

Liaison Reports for Intergroup Dec 2018

ARMED SERVICES LIAISON OFFICER

My third report as MSIG ASLO has seen a quiet period. Having been in post for 6 months I have used £40 of my MSIG allocation to cover the cost of AA literature and booklets as handouts.

61% of all military personnel remain at increasing risk or above of alcohol related harm, and the military units in MSIG area are no exception.

I have maintained my contacts with the Health and Wellbeing Point of Contact in Headquarters 11 Brigade based in Aldershot. (Responsible for Army Units across the MSIG area and the South-East Region) and in November, as part of MSIG AA awareness the Headquarters agreed to send out flyers to all of their units asking the question 'is alcohol costing you more than money' along with some AA posters – hopefully some of them made an appearance on unit notice boards.

Can GSRs pass my contact details on to any member of the fellowship who would be able to support our visits to units. Interested candidates don't have to be ex- or serving- military just an interest in 'passing it on'

I have had a request to support a Unit Health Fair at the Army School of Physical education in Aldershot on 5 Dec. MSIG PI will support but grateful if anyone else interested in supporting would contact me at the below email address

Yours in Fellowship

Eddy C.

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178th South East Region Assembly - Burgess Hill 23rd September 2018

Report to MSIG

WORKSHOPS were held during the morning session then verbal reports given after lunch:
Archives: Nick gave handouts on the role of the archivist, Barbara (MSIG) was among the 6 present.

Conference Delegates: A progress meeting will be held on 12th December at Malcolm's. IG's were encouraged to hold pre and post conference discussions.

Electronic Communications: Marcus explained the role to newcomer, Dina and Anne W present from MSIG

Employment/PI: A presentation was given by Chrissy (Northdowns) on the recent centenary events then by Sue (MSIG) on Employment. AA Awareness week and month (Nov) ideas were discussed. Elizabeth (MSIG) also present.

Finance: Tony and Ian K (MSIG) amongst the 4 present. Internet banking is being considered across the region.

Health: 4 present, discussed putting together a health contacts list for new HLO's.

Intergroup Chairs and Secretaries: 5 present including Alice and Catherine (MSIG). Data

protection discussed, loud and quiet voices at IG and Guidelines from York - are they being used and applied correctly

Prisons: Prison LO's will go to IG's to discuss role if required

Probation: Lesley (MSIG) reported that York now use the term 'Criminal Justice LO's for this role

Regional Representatives: 15 present including Marie and Jason (MSIG). Discussion on how to attract more members to town center meetings in some areas where attendance is falling, particularly at meetings near rehabs. Also some intergroups take a vote on admitting new groups into the IG whereas others admit them automatically. It was felt this could be a topic of general discussion for the region assembly.

Share: (5 present) Moira gave hand outs to all IG's with Share distribution stats. 2019 diaries and calendars are now available. Lesley mentioned that she always welcomes old copies of Share for prisons.

Telephones: 5 present including Peter (MSIG). 2 year lead time for changing to new 'Cloud based' telephone system. Immediate action needed in some areas to avoid disconnection. Anne (SNCC) was also present so we had 13 representatives amongst the 82 present.

Vacancies at Region:

Now: 2 alternate Conference Delegates, Young Peoples Liaison Officer, Share Magazine LO, Armed Services LO

Upcoming: Regional Treasurer, Health LO, Prisons LO and Public Information LO from November 2018

There are also various posts available at National level, please ask for a list if interested.

Nominations:

Two nominees stood for the vacant Conference Delegate post and Shirley was voted in.

PI Roadshow:

Charles R spoke about this event held on 17th June in Guildford. Concern had been expressed last assembly at the lack of prior consultation with the local IG (MSIG) before the event. This was taken on board and they will try and liaise more with IG's in future. Two further events are being planned.

Region Representatives Reports:

It was agreed that short bullet points only would be given out verbally with fuller written reports given to the secretary for publication with the minutes. Of particular note: West Sussex IG is holding a GSR workshop on 18th October with the theme 'Service'. West Kent want to purchase a laptop for general use within their IG.

Southern National Convention:

Anne reported that there were 828 attendees at this years' very successful convention.

Trustee:

Peter reported that AA has 3 income streams, Pot money, Literature and Investments. Literature about covers itself, contributions from groups are up but Pot money alone does not cover our outgoings, however we are currently in a good position financially. Upcoming projects include the 75th Anniversary convention in Leeds and upgrading the national website.

Only half of PILO roles are filled at IG level. The October 23rd House of Commons event has been well taken up with over 100 invitations accepted, more are still available.

Secretary: The 2019 assembly dates have not yet been finalized.

Chairman: The 'safeguarding' issue was discussed following the Roger Booth letter circulated to all LO's. The term 'sponsor' could be discussed further in future, not an official AA position and not a requirement for any member.

Next SE Region Assembly is 25th November 2018.

Region Reps: Marie (07527 599886); Michael (07957 125025); Jason (07854 044798) and at region@aamidsurrey.org.uk

Schools Liaison Officer Report

We have 5 talks coming up: -

Thursday, December 6th at George Abbot School, Guildford

Friday, December 7th at George Abbot School, Guildford

Friday, December 14th at Tiffin School for Boys, Kingston

Thursday, January 10th at George Abbot School, Guildford

Friday, January 11th at George Abbot School, Guildford

As Tiffin is outside the mid-Surrey area, I will contact the schools' talks co-ordinator for the SW London Inter group and liaise with her.

John H

Probation Liaison Officer Report

All is well with probation, we have been allowed to keep meetings there for another 6 months which is great news!!

There is a need for a secretary to commit to it though. If this could be put out that would be great.

Shaun

Prisons Liaison Officer Report

Coldingley Prison:

Lee Jackie and Julie run the two meetings they have each week. The meetings are Monday and Wednesday. Attendance is between 5-15 people. We could do with getting some new people to share in these meetings.

I am still awaiting clearance for this prison.

I will get Lee to tell me what literature he needs over the next couple of weeks.

Send Prison:

Angela and Angela run the meeting they have each week. The meeting is Saturday morning. Attendance is between 10-20 people. We could do with getting some new people to share in these meetings.

I am still awaiting clearance for this prison.

I will get Lee to tell me what literature he needs over the next couple of weeks.

Hope this finds everyone well.

Yours Sincerely

Darren O

Electronic Communication Liaison Officer

This is my second report as ECLO for MSIG. I am currently involved in my routine activities of maintaining www.aamidsurrey.org.uk website. I also manage MSIG officers mailboxes on 1&1 webmail. I continue regularly updating the website news and meetings sections.

November is an AA awareness month therefore the front page of our website was adjusted to include information on November AA open awareness meetings and also an advertisement for Surrey Advertiser.

Yours in fellowship Dina

Health Liaison Officer Report

This has been another busy three months including Alcohol Awareness month during November.

Mid Surrey Intergroup continues to provide literature and Starter Packs to the Alcohol Liaison Nursing Teams at St Peters Hospital Chertsey, The Royal Surrey County Hospital Guildford and Frimley Park Hospital.

I am preparing GP Information Folders for GSRs to take back to their groups. As mentioned at previous Assemblies, my aim is for each meeting to “adopt” a local GP Practice and for the GSR or another group member to visit the surgery and ideally meet with the practice manager or a member of the healthcare team. I suggest that a supply of Where to Find leaflets are also left at the surgery.

In October, I attended the Substance Misuse Treatment Provider Group. An update was presented on the new pathways in place for alcohol detoxification. An inpatient facility in Maidstone now provides 10-14 days care for clients deemed unsuitable (either due to medical or personal circumstances) for ambulatory or home detoxification.

My thanks to Elizabeth (PILO) for her work with Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who agreed for AA to hold a stand and undertake a short presentation at their Drug and Alcohol Addiction Towards Recovery event on 15 November. As it was held in Redhill, Debbie N and I were joined by an AA representative from North East Surrey Intergroup. My presentation was well received by the attendees and hopefully will result in AA being asked along to future events.

Yvette HLO Mid Surrey Intergroup

Telephone Liaison Officer Report

The telephone service in Mid-Surrey continues to be in good shape with two new responders joining the team and one leaving due to family commitments. GSO has informed all RTLOs and TLOs nationally of the arrival of the new BT Voice Cloud service, this is a fundamental departure from our current service and is the most significant change for many years. Nationally TLO's are being encouraged to change to the new cloud platform as soon as possible to avoid losing our service as the old ISDN lines are being switched off, in some cases without notice. With this in mind, I am working closely with BT to switch to the new BT Voice cloud before the New Year. In other news, Paula has booked the responders Christmas Party at the Horse and Groom Merrow on the 19th December.