked.	

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	<p>West Yorkshire RCM – Thanked candidate for his apology.</p> <p>V Secretary asked standard questions for ratifications. Candidate answered.</p> <p>Treasurer – stated that there is a conflict in the guidelines. Treasurer will address in his report.</p> <p>NWL RCM – Asked what caused the conflict at the last region?</p> <p>West Country RCM – Asked what would happen with the contracts if candidate who has already signed contracts is not ratified.</p> <p>Candidate – Attention fully on the convention. They have a contract, with the chair and vice chairs names on. Would still serve on the committee in another capacity if not ratified. Doesn't feel this is the venue to get into the origins of the dispute.</p> <p>RD – Asked about the accountability to the RSC body.</p> <p>Candidate – Is here to be ratified, does not feel there is anything more.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Curious if there is anything that could help the candidate to be more comfortable in their position.</p> <p>Cornwall RCM – This feels like concept 6, we need to look for the greater good of this body. Candidate has apologized, lets move on.</p> <p>NWENW – Thanks candidate for coming forward.</p> <p>NEE RCM– Thanks candidate for his apology and amends.</p> <p>West Yorkshire RCM – Is a bit confused. Why do we have to have this discussion?</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Picking up a bit of negative energy from the room, has heard nothing that would make him hesitate to ratify.</p> <p>V Chair UKCNA – Candidate is not here for the title, he's here because he feels it's the right thing to do. Vice chair would not stand up as chair currently as he feels there is negative energy.</p> <p>Chair – asked SE London RCM to reground us with the serenity prayer.</p> <p>Chair – There were some internal controversies which have been worked through. We aspire to work with unity, in a way which further helps the still suffering addict.</p> <p>Candidate – The last two months have been difficult. Candidate has apologized. The UK Convention is the regional convention and serves the UK RSC.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Calls for a vote</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Observes that the last five or six have asked to go to the vote.</p> <p>NWL Vice – Is OK to go to a vote.</p> <p>SE London RCM – This was all to do with money, not to do with his service?</p> <p>Treasurer – This is a technicality issue – the guidelines say that each subcommittee funds their own attendance. The UKCNA subcommittee guidelines say that UKCNA Chair will ask the treasurer to pay for travel and subsistence. So now we have a conflict in the guidelines. Stressed that candidate is a brilliant chair, and that the committee are doing an excellent job. Let's focus on the ratification.</p> <p>Sussex RCM – Is the conflict easy to resolve?</p> <p>Treasurer – Yes.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – The guidelines are written and explained to the body. Feels that the change in expenses policy was not explained to the body. Could we give the candidate more support, could he bring a vice with him. Can we have a conversation about the purpose of UKCNA?</p>
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	Candidate ratified.
FD Workshop	<p>Chair handed the meeting to FD Chair</p> <p>FD Chair introduced the workshop – this workshop is to give RCMs skills and tips for running their own workshops.</p> <p>The first point is to be mindful of the time. The second thing is to support each other, and especially the quiet voices and to show respect. We all have different ideas and experience and everyone's voice is valid. FD Chair circulated list of tips for holding a workshop.</p> <p><i>How much time you have will guide what you can do and for how long.</i></p> <p><i>Introductions are a great start; everyone gets to speak.</i></p> <p><i>explain what you're doing and why.</i></p> <p><i>interact and involve the audience.</i></p> <p><i>Continue to assess the audience and bring in people who haven't spoken, regular invitations to ask questions, or does anyone not understand anything.</i></p> <p><i>Be mindful some of the audience may know what we're delivering.</i></p> <p><i>Own this to the audience.</i></p> <p><i>Invite them to interact and share their experience.</i></p> <p><i>Stick to your time frame, use extra or less where it feels relevant and</i></p> <p><i>Remind the audience regular to stick to time frame etc....Can help.</i></p> <p><i>As you go through the session, always try and be mindful of the first question "What do you want to achieve today" and keep focus close to this as you can and keep an eye out for someone who hasn't spoken</i></p> <p><i>Always close with a recap and summary and get a measure if you met your objectives.</i></p> <p><i>Writing your own minutes is a good way of staying focused where you're at and share these with the group at the end via email.</i></p> <p>Ideas raised by RSC participants include.</p> <p>Direct and clear communication.</p> <p>Courage to speak.</p> <p>Structure.</p> <p>Clear purpose</p> <p>Interactive delivery.</p> <p>Having a whiteboard.</p>

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	<p>Being mindful of audience knowledge.</p> <p>Have breaks – people can only take so much on board in one go.</p> <p>Humour is important.</p> <p>Sticky notes to feed back.</p> <p>Moving around within reason.</p> <p>Breaking into smaller groups.</p> <p>Having a clear understanding of what everyone wants to achieve, including the quieter voices.</p> <p>Sending out information/agenda in advance, so people can prepare.</p> <p>Having a parking lot for informal discussions.</p> <p>Encourage people to stand up if they need to.</p> <p>6 P's proper preparation prevents piss poor performance.</p> <p>Visual presentation.</p> <p>Food gets people to a workshop.</p> <p>Different methods of presenting info as people have different ways of learning.</p> <p>Open questions, active listening tools.</p> <p>Present them correctly – call them learning days not workshops. Give the area the ownership.</p> <p>FD Chair – The first question is to ask attendees “What do you want to learn today”.</p> <p>FD will collate all the feedback and circulate.</p> <p>The room acknowledged the FD chairs final RSC and thanked him for his service.</p>
Session 2	13 Voting RCMs
Channel Islands	Not present, no report
Chiltern & TV	No report
Cornwall	PI Subcommittee really busy, delivered myths and realities. Going out to the main hospital. F&E unity day today
Devon	21 meetings. H&I active. Taking texts into prison. Camp-out at the end of August. Unity Day upcoming. Have increased prudent reserve, and this has been questioned by a group, hopefully the answers are satisfactory.
Dorset	Not present, no report
ECCL	Not present, no report

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East mid	Not present, no report
Essex	Not present, no report
Farsi Speaking	<p>Grateful to be part of region, connects them to NA. Grateful for support. Made a contribution to RSC. Had issues with literature, because all literature comes from Iran. New chair of FD. Tried to do a convention in the summer time. Would be grateful for experience around this. Very active with PI, especially online. Very keen to be part of regional activities.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Keen to have Farsi Speaking at convention FD Chair – Encourages anyone who would like FD support to come to FD meeting. Surry RCM – Has a local Nepalese meeting, do we have other non English meetings which are affiliated to RSC. Do we have someone who co-ordinates with these groups. Merseyside RCM – Polish speaking groups in the UK are part of the Polish Region, in her experience.</p>
Free Counties	Not present.
G Manchester	<p>Area takes place 3rd Saturday of the month. 10 Groups last time. Struggle to get groups to send a rep. H&I in 5 institutions. Convention coming – flyers understood to have gone to UKSO. Doing ok financially, has something in place where money automatically goes to RSC, could treasurer please check.</p> <p>A meeting held a unity day which was meditation workshop, which took payment from non addicts on the door. The argument is that they were paying for a service, not donating to NA.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Convention would like to borrow some sound equipment from UKCNA.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – The experience is that it's valid to charge for providing a service, but that it's more murky when charging a price of admission for an NA event. However there will be a lot of views.</p> <p>UKCNA – Purchased equipment with money from RSC. It's stored at UKSO. It's not really UKCNA's equipment to loan out, it's up to the body. However if lent they would need it back ASAP.</p> <p>FD Chair – There's a balance between money and ensuring the equipment is available for UKCNA.</p> <p>UKCNA – Other bodies have borrowed the equipment with the agreement of RSC.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – There's no reason why we wouldn't share, but it might be useful to have an extra set in the fellowship.</p> <p>YAHANA – feels that the principle of sharing equipment is good, but in practice it can be a problem, and it's better for UKCNA to keep hold of the equipment.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Happy to go back, but can't control the result of doing so.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Has already said yes to NW using equipment.</p>

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	<p>Andrew (Visitor) – Things do sometimes go missing when borrowed, perhaps we could have a deposit scheme, to mitigate against this.</p> <p>UKSO – Suggests the deposit should be the replacement value. The body can make a decision.</p> <p>UKCNA chair – Trying to help Manchester. Could UKCNA send a member to look after the equipment?</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Would asking for a deposit be an option.</p> <p>Chair – Would someone like to make a proposal.</p> <p>UKSO – UKCNA Chair has proposed that a UKCNA Member look after the equipment.</p> <p>Proposal made and seconded</p> <p>Consensus is for the equipment to be lent along with someone to look after it.</p> <p>Treasurer - Could G Manchester please check the standing order for their contributions</p>
Hampshire	Not present, no report
Highlands and Islands	Not present, no report
Kent	Not present, no report
NE London	Not present, no report
NW London	<p>94 meetings, 74 physical, no hybrid. 27 GSRs at the last ASC. London Convention upcoming. The sexually predatory behaviour committee for NE has now been ratified by NW, and now serves both committees. Any addict from any area is welcome to attend online. Work ongoing to produce a London Where To Find. Aim to update it quarterly, groups will pay a small amount for these WTFs. Groups would like to run an ATM campaign in their area. Also really positive about the idea of putting in a joint bid with The Shires on the edge of North West London. Would like some help with putting on a MAC (Meeting Attendance Cards) workshop. Two young members have asked about the possibility of having a young members committee. In conversation with the Regional Treasurer about the prudent reserve. Would like to free up some funds to move through the structure.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Thanks NW London states they have young people's groups in Surrey. There are a lot of young people and there is a lack of guidance, likes the idea of having a young people's committee.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Was a part of setting up Southern California Region Young People's committee. Acted as a subcommittee of the Region itself. In the USA it's different because regions serve a relatively small area. RCM happy to find the documents and details.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Thanks North London for their report, applauds the idea of a young people's meeting. In his homegroup they recently had two school students get 60 day chips, people are using and getting clean younger, and this should be addressed. Please could the details for the sexually predatory behaviour meeting details be put on WhatsApp.</p>

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	<p>Chair – What level are you thinking the young people’s committee should be at. NW London – Open minded on the question, they don’t know. Whatever works. RD – North London Sexual Predatory Behaviour – have been asked for experience at the EDM, please share. Bulletin 18 speaks about special interest meetings. In the last couple of years there has been an unofficial subcommittee for young people at the EDM. RD happy to go and seek more experience. FD Chair – Speaking as chair of the Region Bidding Ad Hoc, one of the ideas is for areas to join together to put bids in for region. UKCNA Chair – At the UK Convention there will be a young person meeting. UKSO (Lisa) – Although we have special interest meetings, other members are allowed to attend, cannot exclude NA members. There was a young people’s convention in Holland recently. We need to have strong meeters and greeters to look after young members. G Manchester RCM – Would like to endorse the idea of having a young person’s representative here. Has a lot of young people at meetings.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Thanks everyone for the experience, would like copies of the e-literature, and will talk to RD outside this forum. Great to hear there’s a young person meeting at UKCNA. Thanks UKSO for highlighting the need for young people to be looked after – thinks exploring the possibility of having a committee would help ensure this happens. Perhaps we could look at having an adhoc to look at how best to support young people in our fellowship.</p> <p>Chair – how would you like to proceed.</p> <p>NW London will take it back and see if there is a proposal to come out</p>
SE Londo	<p>PI are going out to institutions in London. H&I are really strong and getting into prisons. London convention coming up. Recent LGBTQ+ Unity day. All ticketyboo.</p>
SW London - SAN	<p>Everything going really well. Looking to make a bid to host region. Questions for COMMS – how long is it taking for 12 steps training to happen, is there a big backlog?</p> <p>Making a contribution to region.</p> <p>COMMS – It’s on average 2-3 weeks to train 12 step volunteers, but can take longer if answering emails is slow.</p>
Merseyside RCM - ANdeeeee	<p>Not much to report, really good area.</p>
NEEA (Matty)	<p>PR established, ongoing discussions around treasury. Above prudent reserve believes a contribution has been made. Alternating venues for ASC.</p> <p>A new ASC has been launched for Teesside, with NEEA support.</p> <p>Invited members from the Teesside area to NEE ASC.</p> <p>Started doing area inventory, how is the ASC supporting Region.</p> <p>NEE Convention will be held in Middlesbrough, looking at building stronger home groups.</p>

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	<p>Have looked at the experience of other areas splitting.</p> <p>UKCNA – Are you having a convention.</p> <p>NEE RCM – At the moment there is not the willingness.</p>
NWENW	Not present, no report
EC Scotland	Not present, no report
Edinb Loth	Not present, no report
Fife	Report submitted
SW	Report submitted
Surrey (Tim)	<p>Last two area meetings were struggling for members, discussed whether they would need to amalgamate with SW London, but things have improved. Have a functioning local service committee, which has an education workgroup. Attending local festivals with an NA gazebo. Prison service going really well. NA Community Day in March. Surrey PI training day coming up, anyone can attend, on the 21st of April. Surrey convention is happening on the 7th of July at the Masonic Temple. Unsure if they have made contribution to RSC, contributions from groups are down.</p>
Sussex (Ben)	<p>ASC doing quite well. Quorate. Has a Sussex area online committee. SANAC convention has positions vacant, it will be at the Holiday Inn in Brighton at the end of August. Fundraising walk coming up. Speaker jam on Easter Monday coming up.</p> <p>Concerns raised about WhatsApp around numbers being grabbed, and members decide to go for Telegram instead. The attraction was that Telegram is anonymous, however it has a people nearby list, and seems to promote sex workers and drug dealers. Seems dangerous.</p> <p>Queried whether it is appropriate to allow family fellowships spaces at events.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Has no experience around Telegram, but has had experience around numbers being taken from WhatsApp groups, this can be sexually predatory behaviour.</p> <p>RD – Historically we invite Families Anonymous or NARANON to our convention. YAHANA RCM – Historically yes, we owe amends to these people, we don't put them on the poster or the programme but we make a space available.</p> <p>Cornwall RCM – Be careful of telegram, experience is it's used by organized crime.</p>
West Country	<p>Has 35 f2f meetings, H&I going to 11 places.</p> <p>Question – Problems getting literature into prison because of regulations. H&I Going into prisons and treatment centres, but have had some issues getting in. 17th March there will be a fundraiser. Miracles in the Garden. Ratified the West Country Guidelines.</p> <p>Raised a query about 12th step calls seeming to go to people far away from the potential member submitting a query, as they are getting calls from Devon and South Wales.</p>

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	<p>COMMS – There's not enough people on 12 Step List. People need to respond to the GDPR emails. The 12th step calls will go to the nearest person, which can have some results which seem a bit odd.</p> <p>PI – There are problems from time to time getting literature into prisons, but if problems are encountered please contact PI as they have contacts. MAC stands for meeting attendance confirmation.</p>
West Midlands – Bobby	<p>Service crew is up and running, restoring confidence in the committee. H&I is doing amazing, going into secure forensic hospitals and treatment centres and addiction centres. Got more places that they can go into. West Midlands campout upcoming.</p> <p>Had an email in to their secretary around groups using the grey book. Invited the member who was giving them out – he stated he thought this was NA literature.</p> <p>Rumours have circulated that the area has been disbanded in one locality. Trying to find out which groups believe this and to reconnect with them.</p> <p>Area are keen to have more audio versions of literature, have submitted a motion asking for ITWH and SWG audio versions to be produced.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – We've just completed the audio BT in anglicised English. Thinks it a great idea to do a lot more of our literature. In prison estate the average reading age is under 15yrs. People can learn to read by reading the BT and listening to the audio. Thinks it's a great idea, but unsure of the specific instruction. Stresses that we need to do professional recording.</p> <p>Chair – Can we come back to motion for tomorrow.</p> <p>RD – Thanks RCM for the report and motion. Suggests a friendly amendment to state that the books should be anglicized.</p> <p>WM RCM – Amendment accepted.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Believes there are outstanding ringfenced donations to RSC which have not been paid due to bank account issues.</p> <p>WM RCM – Doesn't have the full treasury details with them. There are a lot of groups that don't attend who have been paying money into the wrong account. RCM will take this back to the ASC treasurer.</p>
West Yorkshire	<p>15 Groups, 15 meetings. 8 GSRs in attendance. Positions available.</p> <p>Going into 4 prisons, priority is to encourage more people to take on service.</p> <p>Making a contribution to RSC via check this time due to treasury issues.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – Have a new GSR pack with lots of information.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – New committee can have new email addresses and have the old ones redirected.</p> <p>WY RCM – Please can Glasgow share the new GSR Pack.</p> <p>Treasurer – Asks if ASC contributed to region this month.</p>

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	<p>WY RCM – The cheque is in the post.</p> <p>Alt RD – Thinks that if the original email address is transferred then the old records remain. If it's a new address they are lost.</p>
YAHANA RCM	<p>Considering moving the location of ASC to Bradford, voted on the basis of location rather than venue. 52 meetings currently. In 2022 they had 68 meetings. Various factors, but this is worrying.</p> <p>Formed a local service committee. There has been some angst about joint working but they are proceeding. FD is ongoing, but both trusted servants will be rotating out. The solution is to bring FD under the LSC. This is pragmatic rather than principled, but it's better than the work folding.</p> <p>YAHANA Convention will be in Bradford in August, it will be in the same venue as ASC. Fundraising committee puts everything into the convention. In general a well run convention returns it's seed fund.</p> <p>Continue to have fellowship development and unity days.</p> <p>No monetary contribution to RSC. Area is funding an RCM and an Alt RSC, and this is a significant contribution to RSC.</p> <p>The LGBTQIA+ meeting reports ongoing issues staying online.</p> <p>UKCNA – Got a phone call off one of YAHANAS members, what's it about.</p> <p>FD Chair – Anyone can represent and area at the FD meeting.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Members need to answer the phone when COMMS call.</p> <p>RCM – Have put out to groups the question as to whether they would like to make a bid for UKCNA.</p> <p>RCM – The FD link will continue</p>
The Shires	<p>The area has 36 Groups, 33 physical meetings, 2 Hybrid, 1 Online.</p> <p>Meetings going into prison, really appreciated. Had an FD event. Looking to fill up F&E commitments .</p>
Session 4 415pm	Vice Chair bought us back into the room
Voting RCMS	14 RCMs – Quoracy confirmed
UKCNA	<p>Mission is to put on a convention with a clear and consistent message of recovery.</p> <p>Vice creche co-ordinator needed, someone local would be ideal. Also looking for someone to assist secretary and vice chair. Thanks the chair and vice chair for their support.</p> <p>Flyers have been purchased from UKSO.</p> <p>Merchandise is now for sale on the website, some pretty funky stuff.</p> <p>Loads of meetings going on, shares will be selected, with regards to inclusivity.</p>

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	<p>Numerous shares will be recorded.</p> <p>UKCNA could do with some service support from members who are good with digital video.</p> <p>There will be workshop.</p> <p>It is suggested that bids should be in 6 months in advance in our guidelines, it's a lot of work to put a large convention on, the committee has 29 members and 9 subcommittees, the chair will be standing down at the end of his service. It's time for people to stand up and do service. We lost the previous venue, and the prices have gone up a lot.</p> <p>Areas are talking about making bids, but so far there are not any.</p> <p>ECCANA have paid for a PI tam campaign to take place during the convention.</p> <p>The contract committee us to 240 sleepers.</p> <p>UKCNA can only happen with the support of the rest of the fellowship.</p> <p>Families Anonymous have now been invited to take to attend the convention.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Thanks chair for their report. Asks if the committee meetings are hybrid? Is it possible to serve on the committee if you cannot attend the convention.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Is there a conflict between attracting folx to UKCNA and local convention?</p> <p>UKSO (Lisa) – Would it be a good idea to emphasize that it's helpful to stay in the convention hotel?</p> <p>Alt RD – Encountered difficulties with staying for an extra night before and after the before the convention.</p> <p>UKCNA – A lot of meeting are on zoom, so yes there is service available for those who can't attend. Yes it is a challenge to present two conventions to members. All areas want their own convention. There have been issues with members trying to get discounted rates from websites, which works out more because it does not cover the banquet. The Norbreck is a relatively cheap option, and this is more inclusive. UKCNA can support with room booking.</p> <p>/</p> <p>UK H&I Chair – Can H&I have a slot for a workshop please? Is a prison link-up shared? H&I can do this if given sufficient notice.</p> <p>UKCNA – Hotel meeting 31st March, doing a walkabout of the hotel and will then finalize the programme and share it with the subcommittees. They have someone on board from H&I to sort out the link-ups.</p>
UKPI	Ticking along nicely. Lots of positions vacant on the report.

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	<p>Motion is still in for the helpline to ask appropriate people where they heard about Narcotics Anonymous so we can know where our money is being spent. Lots of committees around the country are doing really good PI work. Please email if you want training. GPs, nurses, prison and probation officers covered with events.</p> <p>UKPI have guidelines and experience around the country – the next run on the posters and stickers will have QR codes on them.</p> <p>Government Liaison has been very active. If any areas are approached by a national body please contact PI who will set up a presentation, and will involve the local area.</p> <p>UKPI would like to have some sort of representative in the RCM WhatsApp because this is useful to field queries. They get 70+ email queries per month.</p> <p>Have now retrieved full access to FB and Instagram. If interested please come along to the meetings.</p> <p>We are looking at starting up an NA LinkedIn, which is apparently a better platform for targeting professionals.</p> <p>The audio basic text has been passed by NAWS and by the FITP. Available on NA.org. We have other items of authorized e-literature on NA.org. Anything which is not available somewhere on NA.org is not authorized. Came in under budget. Amazing project. NAWS had to stop recording when they tried to produce an audio 6th edition because it was too costly.</p> <p>Chit/MAC – questioned submitted about whether this violates traditions – if a group takes a conscience to be MAC friendly they can. PI suggest don't get bogged down in the details of how they are going operate MAC. This does not imply an endorsement or affiliation, just a mutual professional relationship.</p> <p>There are fears around MAC, but these are not realistic. This is not promotion.</p> <p>Resource have sent out all the information PI holds around MAC. PI can put out information but they can't do it for you, the magic happens in the groups (CHECK TAPE).</p> <p>Asks local PI and H&I put as many details as possible on the website.</p> <p>Re convention information campaign in Blackpool – PI suggests this should be a region campaign, funded by region – PI have some costings. Buses and trams, and hubs and streetliners. £5000 for 15 streetliners and 4 hubs. ECCANA have put in some money, PI suggest that we put in another £3500 to support the campaign.</p> <p>Request a stipend top-out. Have been doing a lot more face to face which is costing money. Asking for an increase to the stipend of £1000.</p> <p>West Midlands RCM – Should ASCs contact local probation about MAC, or would this be a national thing?</p> <p>NWL RCM – States some GSRs are still convinced MAC is against the traditions.</p>
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	<p>Requests that PI do a workshop for them.</p> <p>UK RSC Treasurer – Thanks PI. Stipend will be topped up. It is for RCMs to decide whether to increase PIs stipend, but the treasurer would need more of a detailed budget to be consider endorsing the suggestion. Treasurer happy to discuss with PI Treasurer.</p> <p>UKCNA Chair – Thanks PI for working with ECCANA around the campaign. Blackpool Council will light up the tower in NA colours. The campaign in Blackpool will be to get people into NA. If it gets one person into a meeting it's worth it.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – MAC meetings – ASCs should build a co-operative relationship with the local services. UKPI has worked with West Midlands Probation before, they should know who we are.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – MAC Meetings – Happy to facilitate a workshop in NW London.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – Treasury – Will bring a forecast together based on spending in the past year and upcoming plans. Happy to put stipe increase on hold till then.</p> <p>UKSO – Do we have anyone attending the all party 12 step group in parliament.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – Yes.</p> <p>UKSO – What are streetliners?</p> <p>Vice-Chair – Can we come back to this in the morning?</p> <p>Meeting closed for the day</p>

Sunday 14th May 2023

Chair welcomed us and apologizes for the tech issues yesterday		
UK Areas RCMs		
AREA	RCM and Alternate	
Channel Islands CI		
Chiltern & Thames Valley CT	George	
Cornwall CANA	Davy	
Devon De	Gerry (Acting) + Manny (Vice)	
Dorset Do		
East & Central Lancashire ECLANA		
East Midlands EMANA		
Essex EANA		
Farsi Speaking FSANA	Shahram	
Farsi Online FOASC	Kamran	
Free Counties FCANA		
Greater Manchester GMANA	Chris	
Hampshire HANA		
Kent KANA		

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	Merseyside MANA	Andee
	Norfolk & Suffolk NASA	
	Northeast England NEANA	Matty
	Northeast London NE	
	Northwest London NWL	Nina +Noa
	Northwest England & North Wales NWEANA	
	Scotland- East Coast SEC	
	Scotland- Edinburgh and Lothian SE&L	Megs
	Scotland – Glasgow & West	
	Scotland- West Coast SWCANA	
	Scotland West Lothian SWL	
	Southeast London SELANA	Carlene
	Southwest London SWLANA	San
	South Wales Area SWANA	
	Surrey SU	Tim
	Sussex SX	Ben
	The Shires TSANA	Ness
	Highlands and Islands HIGNA	
	West Country WCANA	Chantel
	West Midlands WMANA	Bobby
	West Yorkshire WYANA	Emma
	Yorkshire and Humberside YAHANA	Aidan + Gary
	UKNA SUBCOMMITTEES	
	Archiving UK	No Chair
	Communications UKCOMMS	Kerryanne
	Convention UKCNA	Adam (Vice Chair)
	Fellowship Development UKFD	Stuart (outgoing)
	Hospital & institutions UKH&I	Fil
	Prison Sponsorship	
	Public Relations UKPI	
	Service Office UKSO	Lisa (Vice Chair)
	AD HOC COMMITTEES	
	UKNA RSC GUIDELINES REVUE	Willow-Rose
	INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR LITERATURE	Sam
	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
	CHAIR C	Tracy
	VICE Chair VC	Michael H
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	Alternate Regional Delegate AD	Martina
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	Vice Treasurer VT	Bonita
	Secretary S	Willow-Rose
	Vice Secretary	
	Resource R	Andy F
	Vice resource	Stevie G
	Tech	Hannah

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Service prayer	
12 Traditions	West Country RCM
Voting RCMs	Quorum confirmed.
PI Business Continued	The Chair suggested that PI produce a motion with their requests, and submit it in the afternoon.
FD Report	<p>Committee needs a vice chair and a treasurer, and will need a vice chair after today. The committee has progressed well since it's inception, but people need to eventually step down. Some areas have representatives.</p> <p>Will produce some guidelines for approval in May. There are barcodes for the environmental scan on the flyers. If you want support from FD please fill in a form and contact FD, or better yet come to the meeting. Flyers will be coming out with literature orders. The subcommittee is looking to create a workshop co-ordinator position, please inform areas.</p> <p>Requesting stipend top up. Approved.</p> <p>It is the Chairs last region for now.</p> <p>Chair handed over to his Vice Chair for a presentation on the Environmental Scan.</p> <p>33 Pages of data, still been received and collated. FD have taken a snapshot and put it into a flyer, has responses from 30 separate areas, most of the responses are from individual members. Wide range of positions, 52 service positions have been named. Some comments pulled out from the scan, FD have tried to give a balanced sampler of these views. Suggests struggles for service is ongoing. There's a balance of views on region. Members would like more accessible information on the subcommittees.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Notes there may be some bias in the information received back by the Environmental Scan – ie groups with GSRs are more likely to complete with those without.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Requests an electronic copy of the form.</p> <p>NW London RCM -Asked about gender and diversity balance of responses.</p> <p>UKSO – Thanked FD for the report. Wanted to feedback on the scan, wants to highlight that not everyone could fill in the scan because some of the questions are difficult for members to answer.</p> <p>UKH&I Chair – Thanks for report, interesting. Stressed the need to present information into an interesting way if we want it to be understood.</p> <p>FD Chair – Thanks UKSO for feedback. Notes that everyone in NA is an addict. Notes the PDF is already on the RCM WhatsApp group. Agrees that those who are completing the form are clearly not the entire fellowship.</p> <p>FD Vice Chair – FD did ask for months for Feedback in how the scan should be structured, and that all members are invited to come to the FD committee meeting and represent their views.</p> <p>V Chair – Are there other ways to provide feedback to FD?</p>

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	<p>UKCNA Chair – Could UKCNA work with FD around fellowship questionnaires.</p> <p>UKFD Chair – Members can contact FD members directly, or submit and email enquiry. Happy to work with UKCNA.</p> <p>The chair led applause for the outgoing chair of FD.</p> <p>The outgoing FD chair noted that FD is larger than him, it will continue with other members filling other roles. Notes it's time for him to move on.</p>
COMMS	<p>Still struggling for members to do service. Training is provided and does not take a long time, but needs members to respond to emails.</p> <p>Comms are asking for a stipend top-up.</p> <p>There is an option to filter on the website, but this working properly depends on groups tagging meetings correctly on the website.</p> <p>It was raised at the last COMS committee that polish speaking shares have been sent in to COMMS to be reviewed – but COMMS would need a Polish speaking panel in order to review these shares – would need at least six members in order to form a panel.</p> <p>2 -3 Regions ago COMMS bought new guidelines for the OPC, which were not ratified due to understand of GDPR. Would the body like a workshop on GDPR?</p> <p>COMMS asks that when we leave a zoom meeting on the RSC platform we leave on time and shut the room properly, otherwise this will create problems for the next user.</p> <p>We still do not have enough people doing service on COMMS. COMMS will be doing an online learning day to make the opportunity to do service for COMMS more attractive. COMMS request that we announce service opportunities in our meetings, not just at area.</p> <p>COMMS stresses that they understand that its frustrating when changes aren't made quickly, but the reason for this is lack of service – if we want everything updated quickly we need to find COMMS some servants.</p> <p>Please attend the meeting to learn.</p> <p>West Midlands – Suggests we have a workshop to explain what COMMS is.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Suggests we need a visual guide to what COMMS does to help get members interested. Would like some more information on share review panels.</p> <p>Merseyside – DOAMs is awesome. Asks if they have a point person for Polish speaking share review – she can find polish speaking members</p> <p>West Country RCM – Would like a GDPR workshop.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Happy to produce a workshop to introduce COMMS, and will also produce a visual guide ie powerpoint. There's a share review committee which has 4 panels within it which review shares, who would then check that they meet agreed</p>

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	<p>criteria. We do not currently have a Polish speaking panel, no point person, just a member would like to the one of the six.</p> <p>Chair – It feels like there is an appetite for a GDPR workshop?</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Thanks COMMs for their service and enthusiasm. Understands why there are sometimes delays. Supports the request for a resource to present COMMS to members.</p> <p>WY RCM – Understands that there is going to a general COMMS workshop but would like GDPR explained.</p> <p>Answer – this is a legal standard around data security</p> <p>Alternate Delegate – Can I go through the EDM to look for volunteers for polish speaking service?</p> <p>SE London – Is it correct to understand there will be a workshop and a learning day?</p> <p>COMMs - Yes.</p> <p>Resource Chair – Do member need to be really techy to do service in COMMS?</p> <p>COMMs - No.</p> <p>Resource – Has rejigged the service opportunities document which will be circulated among the fellowship.</p> <p>FD Offers support to COMMs on doing workshops.</p> <p>UKSO Director – Notes that many polish speaking meetings are attached to the Polish Region and as such it may not be appropriate for us to go to the EDM.</p> <p>FD Vice Chair – Points out that new NAWS meeting finder is now live, which points to region website. Thanks the website for their service.</p>
Session 2	Voting RCMs 13 in the room quoracy confirmed
UKSO	<p>UKSO looks after literature distribution for the UK – Everything going smoothly, volunteers from the local area helping out. Thanks our treasurers for their work, UKSO has audited the treasury for RSC. At latest audit there was one penny difference. Thanks other committees for their feedback. UKSO is available on the WhatsApp group, or trusted servants can be direct messaged.</p> <p>UKSO point out that the office workers are special workers not trusted servants, please only contact them about office business through the office, during working hours.</p> <p>West Country RCM – There was an issue regarding unpaid invoices.</p> <p>SE London Vice RCM – How did the BT deliveries from China work out?</p> <p>FD Chair – Thanks UKSO and their committees for sending out Environmental Scan leaflets and stresses other bodies can ask for this.</p>

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	<p>UKSO – there are still some outstanding invoices. We decided to go with ordering from the European office, not China after the trial run.</p> <p>UKSO – Please contact directors if you have questions.</p> <p>UKSO – There was something bought up around the UKSO storing the equipment for Region – cost would be around £300 per year.</p>
Prison Sponsorship	<p>Prison Sponsorship provides sponsorship for any member currently in prison.</p> <p>The treasurer of PS has resigned, meaning the committee is not currently functioning as no chair, no treasurer and no vices.</p> <p>Regional Vice chair is serving as interim chair, as part of his duties.</p> <p>Please can prison sponsorship be included in briefs from Government Liaison.</p> <p>They have plenty of female sponsors, but low numbers of requests from female prisoners.</p> <p>PS would like to form an adhoc to look at prison sponsorship for trans and non binary prisoners.</p> <p>Prison Sponsorship is now taking over responsibility for paying for sending out Basic Texts – they would need a budget to cover this.</p> <p>NAWS have asked UK Prison Sponsorship to attend an event.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Have a lot of LGBTQ+ meetings in their area. Please can PS provide an email address.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Thanks PS for their report, notes that sometimes when there is no functioning PS committee at and RSC it can get folded into H&I</p> <p>Sussex RCM – Might be a solution for them to work with H&I.</p> <p>PI – Has good relations with HMPPS. If they can help please do talk to PI. Could potentially use the PI Platform.</p> <p>Treasurer – We want to ensure that the work carries on. At the moment a member will be having books sent and sending the charges directly to the RSC.</p> <p>Secretary – Thanks PS for making it clear trans people are part of the fellowship, and have a seat here, and asks how member would make themselves known if they wanted to be of service to Prison Sponsorship.</p>
Interlude	<p>UKCNA Chair – Uncomfortable with business ongoing with online participants being frozen out by poor internet and audio difficulties.</p> <p>Chair – Apologizes, but this is out of our control. We’ve tried everything we can.</p> <p>We spent some time trying fix the internet problems</p>
PS Continued	<p>V Chair – contact ps@ukna.org for service enquiries, meetings are 1st Sunday of the</p>

