

We came together as an ad-hoc group at: **Friends Meeting House, Ship St, Brighton 14/02/2017**
7:30pm.

NA members came together to re-establish a PR/PI Sub-Committee for Sussex Area of Narcotics Anonymous.
Reporting to each ASC and communicating regularly with UKPR/PI.

Sussex Area PR/PI Committee

Report to Area 15/02/2017

Public Relations/Public Information is a sub-committee of Sussex Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. The purpose of PR/PI is to inform the public that Narcotics Anonymous exists and provides information about how and where to find it. All activities directed to that end shall be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines, the 12 Concepts for NA Service and 12 Traditions of NA. We want to assure that no addict seeking recovery, need ever die without having had a chance to find a better way of life.

It is also proposed that this committee could assist and maintain an NA Outreach group as part of its remit.

In Attendance –

Steve L, Nick S, Barry K, Adam M, Dave P, Ben R, Neil P, Arthur P

Apologies: Lauren F, Mick (Horsham), Charlotte and Josey.

Positions Vacant:

Chair, V Chair, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary

All other positions can be filled later if necessary.

Tea Person, 12 Step list coordinator, PR/H&I Liaison, Sussex Area website liaison, Presentations, Outreach.

Nominations were accepted from:

Steve L as Chairperson

Nick S as Treasurer

Service CV's were given and each candidate was duly elected.

Both in attendance at this ASC for Ratification.

Neil P "volunteered" to take minutes during this meeting only.

Dave P will look after tea commitment next month, Neil P will take tea commitment in April.

Positions remaining Vacant: GSR's please take these vacancies back to your groups.

Vice Chair, Minute Secretary, Tea Person, 12 Step Coordination, PR/H&I liaison, Sussex Area website Liaison, Presentations liaison, Outreach group members.

There are lots of roles that NA members can participate in when doing PR/PI service. We also need to get some of these positions filled from NA members outside of Brighton & Hove.

All nominees are members of NA attending NA meetings regularly, working the NA program for recovery, and be familiar with the 12 Traditions of NA, and 12 Concepts for NA Service.

Must follow PR/PI guidelines when doing service for this committee. (These will be provided or sent out)

Discussions:

Barry K asked, how we are contacted? How do people approach us?

Arthur indicated that most formal contact is received via the UKNA website.

Steve L described possible outreach ideas, looking at outlying communities etc and taking the message to them. Getting out and supporting outlying NA meetings to gain some knowledge of their local community needs and resources.

Dave P highlighted the fact that he drugs services throughout the area are being squeezed on budget and that we should be approaching them.

Arthur P suggested that we try and set up a working relationship with Pavilions.

Steve L suggested approaching Service providers, Homeless centres, Police and criminal justice workers. Adam M has previous contacts with a lot of these agencies. Adam M suggested updating the map of local doctor's surgeries and pharmacies, possible poster and business card campaign.

Business:

Steve will contact UKPI to advise them of the reinstatement of the Sussex PI Committee.

Arthur P handed over PI service literature folders and email details.

Email info is –

Server:- email.ukna.org

Email address – sussex.pr@ukna.org

Password – *** (password redacted) Open to ratified committee members only.**

Arthur P mentioned that there are outstanding enquires on the email account. Steve L will consider these and bring them to the next committee meeting.

Arthur P will provide ASC guidelines attaining to service positions and suggested clean time etc.

Committee finances:

Opening balance at this meeting £0.00

Closing balance at this meeting £0.00

Request for funds from Area **£250.00**

Budget forecast:

Attendance at UKPI in London. Travel etc: for Chair, V Chair

Doing what it takes to approach all Service providers throughout Sussex needs to have proper funding at the ready. This committee wishes to establish regular contacts and maintain them by keeping communications open at all times.

It is important also to ask UKPI/PR to facilitate a learning day. If necessary to arrange for members of this committee to attend a PI/PR learning day elsewhere too.

Poster campaigns. Proper approaches to Police Commissioners and others within the Criminal Justice System. NHS England.

AS trusted servants this committee undertakes to use its funding effectively and with due prudence. Every penny will be accounted for each month. Ongoing request for funds we be made to replace money spent and on rare occasions we may ask for a little more to cover additional costs.

To clarify: We are asking for a request for funds of £250:00 as the basis for the ability to have ready funds available to facilitate the proper function of this Sub-Committee.

WE are not asking this to be given this each and every month.

Literature:

We need to ask Area for replacement of literature stock relevant to this committee.

We also require a copy of the GLS/Guide to local services.

Anyone interested in joining this Sub-committee of PI or willing to undertake outreach work please come to our next meeting.

Any questions regarding this then contact

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Next Meeting: 14th March 2017, Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF.