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10.00	<p>Meeting opened by Chair (hereafter identified as Chair JFT)</p> <p>with a moments silence followed by the service prayer.</p> <p><i>“God grant us the knowledge that we may serve according to your divine precepts, instil in us a sense of your purpose make us servants of your will. Grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work not ours so that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction.”</i></p>	
ROLL CALL	Areas & RCMS	
	Channel Islands CIANA	
	Chiltern and Thames Valley CATVANA	
	Cornwall (CANA0	
	Devon (DeANA)	Luke
	Dorset DoANA	
	East & Central Lancashire ECLANA	H
	Edinburgh and Lothians EALANA	Cara (Karen or Carol)
	East Midlands EMANA	
	Essex EANA	Chris (later)
	Farsi Speaking FSANA	
	Free Counties FCANA	Ian RCM. Mark Alternate
	Greater Manchester GNANA	Rob
	Hampshire HANA	Tara
	Kent KANA	Jane (ASC Chair)
	Merseyside MANA	
	Norfolk & Suffolk NASANA	Emilie
	North East England NEANA (ASC Chair)	Nicola (ASC Chair)
	North East London NELANA	Stephen M (later sessions)
	North West London NWLANA	Steve
	North West England &North Wales NWEANW	David

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	Scotland East Coast SECANA			
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	Shires ShANA Alternate		Ian (Alternate)	
	South East London SELANA		Bruno	
	South West London SWLANA		Michael	
	South Wales SWANA			
	Surrey (SurANA)		Charlie	
	Sussex (SusANA)		Niel	
	West Country WCANA		Ian	
	West Midlands WMANA		Earl	
	Yorkshire & Humberside YAHANA		Nick	
	SUBCOMMITTEES			
	Subcommittee			
	UKCNA		Chair: David	
	UKCOMM²		Hardeep	
	UKFD		Chair Peter . Vice Chair Stuart	
	UKH&I			
	UKPI		Will F	
	UKPS		Paul	
	UKSO		Alex, Mickey, Benitta (later)	
	FOR RATIFICATIO			
	WORLD `BOARD WSB		Jim	
	European Delegates Meeting EDM		Chair	Simon
			Zonal Delegate ZD	Mathew
	UKSO Directors		David O	
			David T	
	ADMN COMMITTEE			
	Chair			
	Vice chair		Reese (Hereafter annotated as chair jft)	
	RD		Sam	
	Alt RD		Craig	
	Resource			
	Vice Resource		Gino	
	Treasurer			
	Vice-Treasurer			
	Secretary		Martina (as of today)	
	Vice Secretary			
Voting RCMs	18 RCMs raised hands			
Observers	Dierdra (briefly) Martina (also briefly 'till appointed treasurer)			
CHAIR	Introduction and welcome to old faces and those new to RSC			
	Concepts read by Vice resource			
Bids to host RSC	Chair explained the process; Bids to host face to face (f-f) RSC meetings held over the second full weekend of every odd month need to be approved by the body at the			

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	<p>RSC meeting 2 meetings ie 4 months in advance of the proposed meeting.</p> <p>March 2021 ASC as agreed will be held on the Zoom platform</p> <p>May 2021ASC. As the Covid situation remains it was agreed that this too should be held on Zoom</p> <p>July 2021 ASC also remains uncertain. No one came forward with a bid. This effectively mean that the decision of where to hold it will pass to the Administration (Admin) Committee.</p> <p>Pointed out at there is still great uncertainty around the future Covid restrictions</p> <p>RCMS asked to encourage areas to consider bidding for September and November 2021 and into 2022 RSCs. (Detailed requirements available from resource)</p> <p>Resource Point of information Areas below their prudent reserve can apply in advance for assistance from region to attend.</p>
Approval of minutes	None available. No Secretary Admin Committee currently operating at 40% capacity. RCMs please take back to areas the urgency to fill the vacant positions.
Elections	<p>Admin Committee situation vacant: Chair, Secretary (now filled), Vice Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Secretary, Resource. Concept 4 Read</p> <p>Martina Forward for Secretary:- Role and Requirements read from UKRSC</p> <p>Guidelines Standard questions asked and answered. Martina shared her NA service CV. RD shared information that Admin Committee had been meeting more frequently(fortnightly or maybe weekly) since lockdown and is likely to continue to do so. Martina welcomed to the Admin Committee.</p>
RATIFICATION	Ratification of applications for positions at other NA service bodies and levels. Chair explained the function and process of ratification.
WORLD SERVICE BOARD WSB	Jim seeking election to our world Board. World Service Board (WSB) carries out the decisions made at the World Service Conference (WSC) . For instance the literature committee of which he is currently a member is currently working on the Spiritual Principles A Day (SPAD) book project. It is a 6 year commitment usually involving several face to face meetings, plus 2 EDM and other zonal meetings each year. The WSB does the bidding of the fellowship. Applicants need to be nominated by a region. CV given. Nomination Approved
European Delegates Meeting	Mathew currently EDM Alt ZD (Zonal Delegate) hopes to stand as ZD representing EDM to WSC currently 32 Zones, service CV given. Requesting specific approval to stand for position. Approval given
EDM	Simon intending to stand for post as Vice- chair of EDM. Support given.
UKSO	<p>Chair clarified that interviews have been conducted by UKSO and those forward for ratification had been approved appointment subject to ratification by RCMs . Roles and requirements read. More information of process requested . Will be sent out to RCMs with action list</p> <p>David O and David T gave their NA and business Cvs. Both Ratified.</p>
11.26	Session closed
12.00 CHAIR	2ND Session 18 `RCMS in Attendance Essex RCM arrived during session
CHAIR	<p>Some motions have been received for consideration in later sessions. One is worded in such a way as to contradict the guidelines and will be rewritten before consideration at this RSC. Please check other motions.</p> <p>Re that motion Comm request break out room inclusion to discuss motion</p> <p>Kevin logged in</p>
	RCM Area Reports:- Questions and Responses to region

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ECLANA Service information day? FD Chair UKFD to Arrange	<p>Q.Chair of local services requesting the Admin Committee put on a service information day to encourage general participation in service.</p> <p>R.Chair plus others agreed this sounds a cracking idea thanks for suggestion. Currently difficult for admin committee whilst working with skeleton committee. Easier to get involved during lockdown. All levels of service are struggling. ? Something for fellowship development.</p> <p>Emily NSANA are putting on a learning day, details on website, every one welcome. Now is the easiest ever time to get involved in service. it can be done with little effort travel or expense. .</p> <p>Fd was made for this</p> <p>Question put to RCMs. How do you see this happening? FD chair states this is why we are here just ask. RCM Proposed FD put on a service information day and seconded. CBDM employed no objections therefore passed FD to arrange .</p>
Essex	(Late arrival) No significant changes. Some face to face meetings closed. No questions.
FREE COUNTIES (FCANA) RSC Post Covid RSC at UKCNA ? Point of information Resource	<p>Q.Will UKRSC meetings continue on virtual platform even after Covid restrictions removed. This would demonstrate the responsible use of NA funds. R. RCMs Some agree with reservations and felt that conducting all business on a virtual platform is curtailing business.</p> <p>Several members reported currently missing the social interaction and other benefits associated with doing service at f-f RSC meetings. Maybe mix of virtual and physical. Put to our membership. The possibility of hybrid meetings was raised. Not sensible to put to membership 'till all meetings back to f-f.</p> <p>it was expressed that it is not possible for those that have not experienced the benefits of f-f meetings to appreciate those benefits. Much of the benefits and support depend on the connections made with others at face to face meetings which does not happen on line.</p> <p>The proposal suggests that an annual f-f RSC meeting be held at UKCNA. The practicality of this suggestion was questioned. This has been tried in the past and was not popular. We go to conventions to enjoy ourselves not to work .</p> <p>When all meetings are only on line we all miss out on fellowship at all levels. Suggestion made that we have held at least 2 f-f meetings prior to consideration and decision being made. Much of the learning happens face to face.</p> <p>If an area is below its prudent reserve and Region is not then region may subsidise that area's RCM's attendance provided such is requested with adequate notice and agreed in advance.</p>
Hampshire	No questions, struggling with encouraging members into service ASC may fold if people not coming forward. e mail been sent out to members.
NEANA	Stand in RCM. The ASC which was held last weekend. Struggling to attract members to meetings. Currently no secretary. Planning monthly workshops looking for ideas Functioning but not easy
NE London	Q why no events listed on website? A. Comm ² . 'cos people have not asked for them to be put on. Details will be added even if the flyer is not received or not acceptable.
NW London	Nothing major. Q. Online meeting committee. Wanting more information. Chair ok

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	for RCM to chat direct H and I committee looking to re-establish hoping to reword motion. Q. Why report just disappeared. A. Report temporary removed to enable updating.
NWENW	ASC inventory done recently, all be it late, but found to be very beneficial. The process may help other service bodies to attract members to service. Q. Can the UKSO now start to print it's own literature. (if already know answer should we state it or bring to region. R. bringing it to region can benefit other RCMs also especially if it is a recurrent question). R. from Chair Discussion tabled till UKSO report.information from RCM re FiP (fellowship intellectual property) Bulletin 1 states we can not publish own literature a contrary to the principles as voted in FIPT bulletin 1 is the go to source of all necessary information. Financial inventory as part of the inventory has enabled reduction of prudent reserve. Q. Might this also apply to region? R. Currently region has no treasurer. No one has any idea how long lockdown was or is going to last. Presumptions of how things will be when normality returns may be colouring our judgement. Important to set an example. It is currently world services that have been most adversely affected by Covid. Some areas still reluctant to pass funds even when aware of effects on World services WMANA did bring motion to reduce prudent reserve did not pass.
Shires	No questions
SE London	Q. Has experienced disruptive behaviour in service from members within the committee. Q. Whilst no treasurer at region is it advisable for ASCs to send money direct to world services. R. No treasurer does not mean no one dealing with finance. R. Disruptive behaviour. Member not behaving responsibly of each role and how to bring a vote of no confidence. RD posted links to relevant literature in chat.
SW London	No Questions
Sussex	No questions. Is holding a Pi/Pr Learning day tomorrow. Details on UKNA events. All welcome to attend.
West Country	Q. How is the money donated to WS from UKRSC. R. Detailed in working documents for this region. RCM will sort on that information. Encouraged to come back if needs more .
WMANA 3 rd party insurance	Q. What is the current situation relating to uk coverage for third party insurance. As the area policy due for renewal now renewal due. R. A regional insurance policy may be a prudent use of funds. Was agreed at previous RSC not to discuss further for a while. May be prudent to ring-fence funds for next time around. Was discussed at last meeting. Quotes were outdated and are even more so now since Covid. Maybe set up working party. Needs to be a motion brought by an area to establish a working party In order to be a regional policy all areas would need to agree and sign up. Some areas do not consider it necessary Also the currently rapidly and dramatically changing fees mean that the figures quoted in the recent past are no longer relevant. Free counties. This was tabled for discussion at this region. Have organised their own cover. Happy to help other groups. Request e mail details to resource Q. Clarification of Guidelines around Covid rules. Summary of government Covid rules could maybe be posted. R. SW London current advice on the uk na website is accurate. Some meetings failing to observe. Causing much disunity. Some groups

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Clarification and application of Covid guidelines	have modified the meeting to comply others 'attack' those that highlight non adherence to regulations. TABLED for discussion under Covid task force report.. Fifteen is the limit. Groups need to be responsible for complying. Unreasonable to expect any organisation to update all areas in tired lockdown .
YAHANA	No questions
NASANA	Apologies for late report Response to action points link to action page.
Donations to Region	Q. Discomfort expressed around donating to region whilst no treasurer. How to encourage donations. R. The Financial necessities for region to function are conducted by the Admin committee. No treasurer does not mean that RSC is not fulfilling financial obligations. and continues to donate down the service chain A. UKRSC still need support to fund website etc. Kent. It is all about informing members about what we are trying to fund. All about our primary purpose. Try using our guiding principles tradition 7 questions for groups and tradition 2. need to communicate that region is still functioning.
Streaming RSC to u-tube	Q re UKSO Covid support allowance will be raised later to UKSO directors. Q. How do we feel about not knowing who is viewing the live streaming. A. No way can get list of those viewing. Many levels of service are streaming direct to u tube as a means of encouraging service. The servant previously responsible for operating the U tube streaming of the RSC was suddenly no longer available so. please put out to the fellowship that a U-TUBE STREAMER is needed for this regional service. Q Why can't more people just join by Zoom A. Chair It would require a tech servant otherwise it would render the operation of the meeting virtually impossible due to the number comings and goings.
Edinburgh EALANA	(Edinburgh and Lothian) Only question already been asked by West Midlands,.
CHAIR	Plea to all present to ensure they email resource with e mail and phone contact details
DEVON	Has not been represented for some time. Happy to be here. No questions.
13.26	Session closed. Break out rooms opened Admin and motion discussion
	LUNCH
14.30	3 SESSION OPENED AT 14.30 18 RCMS PRESENT (eventually)
	Benitta UKSO director with specific financial responsibility welcomed
CHAIR	This session will deal with Subcommittee reports. New business will be dealt with in the final session of the day
UKCOMM ²	Chair read report. Highlights. NB many positions vacant. E mails are being tended to. email@ukna.org
email@ukna.org	Uk na meetings coordinator. Required. Pleases will ASC 's add committee meeting details. Updating meeting details can be added by individuals, groups and ASCs Also ensure all zoom meeting details are up to date. Eg if zoom account changes.
distance sponsorship	Chair and vice chair urgently needed. distance.sponsorship@ukna.org See service opportunities on uk na website and post region service opportunities doc 12 step volunteers required.
redirecting H&I mail	Helpline. Ukna giving assistance to Italian fellowship setting up their Helpline Q1. where to send H and I enquiries whilst no UK H&I sub committee? A UKSO Q2. Helpline recently contacted as a member attending f-f meeting tested positive to

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DE-Listing f-f meetings on UKNA Website	<p>Covid. What should Comm² do about this?</p> <p>Q3 Policy for removal of f-f meeting from ukna website meeting list. Policy being suggested is that a meeting reported to be non compliant with Covid regulations be removed from f-f list until problem can be resolved R. Discussion Tabled to new business .</p> <p>Request £1678.77 stipend update requested. Treasures report in working documents R. When? A. Routine update urgency not known.</p>
Meeting Covid compliance	<p>R3 SW London RCM re reports of non Covid safe meeting. Response to enquires has varied. How to respond complex. People did get upset as not able to get into meeting. How to determine the truth? There is a mechanism re following Covid secure guidelines if these are not being followed should the group be removed from the ukna website? How should we set about determining the truth.</p> <p>A3. Web site sub committee are wanting input for RCMs.</p>
Experience	<p>Q4. Updating the face to face meeting list some listed not happening. Can the 'not happening meetings be removed to make searching for meetings that are, more consumer friendly? A. Will pass onto website committee.</p> <p>A3. good to know that some meetings have responded positively. We are trying to get this bodies instructions of how to continue.</p>
Comm ²	<p>There is a tick box when registering a f-f meeting to signify that the meeting is Covid compliant, If the meeting does not should the website committee have an authority to stop listing that meeting until it is sorted out. Though removal is sensible to help prevent our fellowship being brought into disrepute. though it may not solve the problem.</p>
Chair	<p>CHAIR clarifying that Comm² is requesting a change of policy in order to be enabled to bring in the temporary capacity for website to remove meetings reported as not complying with Covid guidelines</p> <p>Q. Problem then becomes one of enforcement “policing” how? We are not above the law of the land and must abide by it.</p>
Discussion	<p>Policing may only increase conflict. If we can't help and support we should not be ostracising . We do need to protect the fellowship from potential allegations of supporting non compliment meetings.</p> <p>Is it policy or law of the country. We need to stick to the law of 15. Doesn't alter the fact that we as a fellowship are responsible and can not be seen to be condoning the breaking of the law.</p>
Discussion	<p>We can't be seen to be policing. The current situation os very different from the earlier lockdown, encourage involvement of local ASCs</p> <p>A. Need to be sensitive on this delicate issue as there is a danger of causing or widening the gap between service bodies and the general members of the fellowship.</p> <p>We need to continue to support the groups by emphasising that it is the responsibility of all meetings to ensure that they are aware that it is their responsibility to carry out a risk assessment and that they will be responsible for any consequences, however serious they may be, if the Covid regulations are not followed and the law is broken.</p> <p>Removal meetings not happening it will pass on the website committee How to keep web site up to date- depends on the information being supplied.</p> <p>We (the fellowship) as a whole need to be accountable for our actions and it is not being accountable if we do nothing. Groups need to be accountable and should not be listed if not</p> <p>This is a case of breaking the law so suggest the message is sent out to meetings 'either sort it out or your NA meeting will not be listed'</p>

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CHAIR	<p>Suggestion to send friendly reminder (request to minute)to each group suggesting doing an inventory around how they are complying with the law and Covid guidelines as it applies to the meeting location.</p> <p>Getting impression that the room does not agree that meetings should be removed if reported as non compliant. Some confusion please clarify</p>
STRAW POLL	<p>re COMM^s removing meetings the meetings that are reported not compliant</p> <p>-AGREE with removing meetings reported not complying with the Covid rules -</p> <p>-do NOT AGREE with removing those meetings reported not complying with the Covid rules</p> <p>NO CONSENSUS</p>
Comm ² Response	<p>comm²response to some suggestions and questions</p> <p>Re 'policing' we are not UKNAPD. The tick box was included so that the group acknowledges its responsibilities Meetings and laws are changing so much so that current rules and restrictions may all be irrelevant by tomorrow.</p> <p>Individual meetings have to carry out a risk assessment in conjunction with the venue.</p>
Further Discussion	<p>Agreed to list groups only if they complied with this.</p> <p>Have had cases in area. Maybe go back to not listing.</p> <p>COMM²Feel it is important as not just 1 group affected.. Most of us here do not attend f-f meetings Stopped by chair as decision made. and if not compliant it is them that are liable. Don't cut off before clarifying through ASC.</p> <p>We try to help in a loving and carrying way similar to meetings with literature issues as has been done by London RCM in this case . Previous experience shows us best to advise first before acting.</p>
Further discussion	<p>Agree we have to follow the law of the land.</p> <p>We are not here to take over we are here to help and support not police.</p> <p>Agree refer back to ASCs if the helpline is contacts. They may also find it difficult.</p>
COMM ²	<p>Can't be ignored when there are multiple reports.Thanks for others input and individual group inventory on compliance idea sounds good.</p> <p>Balance of enthusiasm vs complying with the law. ASC is best paced to deal with s has been demonstrated in some areas. Should there be no resolution the meeting should not be listed.</p>
Further discussion	<p>Practicality and resources. No guarantee that group is connected to ASC. Situation continues and the fellowship is brought into disrepute then the meeting should be pulled from the site. It should stay off the site until it is operated in a Covid secure way. This is not being dictatorial, being done to try to help them comply with the law. Best to delist then sort rather than try to sort and delist if can't. Some support for this approach.</p> <p>The only authority that region has is to the information displayed on the website we are ultimately responsible for the information on the website.</p> <p>We should roll out the information which helps the groups to comply.</p> <p>Do we want to be sued for the death of someone infected at an NA meeting. This is totally new and different situation and if not doing what they should do they should be removed immediately from the fellowship's website.</p> <p>RD also spokesperson for the RSC Covid compliance working party. There appears to be 2 matters currently under discussion. Initially in the first lockdown there were no f-f meetings</p> <p>1. November RSC conscience to put the f -f meetings back on the web site.</p>

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RD and Covid task force input	<p>2. Concept of policing vs advising the groups. Covid task force has posted the requirements that are agreed to putting the responsibility of those starting and operating the meeting We are all NA it is not a question of us and them. It is the experience of this region that it is best to ask first then act.</p> <p>It is vitally important to provide support first and act later and not vice versa as has happened in the past. RDs can seek information from other regions. Best go through ASCs as best placed to remind all groups they are individually and fully responsible for ensuring that they comply with the law as it currently applies to the meeting place. Can seek information from European contacts</p>
CHAIR	<p>Some speakers appear to approve instant removal of non compliant meetings from web site., others favour remove all f-f meetings.</p> <p>Other alternative is to contact the group further conversation aim to protect the reputation of NA as a whole best done by support.</p> <p>Seems that there is not general support for the COMM motion so what do you want ? No resolution</p> <p>Originally no f-f were displayed on the website when changed through the use of the tick box it was emphasised that any group holding a f -f meeting has to conduct a risk assessment with the venue and then be fully accountable . The current legislation holds the organiser of any gathering illegal and the police have to power to impose on the spot fines. Despite this reluctant to simply remove.</p> <p>Problems with gossip around face to face meetings has resulted in contact from PHE and local council to ASC re meetings contravening the law. Positive cases in 2 meetings and contact from local Authority. No one has any power over any meeting. If online meetings can function f-f are not necessary and should not be on the web site</p>
Last round of discussion	<p>Police are responsible if the Law is being broken. This will bring the fellowship as a whole into disrepute. We are not the police we must leave enforcement of the law to them rather than try to micromanage</p> <p>Could the advice on the website be more explicit or just cease listing all meetings. This situation is unique due to possible serious consequences to human health, situation deteriorating rapidly. There is a proposal brought to the floor and seconded. We should avoid delay. We need to be proactive to protect our membership and the fellowship Doesn't make sense to a wait until a meeting is closed by the police. Not seen sufficient support for the motion proposed my COMM² , Do we remove first and sort later or try to sort and then only act if no response may need motion may need taking back to groups. Chair important that we wrap this up. Should this be taken back to groups? If not then a motion may need to be written.</p> <p>STRAW POLL go back to groups. Consensus reached.</p>
COMM ²	<p>If in the mean time reports continue to be received they should approach the ASC offering help first and then remove if no improvement</p>
CHAIR	<p><i>(The aforementioned discussion relates to a policy change requested by comm² giving the uk na website through comm² the ability to remove meetings from the na website that are reported to be not complying with Covid regulation.</i></p> <p><i>This was a separate, though related, discussion from later discussion of the motion introduced in the final session of the day which eventually resulted in the decision by the RCMS to implement the seeking of an emergency conscience from groups relating to the temporary removal of all meetings whilst and until a way of helping</i></p>

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STRAW POLL	<i>NA groups holding f-f meetings to comply with Covid regulations and formulating a protocol of dealing with situations that continue to cause concern) phew!</i>
secretary's note	
REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT	RD and Alt EDM are involved in regular community dialogue (which has replaced the 2X year EDM f-f meetings) in Europe and beyond. EDM decided not to hold scheduled f-f EDM winter meeting in Rome. Replaced with 4 day on line meeting instead 9 am till ??? planned for 18 th Feb. They have attended WSC Webinars as WSC participants. Also keeping in contact with online community developments . Next ECCNA currently planned for JULY 20 th -23 rd in KIEV (the one scheduled last year in Egypt was postponed and Kiev already on stream). Details on web site. It is possible to register on line now with a cancellation refund scheme in place
ECCNA	video showed for ECCNA
SPAD	SPAD project continues , workshop is possible if required. Covid has resulted in many projects being put on hold NA WS instagram. Many events listed on line
UKNA COVID WORKING GROUP	Rd and Alt R assisting the admin committee. Should this continue? Was established as an overflow committee. Less work to do now. Government links are automatically updated. Can this now be taken on by COMM ² or PI? Q. Re listing on 'virtual na' meeting causing zoom bombers. R. Not suggesting that meetings should be listed. Only mentioned as a link to resources that are available
Web Site display of Covid Law and compliance	Q. Re EDM f-f meetings. not covered by Covid allowance as not business or recovery. R. EDM id nor meeting f-f community dialogue sessions have replaced f-f business meetings. Q. what do the latest gov guidelines mean re existing or new meetings. Q. it is possible to have more explicit bullet points on the ukna website. R. it is possible thought best not to micromanage. R. It is slit important that the fellowship informs us what you would like us to do. Continuation of this committee of questionable necessity may be better use of resources Previous question seeking clarification on current laws re f -f meetings in general. If can meet virtual then exceptions do not apply. Q. Suggestion made to read the banner on meetings list web pages detailing responsibilities and liabilities R. Chair will take back to committee. Recovery meeting vs business committee meetings: differences and significance unclear . However a business meeting is not support meeting therefore not essential. Some