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		month at 11am, will send out details. Will get that put on the website. Thanks PI for their comments. Acknowledges the thoughts about PS sitting with H&I. Thanks NW London RCM for their offer to take it back to their area.
UKH&I		<p>UKH&I online, one meeting with one speaker will be beamed into multiple prisons, please can folx come forward to do service – experience of doing online meetings is essential. The meetings will be during the day, so you need to be available during the day. The dream is to allow people in prisons to be able to do 90 in 90.</p> <p>Ultimately it's up the governors whether we can get into any given prison, H&I are working on the governors.</p> <p>H&I are sending questions to the areas, trying to identify patterns of issues we are having getting into prisons.</p> <p>Ready for the Shrewsbury Prison event – B&B behind the door!</p> <p>New merchandise will be unveiled at LCNA. Preview of all the new merch available. The profit made up till now was put into learning days, but will now be contributed back to region.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – How do we know if our ASC reps are attending?</p>
Session 115pm	3	<p>13 RCMs in the room – so we are currently now quorate.</p> <p>Chair asked us to avoid side conversations as these are interfering with the audio for those online.</p> <p>We've tried every tweak possible to the internet, and will try a group call.</p>
UKH&I Continued		<p>RSC Treasurer – Thanks H&I for their report. Questions regarding requested funds, 1) Received the financial report for merchandise, sees that H&I generate some profit, H&I are requests total of 5502.94 requested. Stipend is £2000, to pay more treasury would need the approval of the RCMs. Is the £2258.59 just for PS Basic Texts or does i? 2) Regarding the £765.35 from the last stipend top up PS have sent a financial report, but need to understand it better and would like to discuss with H&I.</p>
		<p>H&I Chair the £2258.59 is for all the Basic Texts sent to prisons for February and March, there is only one bill which can't be split, but most of them will be for PS, and PS has agreed to foot the entire bill, only three books are for H&I. CHECK TAPE.</p> <p>Treasurer – H&I are asking for us to pay a bill from literature, and for money to top up the stipend and another amount which needs to be clarified. Treasurer notes that PS do not have a chair or treasurer which means no accountability, and needs RSMs to agree paying the bill.</p> <p>V Chair – We don't have a functioning committee for PS, it may not be wise for PS to be responsible for paying bills, because this would simply mean the RSC treasurers will pay.</p> <p>UKH&I – H&I suggests that H&I putting in a proposal to increase their stipend might be an alternate suggestion. Acknowledges that their financial report could have been clearer, omitted that some money was ringfenced for unity days. Because of this H&I</p>

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is out. Acknowledges that there should have been more clarity and asks just for a £2000 top up that H&I and RSC Treasurers meet for some support around recording ringfenced funds to ensure this does not happen going forward.

Merseyside RCM – I don't understand

NE London Vice RCM – H&I are asking for their stipend, and for money to cover literature sent out by PS.

YAHANA RCM – Understand that H&I are asking for the money to cover a debt accrued by the PS committee which is not fully functional.

W Midland RCM – Didn't understand the 700 part.

H&I Chair – The £765 is funds which should have been ringfenced for funding local Unity Days, which was agreed by Region last year, the H&I treasurer in January didn't account this as being ringfenced.

Merseyside – Is this a one off payment or an increase to the stipend?

Treasurer – This is a one off for the literature bill, because of the circumstances of PS H&I is now asking for an increase in stipend to cover the costs of paying literature bills.

UK H&I chair – Without looking at the historic bills to see how many Basic Texts the PS committee are sending out, he couldn't put a figure on what would be a reasonable stipend increase to cover this?

UKSO – Would it be helpful if the service office put together a statement of what's been sent. Also points out that some of the money is for Starter Packs, not Basic Texts.

UKSO – In the interim we could UKSO send the PS invoices to the regional treasurer?

Treasurer – Is the room OK for RSC to pick up the bill?

CONSENSUS IS YES

Treasurer – Are we OK if in the interim bills for literature sent to prisons be sent straight to RSC?

CONSENSUS IS YES

COMMS Chair – How often is the zoom account being used?

H&I Chair – Once a fortnight.

Treasurer – Reminds that it saves money to pay annually for a zoom account instead of monthly.

PI Chair – IF you need any support with vetting we can support. When people are doing vetting they have to put it on as standard+, otherwise it won't work.

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RD Report	<p>Given by AD –</p> <p>Attended a world service conference participants webinar. There is a new initiative around a collective planning process designed to get input from as broad a range as possible of members. All the information is available on the website.</p> <p>AD points out that there is a new EDM website.</p> <p>Issues for discussion include inclusive language, dealing with disruptive behaviour and MAT/DRT as it relates to NA. We may need to revise the IP on this topic. Info available on the EDM site.</p> <p>European convention is in Helsinki, Finland, lazy bird tickets still available 30 Euros. The convention in 25 will be in Rotterdam.</p> <p>The need for service is worldwide, AD attended a workshop about attracting people into service. The topic about gender inclusive language was not included, but the AD made it clear it should be.</p> <p>AD also notes that new literature is written with gender inclusive language.</p> <p>Hotels are still available in town for the duration of the World Convention.</p> <p>NA is carrying the message in 98 languages. A map which gives this data is available. The first Dutch language translation of IWHW has been presented.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Would like clarification re the workshop? How can we get the notes or the results of this workshop? Would like clarity on websites.</p> <p>AD – The notes will be sent out with the minutes from the EDM.</p> <p>AD – Would love to be able to bring up the EDM website and give direct, but can't currently access it.</p> <p>V Treasurer – PDFs for the workshops can be downloaded from the EDM.</p> <p>FD Vice Chair – Has been compiling a resource page – has all the links the AD has just mentioned.</p>
NW London Vice RCM	<p>We can't hear when there are side conversations.</p> <p>Chair – Thanked NW London Vice for their comments and encouraged the room to be mindful of this.</p>
Archiving	<p>Chair, Vice Chair and Vice Treasurer all vacant.</p> <p>Volunteers needed to support with cataloguing, and members needed to be on the stall at UKCNA, plea for people to come forward for service. Could especially need some people with the ability to do flyers to get involved.</p> <p>WM RCM – Please can the link be sent for the archiving meeting.</p> <p>W Country RCM – Can people who are not in Preston do service?</p> <p>NW London – East Coast Scotland have set up a new newsletter, could they link in with archiving.</p>

