

OFFICER REPORTS

MID SURREY INTERGROUP 152nd Assembly

Young Persons Liaison

Thank you for taking the time to read my report and apologies for not having written a report for the previous quarter.

Below I've listed a few things I have been working on in the last couple of months:

- The Amber Project: Following a mocked-up AA meeting with some of the residents here and some younger members of AA, we also carried out a staff collaboration meeting where I went in with a few other AA members to talk with the staff about AA, share our experience, strength and hope and hand out some literature and provide contacts should they be needed in the future.

** Hoping to work at getting a meeting started on site here – if anyone is willing or interested in being involved with this I'd be very glad to hear from you! **

- YP's Contact List: I've begun to put together a Young Persons contact list and 12 step calls list in order to work with the Telephone Service.

**Anyone that wishes to be included on this list, please contact me

- Convention: Hoping to see as many young people as possible at the convention. I will be manning a YP's table at the convention with literature specific to young persons in recovery and a bit about the YPLO role. This table will also be somewhere for young people to meet and find others they can hang out with during the day.

** Again if you wish to be involved or join me in welcoming young people at the convention please contact me ASAP.

- Other Contacts: I'm in touch with people from both the Surrey University and the YMCA in order to offer support and contacts for any young people that may need the help of AA.
- Young Persons Meeting Guildford: We are welcoming new members every week and the meeting is slowly but surely growing. We'd be glad to welcome any one that's interested to hear a bit about what it's like getting sober young and if anyone knows of any young people be sure to direct them are way, very friendly group and always willing to offer any support needed. Good amount of sobriety and becoming a strong group.

As I am unable to get to the Brighton Workshops on a Sunday (due to other commitments on a Sunday) I have collated some contacts of YPLO's from other Intergroups and Region's to ask for support and inspirations on how I can take this role further and do the best I can for MSIG.

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HEALTH LIAISON REPORT: Jan 17 – May 17

Prepared by: Mark J

On going attendance at the Surrey Treatment Provider Group. This runs quarterly and allows us to provide literature to those that require it, provide explanations and advice on AA in Mid Surrey, organise one to one meetings and also arrange for talks and visits which are done regularly. Regular attendees are from but not limited to the below organisations:

Surrey CC

- Justice Services
- RAPT
- SADAS
- Catalyst
- Women in Prison
- Catch 22
- Transform housing
- Amber Foundation
- Surrey and Borders Partnership
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex community Rehabilitation Company
- Surrey Hospitals.

Thanks to Ken S who attended a workshop on my behalf.

Training has again been provided to SDAC (Surrey Drug and Alcohol Care) and my thanks go to Trish B who led the training on the day.

Regular contact with the Alcohol liaison teams at St Peters, Frimley Park and Royal Surrey Hospitals, along with the provision of literature.

Mark.

Report to intergroup - employment liaison

I'm now doing two roles as far as employment is concerned - I'm the ELO for mid Surrey intergroup and also now regional ELO. If the intergroup is happy, I'd like to continue as ELO for mid Surrey as the roles dovetail quite nicely.

I've contacted a number of local employers - Mercedes Benz world and Arriva transport are examples.

Many of the larger employers outsource employee welfare to Employment Assistance Programmes - usually a helpline. In my role as region ELO, I'm contacting a number of the providers to see if I can get a slot in the training programme.

It's slightly dispiriting as I've had zero response to my approaches so far, but not entirely surprising. As I've noted previously, there is less pro-activity in this role than health or PI -it's more a case of letting employers know we are there and offering information.

I'm always happy to join up with colleagues in PI or health in meeting with employers.

Sue D
Employment

SHARE UPDATE for 6th June Intergroup

Well, I finally made it and visited all 49 of the meetings that did not subscribe to Share magazine last year – and I am happy to say that now an additional 10 meetings now take Share and, even more importantly, the April issue featured two articles from members of the Mid-Surrey Intergroup. But there is still a long way to go – and I will be starting my travels again at the end of June, going round to you all to remind you of how important this magazine is for newcomers and those that cannot get to regular AA meetings.

Don't forget, a subscription to Share is also a great gift for a sobriety birthday – and at only £12 for the year, is great value as well!

Hope to see some of you at the SHARE stand at our convention on the 17 June.

Lindsay M
Share Liaison Officer

Probation Liaison Officer Report May 2017 - Lesley G

Probation have moved offices in Guildford and the first meeting in the new offices was held on 24th May. 8 of us attended and no service users. The room is lovely and airy and the offices are very near the station.

The coordinator for these meetings, Louise Crowsley is Head of Operations for Kent, Surrey and Sussex and we are meeting with her on June 6th to discuss how we can help Probation to engage users in meetings.

PI Officer Report - Jonny

This quarter has been quiet for PI as I had intended to resign. At committee last month it was agreed that I would continue until my 3 year term ends in June 2018 if I could find someone to act as official assistant. I am delighted to say that Kar has filled this role and I hope she will be opted in the June 2017 MSIG Assembly. It was also agreed that Rob would circulate a list for people to fill out if they are willing to help at PI events. We have about one a month that need a minimum of two AA members to give us the representation that we require to have the best possible chance of reaching the suffering alcoholic. Support from GSRs, those not in work or retired from work in attaining a broader group of volunteers would be greatly appreciated. I continue to co-ordinate AA presence at events and hope in my last year to arrange some more events where we are the focus not invited guests. Future possibilities include a follow up with Catalyst, a meeting for clergy and a presentation for the Women's Institute.

TLO Officer Report – Peter (telephone)

MSIG Telephone Service continued to operate well over the last 4 months. We have taken on four new responders Caroline, Matthew, Kirsty and Tony and are currently training a further two.

Peter has taken on the role of Rota coordinator from Bob who has rotated out to other service positions.

We are starting the process of consolidating the existing 12 Steppers list to remove old and out of date numbers to speed up the process of getting help to the still suffering alcoholic. Alexa has suggested that each responder takes a page from the existing list and checks, validates and discards any numbers that no longer work.

We are currently working closely with North Surrey Intergroup to continue to support their telephone helpline, Peter is liaising directly with the North Surrey TLO Billy on this matter.

Peter to liaise with Zara to discuss the creation of a young persons 12 stepper list.

ECLO Report – Ellie

I have a quieter quarter after a very busy year with the website development. I have been mainly concentrating on my duties with keeping the news on the website up to date and with the email communications with GSR's and officers. I have also been refining a few of the website pages that I thought needed work. I know I said in my last report I would be working on an archives section for the website. I have not been able to find the time to do that yet so it is still on the cards for the next quarter.