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	stuff is already there in red. Read the stuff that is posted on the website.
UKCNA	<p>New year's eve and new year's zoom shares plus Public information videos overnight and NYD afternoon on Pi form world services, and fellowship development These are available to be used if people ask what does NAWs does.</p> <p>£870 raised in donations plus some more from the sale of merchandise. There were several ways to donate money in addition to those that were linked direct to the event. Groups and areas can donate direct to all level of the service structure. Vacancies on the convention committee;-see the list.</p> <p>Video of the event was made and it is hoped to produce an audio link.</p> <p>Q is it likely that UKCNA may be postponed. A. Hotel have been told that the contract will not be signed unless there is a restriction free 3 month guarantee that the event can go ahead safely. Unless it can be guaranteed to go ahead 100% safe it will not be happening, there are over 1000 people dying a day and we are messing about saying it ok for people to meet.</p> <p>Likely that there will be some postponement. Thanks and congratulations to the committee.</p>
16.20	Session closed break out room opened
Tea Break	
16.40 Chair	Opened final session. Thanking all 36 for prompt return 21 RCMs present
UKSO	<p>Special worker made redundant and new one trained up. Office has been moved to Preston to be functional on 16th. January. 2 new Directors appointed and approved earlier today. First orders will be going out this Wednesday</p> <p>The office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,</p> <p>Ask that our areas continue to order from UKSO to support the office. Literature orders have dropped during lock down. Likely to be approx £ 2,000 loss this financial period but should still be in the black.</p> <p>This move signifies the culmination of 6 years combined effort. It is hoped that this will continue the renewed enthusiasm and harmonious association between the UKSO and the fellowship as a whole through the UKRSC.</p>
UKSOMail Address	Q. How long PO box open and functioning for prison sponsorship A. will find out R. (mail is redirected for 3 months. {sec. note new address UKSO, DERBY HOUSE, 12 WINCKLEY SQUARE. PRESTON PR1 3JJ})
Gov Covid support	Q. Has any use been made of available Covid furlough support. A. Was used for the original lockdown. Eligibility for current grants being researched.
Printing Literature	Q, Re printing our own Literature and would this maybe reduce prices. A. Whether books or pamphlets is irrelevant its not going to happen. The only region that is currently licensed to print its own is Iran. It would not be profitable anyhow.
Furlough support	Q. How long existing special worker employed for. A, The London premises are still on contract until the end of January. The special worker is contracted till then and is currently on furlough and only paid for work done. Q. Concern expressed re being self supporting if using furlough support. A. UKSO operates as a limited company bound by uk company law and therefore not part of NA and therefore not bound by the same self supporting tradition in the same way as other levels of ukna service. It is not appropriate to discuss the internal financial functioning of UKNA in this forum. Further clarified by RD that WSO is a business and has more interaction with NA. It is different for us in the UK.
UKPI	Please see the full report. pi@ukna.org

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Access to helpline records	<p>December. Sub committee meeting was held after report template submitted. See report for positions vacant. pi@ukna.org Chair and all vice positions other than GLO and FLO</p> <p>Sussex pi training day tomorrow 11am-3pm on ukna.org events.</p> <p>GLO discussing mutual aid meetings with all party gov political group</p> <p>Any area wanting pi assistance Contact FLO.</p> <p>Basecamp in transition to Microsoft teams. Social media has been active with information projects and quotes.</p> <p>MAC Meeting Attendance Confirmation project been discussed and the recent UKPi survey is in the final stage of preparation.</p> <p>£100 /month ie £200 for social media PI stipend requested plus £200 to cover the approximate costs of finalising the survey process. Request for £400 Approved</p> <p>The next UKPi online meeting will be on February 2nd 2021 7PM. service committee meeting details on ukna.org</p> <p>Q. COMM² re Pi assistance “can north London pi have access to NA call line call log re professional enquiries “. A. No. That information is not held.</p> <p>Responder may refer professional to ukpi. Details of individual professionals not held.</p>
Prison Sponsorship UKPS	<p>Please see report. ps@ukna.org</p> <p>The prison sponsorship committee has been formed as a stand alone committee since the folding of UKH&I sub committee. Guidelines updated</p> <p>32 institutions were being serviced prior to lockdown, 2 mailbags</p> <p>11 male letter 1 female, sponsees 22 male requests, 4 female. 8 male sponsors 2 female sponsor requests. 4 basic texts 1 step working guide requested.</p> <p>Details must be updated by all ASC H & I subcommittees</p> <p>Every institution in the country written to with introduction and explanation of what we do. Massive response. Cards and posters to 3 prisons this month. 20 last month.</p> <p>New cards and posters £ 884.93 requested for cards posters etc with change of address. Approved.</p> <p>Q. How do we function without a treasurer A. Come straight to region despite no r treasurer.</p> <p>Q. UK prison sponsorship guidelines. Documents have been sent with pre region report. Ratification ? clean time requirement discrepancy has been amended.</p> <p>Will be sent out in good time for ratification at next region</p>
UKFD	<p>UK fellowship development see report fd@ukna.org</p> <p>Guidelines for ratification. Tabled for future meeting</p> <p>The Environmental Scan suggested can be useful. A video has been produced. We would like to have time to show it. It shows how to practice an inventory of region area etc.</p> <p>Our meetings are always and permanently virtual. Participants from all over the region attend on 3rd Sunday every month 2 pm. Just come along to be bloody nosey! several areas (districts etc) . We are needing reps from everywhere.</p> <p>Request from this region for workshop. That's ok. ASC attendance always a topic</p> <p>We use Google things as discussions progress google ? Docs can be updated live.</p> <p>Q Can the report be distributed. before region to give time for reading. A. will try</p> <p>Q, Have we been invited to European Fellowship development? A. no still waiting</p> <p>have been invited to various others Asian Pacific see report</p> <p>Guidelines for ratification Tabled for future meeting</p> <p>Environmental Scan can be useful video produced would like to have time to show it. Shows how to practice an inventory of region area etc. Always and permanently</p>
NEXT MEETING 7pm 21 st February	