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	V Chair – Members of the current committee don't necessarily live near Preston. If you would like archiving involved please get in touch.
Guidelines	<p>Secretary – We need people involved, and we need a new point person come May as Willow has been point person for nearly two years now, and we need more people involved. Would like the bodies approval to go away and write some suggestions for how guidelines has functioned over the last two years?</p> <p>UKSO – Was under the impression that this is an adhoc of region which was supposed to go through the guidelines and then stop.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Sometimes we have to update the guidelines, understand that Guidelines would do this?</p> <p>AD – Notes that the meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and points reinforces that we need members and a point person, and notes that if we had new members the timing could be revised.</p> <p>Point Person – We have been actioning changes agreed by the RSC.</p> <p>Chair – Will express more in report next time, but the task that guidelines have been doing is perhaps slightly different from an adhoc, as there will be no end point.</p> <p>PI suggest guidelines needs to be a full committee.</p> <p>CONSENSUS IS FOR POINT PERSON TO WRITE EXPERIENCE DOWN</p> <p>Will be discussed further at next RSC.</p>
Inappropriate Behaviour Literature	<p>Not represented</p> <p>AD Notes there is an EDM webinar on this topic on the 23rd of March.</p>
Prayer & Meditation Literature	Sharam – Thank you for support. The next meeting is on the 2 nd of April. The task is to work on creating a pamphlet which references our literature on this topic.
Hosting	<p>The group will run for 6 months. Might suggest that guidelines look at the guidelines. We may need to increase the budget. Ad Hoc can only bring their suggestions back when it comes to the time. Chair would like to ask for new point person for the Region Hosting Ad Hoc.</p> <p>W Yorkshire RCM – Could we look into a default venue in the interim</p> <p>NE London RCM – If no bids RSC should be in a central location.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Is on the ADHoc committee with some lovely people. The questions being asked here are the same questions which are coming up in the adhoc. We're doing the work, please come along and be part of.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – We've just spent the last 20 minutes giving feedback that should be given to the AdHoc.</p> <p>FD Chair – Feel that the discussion is rushed. Some of these points are outside the remit of the committee. Default is something that's being considered. The adhoc</p>

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	<p>was set up to give the RSC some ideas. Going out to Wales and Scotland are things which come up again and again. If there were two regions would it save time.</p> <p>Would you know more? Then come to the adhoc committee meeting.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM is the new point person for the adhoc.</p> <p>UKSO – If you want to put together a bid you can ask for support by those who've already done a bid.</p> <p>Chair – There is a venue in Bradford for the next region in May.</p> <p>NW London RCM – The adhoc was set up to talk about how to support ASCs and their RCMs to come to region.</p>
Session 4	13 Voting RCMs – Just about quorate
Motions	Chair asked the room to confirm they know what a motion is;
PI Motion 1	<p>G Manchester RCM – A motion is a suggestion or a proposition for something we would like to change.</p> <p>YAHANA – it's a request for change which has been seconded by another RCM.</p> <p>PI Motion – Calls for helpline volunteers to ask each caller how they heard about NA, to record this information and make it available to PI. The current policy is not to ask. It is suggested in the PI manual that this information is asked for. It's important to have this information when deciding how to invest NA funds.</p> <p>Asks for an RCM to second.</p> <p>Seconded by Glasgow RCM.</p> <p>COMMS Chair – Helpline are not against asking this question, however they would like a where appropriate be added to the requirement. Not against asking the question with that caveat however.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Concern is that getting the information might be prioritised over helping the addict. Would like more clarity on when the information will be asked for. Feels it should be in closing, not in the opening of the call.</p> <p>COMMS – Concurr.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – We asked our GSRs to evaluate this motion, their PI committee and phoneline are the same group. They do phoneline training with volunteers and this is covered, it is done in a non invasive way.</p> <p>Surrey RCM – Feels the where appropriate is really important. There are boxes that are ticked during a call, and this needs to be at the end.</p> <p>AD – This was discussed at the EDM, and this is done in a number of countries. Thinks there needs to be a bit of clarity about what where appropriate means.</p> <p>PI Chair – It's envisaged that the handler would have some discretion about where and whether to ask.</p> <p>Chair – Would the room like to see the "where appropriate" in the written form?</p>

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	<p>The Room – Yes.</p> <p>CONSENSUS is this passes WITH the amendment.</p>
West Midland Motion	<p>Proposes a motion for audible version of The Stepworking Guide and It Works How and Why.</p> <p>GSRs have bought attention to the ASC that some members struggle with reading the literature, and having audible versions would be invaluable. Unsure of the financial implications, hoping to take guidance from the body on this.</p> <p>NW London Seconds.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – In enthusiastic support, this could save saves by carrying our message. Would greatly prefer this to putting posters on the side of the buses which is more of a firework.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Would like more information on cost before it goes forward.</p> <p>Treasurer – Is enthusiastic, but clearly there will be financial implications. Suggests that PI go away and come back with a proposal with financial implications. Stresses however that we only have a certain amount of money – we can't commit until we know how much it will cost.</p> <p>PI Chair – Thanks West Midlands for their motion. Thinks it's a great idea. Once it's in audio it can go direct into the prisons. In this region alone we've had two offers of recording studios. We need Ips doing, we need two books doing. It may be useful to create a literature recoding committee.</p> <p>V Chair – What was the cost of the BT audio?</p> <p>PI Chair – The cost was around 1400-1500, although there may be greater expenses for other books.</p> <p>NW London – Thanks for the motion and the discussion. Proposes we amend the motion to agree that we support getting a financial proposal.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Is PI saying they are willing to take this on should the motion be passed.</p> <p>Surrey – It's going to be hard to come up with a financial proposal, unless we know if we can get a cheap recording studio. It would be a non starter if we can't, because it's expensive.</p> <p>Chair – It appears the room is enthusiastic. Suggests we amend the motion so it's soliciting PI involvement.</p> <p>W Midlands RCM – Is asking for help coming up with the costings. Doesn't have the personal experience.</p> <p>Surrey – If we agree a sum, we could vote on a maximum sum. Surrey proposes £3000.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – We could get together between regions or we go away?</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – Suggests a Literature Recording AdHoc Committee, so that there's and accountability.</p>

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	<p>Surrey RCM Seconds.</p> <p>Gmanch RCM – Don't know how we'd word a budget. We could vote on a figure, but not on a vague idea.</p> <p>PI Chair – We're talking about two extensive pieces of literature – it would fluctuate depending on what we are recording. Overwhelmed by the offers that have come forward from recording studios. If a budget were given of £3000 per book length project, it could come in under budget, which would leave money for IPs. The biggest thing is getting members, we need people from different areas, with different dialects. The biggest expense is travel and subsistence for members to visit the recording studios.</p> <p>FD Chair – Is aware that we're pushing a lot through to AdHoc committees, and there isn't time and it's getting rushed.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Wants to speak against the motion as it stands. The reason we are having this discussion is that we've already successfully recorded a book length piece of literature.</p> <p>Motion to create an adhoc withdrawn.</p> <p>Treasurer – We need to make a decision, the treasurer would need costings in order to give a view on whether we can absorb the cost. We could then make a decision based on costs.</p> <p>NW London Second the motion.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – Who's actually doing this?</p> <p>W Midlands RCM – Feels that once we've submitted a motion we vote on it.</p> <p>NW London proposes that PI put together a financial proposal, saying how much it would cost to produce audio versions of IWHW and SWG.</p> <p>In principle WM Motion is carried.</p>
PI Motion	<p>Motion Calls for money to be spent on a 3500 advertising campaign to run alongside UK Convention. PI supporting to get the best deal possible. Proposed by PI, UKCNA, and the Sussex RCM. Looking at doing streeliners.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Speaking against, last November in Guildford we voted 15k for the bus campaign in the areas with the greatest drug problems in the UK, by some metric. In January the phoneline reported a slight increase in calls. It would be hard to say that money made an appreciable difference.</p> <p>SW London RCM – Wants to know if there is any evidence that these things have ever worked before.</p>

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	<p>Treasurer – Thanks PI and UKCNA for their willingness to bring things forward. However feels this should have been accounted for when UKCNA was planned rather than being added as an extra at this point.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Views this should be spent on more directly targeted efforts.</p> <p>W Midlands RCM – Should have been bought in in the beginning.</p> <p>Chair – We are currently under quorum</p> <p>Chair – Do you feel there is enough information?</p>
Treasury Motion	<p>Treasury Motion – Seeks to amend RSC Expense Policy to require receipts for food. Maximum unchanged.</p> <p>NW London – Seconds.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Hasn't this only recently been discussed</p> <p>Chair – We recently increased the maximum.</p> <p>Treasurer – Chair speaks correctly.</p> <p>FD Chair – Understand it's still going to be £30, but the treasury wants receipts. Feels like this would make a lot of work for people.</p> <p>West Yorkshire RCM – Point of clarity what's the current system.</p> <p>Treasurer – The current system is a flat amount £30.</p> <p>West Country RCM – Wants to clarify – is it currently £30. Will this change? Feels exclusionary – some people may not have enough money to come and do service and wait to be reimbursed.</p> <p>SW London – Feels that there should be receipts, but also feels that there need to be an upper limit.</p> <p>UKSO Guest – Wants to let the RCMs know that if this policy goes out it would affect all subcommittees as these are also covered by this policy.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Baffled by the fact receipt haven't previously been a thing. So supports. However did not realize that this affects subcommittee chairs.</p> <p>Treasury – Was not aware that this would also affect subcommittee representatives.</p> <p>YAHANA RCM – Reminds the treasury that the treasury serves us, we do not serve the treasury. Trusted servants don't claim unnecessarily. If we do claim the maximum because we've spent it. Disturbed that we would chase people for coffees.</p> <p>G Manchester RCM – Believes that receipts are generally collected for taxation purposes which does not apply here. Agrees with YAHANA that this feels like creating work for it's own sake. Just give them the budget. Against this proposal.</p>

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	<p>FD Chair – To let people know that RCMs will not be affected by this. If he has someone on their committee who needs some money and he has to chase them for receipts it will make things difficult. Wonders why this has been bought doesn't think it's broke.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Still doesn't understand the motion.</p> <p>Treasurer – We are not changing the upper limit.</p> <p>AD – Has been bought up with the principle that if it's not practical it's not spiritual. Will have no idea how much things will cost in the future. We do what we can to produce an invoice. Feels this shouldn't be pursued to the level it's being pursued.</p> <p>Consensus is room is not in favour.</p>
Tech	<p>Bringing a proposal that equipment be stored at UKSO and couriered between RSCs.</p> <p>We are not quorate.</p> <p>It will be taken to UKSO and someone will pick it up and take it to Bradford.</p> <p>UKSO – Understand that this needs more time. Notes that UKSO Trusted Servant is here as a visitor. Believes the logistics needs to be sorted out before we do this. We need clarity on roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>Tech – To clarify – The UKSO has agreed to store the equipment being stored at UKSO – we are not currently discussion the couriating – this is a temporary measure.</p> <p>Chair – please clarify if there is financial implication for this region.</p> <p>UKSO – None.</p> <p>COMMs – If the stuff is taken to the service office, who will courier it to the RSC.</p> <p>Chair – We will discuss the couriating later?</p> <p>COMMS – Who will take it to the next Region?</p> <p>Chair – This will be sorted.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Is the guest happy to take the equipment?</p> <p>Special Worker – Happy to if asked by directors.</p> <p>Merseyside RCM – Are you happy to do so as a member?</p> <p>Guest – Happy to do so, but notes it will not be insured?</p> <p>Tech – It is not ensured anywhere.</p> <p>NW London RCM – Why do we want to do it differently from how it's been done?</p> <p>Resource – Circumstances have changed, this equipment is not fully accounted for in our guidelines, as it was originally the resource suitcase, but is now full of a large</p>

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	<p>amount of tech.</p> <p>UKPI Chair – Point out that it sets a really bad precedent if Admin members take the equipment.</p> <p>FD Chair – Has bought the equipment in his car, and he will not be at Region. Does not believe it is reasonable for a member without a car to take responsibility. Notes that the body could decide for UKSO to take it.</p> <p>CONSENSUS is for equipment to go to service office this time.</p>
Chair	Notes we are not quorate
Treasury Report	<p>Notes it's been a challenging region. Apologizes to the body for not putting information re flow of funds out to the region, will put the information out in due course.</p> <p>Opening balance £27526.91, Prudent Reserve £15,200, Reserved Sums 7660, total of 22,860. Available funds at start of Region of 4,666.91. We had contributions of 6279.44 which is lower than this time last year. Part of that is due to outside issues.</p> <p>We've paid amounts in line to the sub-committees – we have increased the stipends to sub-committees. The more we increase the stipends, the more we fund special projects, the less we send down the service structure. We are not quorate, however the treasurer's recommendation would be not to send any money on.</p> <p>YAHANA – Thanks treasurer, our contributions would previously have gone to EDM and World. Part of what we've discussed is producing audios of our literature – English is the language generally used by the EDM. IF we were to produce these audio projects he would see them as a contribution to EDM.</p> <p>Glasgow RCM – As an area they carry a message in their area first, and believes as a region we should carry a message in our area first.</p> <p>PI – We already have a license to use the audio basic text and doesn't see negotiating a license for the other literature as problem.</p> <p>V Treasurer – Confirms the bank mandate has been updated.</p>
July Region	We don't have enough RCMs to make a decision about July Region, this will need to be carried over to May, as we are not quorate.
May Region	Will be in the Midland Hotel in Bradford
Serenity Prayer	Outgoing FD Chair
Meeting closed	5pm

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