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	<p>virtual. Participants from all over the region 3rd Sunday every month 2 pm just be bloody nose! several areas (districts etc) needing reps</p> <p>Google thingies as discussions progress google ? Docs can be updated live.</p> <p>Q Please can the report be distributed before region to give time for it to be read. A will try .</p> <p>Inventory request and video will be actioned next region.</p> <p>We are awaiting invitation to EDM fellowship development. UK fellowship development Have had invitations from other s such as Asian pacific.</p> <p>Q re sending video details out to the fellowship . A will send when received.</p> <p>Q. Is fellowship dev to lead on service event. A Yes</p> <p>Q when is there going to be time available time available?? A. Sunday morning. Maybe. Will talk through with techno bods.</p>
	NEW BUSINESS
CHAIR	2 MOTIONS
	Request for admission of supporter for motion 1 denied on the basis that only those with a specific role at this RSC are admitted
MOTION 1 Re link to local meeting website being displayed on UKNA website Proposed by NW London ASC. Seconded NE London. Summary Assessment of support	<p>See working documents folder for updated motion. Helper not admitted Relating to the alteration of the current UK website guidelines to allow</p> <p>For 'external sites that are individual groups websites being used to to facilitate Covid safe attendance of meetings be deemed acceptable under the UKRSC website guidelines. -under the item 'other links' to help comply with local or national laws', hence URLs for na group website may be linked or communicated via he UKNA website.' This would facilitate locally relevant and constantly updated information to be more easily available to members.</p> <p>NWLANA . A group website was set up for a f-f meeting and developed a ticketing system (since abandoned). Asked com com for assistance which they were unable to give. Q.Assistant not allowed entry should we have allowed it. Will bring to next region R. restrictions explained.</p> <p>Q. Will this motion still be relevant if the next motion does not pass. A. Yes as involves a change in policy and is independent of next motion</p> <p>R, Comm ² have consulted web site. Currently any external links are limited to links to government Covid regulation and legislation. This would open t 'door for links to every meeting and area website with implications for monitoring and time. Would also stress the operators and stretch the capacity of the existing web site. Employing a special worker to monitor could cost £30_40 K. Important to maintain single point of contact. Appreciate the time effort and resources would be more responsibly used by those involved getting involved with uk website sub committee which has been asking for help for years.</p> <p>R.Much of last response no longer relevant. Motion seconder confirmed</p>
MOTION FAILED	<p>Q. Does ticketing comply with our traditions. A. No longer relevant as not happening</p> <p>Q. Current website guidelines states “will not link to local sites” ie local meetings sites. There is an exception relating to sites updating uk Law. Application under that exception.</p> <p>Comm ² are f-f meetings essential. Some do not have access to technology that allows access to meetings. Ticketing not compatible with tradition of free access 15% in favour. INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT. Motion failed insufficient support registered for any chance of approval by CBDM process.</p>
MOTION 2 proposed NASANA	Introduced in response to earlier discussion during this current RSC. To remove all f-f meetings from the UKNA website until such time as a solution can can be found Discussion;

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RCM 2 nd Hampshire To suspend listing of f-f meetings whilst a way is found to assist f-f meetings to comply with the law.	<p>proposer; Important that ASCs are involved in the discussion however an instant response is needed in view of the urgency of the current Covid situation thousands dying daily.</p> <p>For: As some not obeying rule just over 80,000 dead protecting the membership. Pulling it now is protecting our membership.</p> <p>As addicts we will bend rules, not displaying , meetings sends the message that we don't support groups doing that</p> <p>Against:</p> <p>This proposal has not come from area it has come from an RCM during this meeting. Uncomfortable voting on the motion under these circumstances</p> <p>It has been put together today as 2 months is thought to be too long to delay under current circumstances.</p> <p>Not displaying meetings on the website does not absolve the fellowship of any responsibility of informing members of their responsibility under the law if holding non Covid secure meetings.</p>
CHAIR for or against	<p>Any against the motion wish to speak?</p> <p>Neither for or against. It should go back to the groups. Why not use emergency methods of assessing the views of Areas Via RCMs Would have to abstain</p> <p>Removal from the website will adversely affect the still suffering addict as those in the know will still find meetings the suffering addict will not</p> <p>In initial lockdown the decision was made to stop listing f-f meetings. The current situation is worse. Not listing meetings is the only sensible approach. Best go back to the groups</p>
CHAIR	<p>Chair reminder of the wording of the motion. To remove all face to d face meetings from the website until a solution can be reached at RSC on how to manage face to face meetings which have been found to be operating in a non Covid secure fashion. Mechanism of an urgent conscience could be sought either to approve this motion now or the motion could be rejected and then an urgent conscience be sought from ASCs on how to proceed.</p>
CHAIR	<p>So we can now use a number of possible mechanisms</p> <p>Take back to groups now</p> <p>or</p> <p>Vote to stop listing now then go back to groups to determine future action</p> <p>STRAW POLL of those comfortable voting now just over ½ in favour</p> <p>STRAW POLL take back to groups for a group conscience the other ½</p> <p>Only a few minutes left</p> <p>further discussion for 10 -15 minutes maximum</p> <p>The aim is to stop advertising non Covid secure meetings on the web site. If the proposal was modified to stop advertising until these can be corrected. Would that make it easier to vote for</p> <p>If by way of friendly amendment conscience would be sought from ASC to remove all f-f meetings from the website until ASCs can be consulted through urgent conscience in less than 2 months</p> <p>2nd STRAW POLL with modification still 50/50.</p> <p>Modify proposal as suggested by proposer this would be a temporary removal until conscience of the groups obtained</p>

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Further discussion	<p>Based on experience with area the RCM from affected area suggest not stop listing now rather get feed back from GSRs within just a few days .</p> <p>Another emphasised as earlier that a 50-50 split within the area empathises the importance of consulting the groups to avoid disunity.</p> <p>The motion is currently proposing we pull all notifications of f-f meetings until ASCs consulted. Suggest modification. Got to point of government saying we should all react as though we have the virus. So take them all of line now</p> <p>Removing from the website will not stop the meetings it did not last time and won't this. Unfortunately it will be the newcomer who suffers.</p> <p>Newcomers with or without smart phones will still find meetings. Do we want to be associated with them going to meetings catching Covid and dying.</p> <p>Law was on our side last time when we stopped posting meetings even then region was accused of governing. This time the law says meetings of up to 15 can take place. If we do not take it back to the groups we will cause disunity and be seen as governing. Need to get an emergency mandate before acting</p> <p>Friendly modification of motion incorporated a 2 week emergency conscience requirement is acceptable</p> <p>Straw Poll still only split 50-50</p> <p>Those not supporting;- We don't have the authority to stop meetings Further Discussion</p>
Those against	<p>Trying to make the motion fit the situation not vv if gov says 15 can meet then 15 can meet. Not up to us to police that.</p> <p>16 RCMS remaining</p> <p>STRAW POLL of those RCMS comfortable making a decision now vs those not</p> <p>Friendly amendment seek urgent conscience from groups</p>
Chair;	<p>STRAW POLL still no conscience.</p> <p>-Allow 1 more round of questions possibly take vote otherwise will go continue going around and around in circle!erclerclerclercls.</p> <p>16 GRSs still present</p> <p>Can't keep discussing gong round and round in circles . We are 15 minutes over time it is time to come to a solution.</p> <p>Recommended that meetings should continue to operate by online meetings only.</p> <p>There are times when it is necessary for RCMs to “man put take vote and take flack”. Going to a face to face meetings is not complying with the current government guidelines .</p> <p>Meetings and laws are changing so much rules changing restrictions changing by tomorrow may all be irrelevant .</p> <p>We are not here to debate the morality of holding f-f meetings. Only decision we can make is to list or not list the meetings not the morality of holding a meeting.</p> <p>Chair No time to move this forward</p> <p>STRAW POLL revealed insufficient support for motion</p> <p>So it goes back to Groups via RCMs for an urgent conscience</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Motion will be typed up by resource and distributed to RCMS</p> <p>Feel it is important as not just 1 group affected.. Most of us here to not attend f-f</p>

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COMM ²	meetings Stopped by chair as decision made.
Treasurer's report	Chair there is no treasurer so there is no treasurer's report. The financial necessities are being conducted by the Admin Committee members resulting in an increased workload for all those involved
UKSO update	All UKSO mail will be redirected from the previous UKSO to the new UKSO for the next 3 months.
CHAIR	The emergency poll of groups to determine their response to the Proposal to suspend the listing of Face to face NA meetings on the UKNA website will go out to Areas via the RCMs as soon as it has been finalised and received by UKRSC Resource. Thank you all for your service and patience
	Meeting closed at 18.22 using the wee version of the serenity prayer