

## **MSIG Liaison Officer Reports - Feb 2019**

### **Health Liaison Officer Report**

I have received feedback from a couple of the GSRs who collected AA Information packs for their meeting with a view to adopting a GP Practice nearby. I would really appreciate comments in order to audit whether this initiative has been taken forward. The Intergroup relies on the GSRs to act as an important link between the AA meetings and Assembly and to pass on information in relation to Officer Vacancies and events being held across Mid Surrey.

Another initiative that I am taking forward is to purchase and donate copies of the Big Book to the Alcohol Liaison Teams at the 3 hospitals within our Intergroup. Inside the front cover there will be a label stating that the book has been donated by the AA Mid Surrey Intergroup with contact details for the National Helpline and the Mid Surrey website.

I am also looking at the cost to advertise on one or two buses in the Guildford area. This has already been undertaken by AA in Southern Bedfordshire.

Catherine (Vice Chair), myself and others from AA attended an event at Frimley Park Hospital on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 organised by Jon E and the Alcohol Liaison Team. The aim was to attract doctors and other healthcare professionals to attend a short presentation by 2 AA speakers followed by lunch. The turnout was small but hopefully we can build on this for future events at the Postgraduate Centre which is an excellent venue.

In March I have been invited to undertake a presentation to Support Workers and Staff who help people in recovery within the community. Other invitations to talk have also been received which is again very positive.

The Where to Find Cards and Starter packs donated to the 3 Hospital Alcohol Liaison Teams continue to be popular and an important means of spreading the message to patients.

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### **Prisons Liaison Officer Report**

Both Send and Coldingley meetings are running well. Attendance is good. Both teams are doing great jobs.

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### **Schools Liaison Officer Report**

Since my last report there is going to be 1 more visit to a school on March 27 - Ash Manor. The talks at George Abbot earlier this year were well received. I will be leaving the post in June and might be able to recommend someone to take it on, but I do feel that the position needs to be absorbed into pi in general and young persons in particular, as other inter groups do.

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### **ARMED SERVICES LIAISON OFFICER**

My fourth report as MSIG ASLO covers a relatively quiet period although I have dealt with request for advice / support from other ASLOs in the South East.

Nonetheless - 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.

My main effort has been in establishing contact with my neighbouring ASLOs (where they exist) across the South East Region. This allows us to make sure that Military customers - whether individuals or Units, don't slip between the cracks of the Intergroup or Regional boundaries, and that alcoholics or Unit Health points of contact have an AA representative they can turn to. We now have an effective WhatsApp Group for the South East ASLOs which can help us to also support each other.

I have maintained my contacts with the Health and Wellbeing Point of Contact in Headquarters 11 Brigade based in Aldershot. (The HQ responsible for Army Units across the MSIG area and the South-East Region).

I would be grateful if 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'. MSIG PI will support but grateful if anyone else interested in supporting would contact me at the below email address

Yours in Fellowship

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### **Telephones Liaison Officer Report**

The telephone service has been running well recently with two new responders starting since the beginning of the year. I attended region at the end of January and chaired the telephone workshop, which was both well attended and productive. The focus of the workshop was on the switch to the new BT Voice Cloud system from our existing ISDN line system, Northdown is the first Intergroup to have started working with the new system and report excellent results, MSIG will be switching in March to the new system. Finally, Annette P has kindly volunteered to finish cleaning up the MSIG 12 step list.

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### **Vice-chairman Report**

There was a workshop on Conference Questions 2019 held in the Quaker Hall, Guildford, during the evening of Wednesday 30 January 2019. The aim of the evening was for those present to better understand the background and relevance of the questions in order then discuss them meaningfully at group level – we were reminded that our Fellowship is ‘led’ by the members and that even the quietest views need to be heard and acknowledged. Two conference delegates, Shirley S and Bob S, ably and clearly presented the questions and answered many and varied enquiries about them.

The next event will be a screening of the film of Bill W. on the Traditions. The film lasts an hour and there will be time for discussion after we have watched it. It is hoped to show the film during April out with the school holidays – I should have details of date, timings and venue at the March Assembly.

Catherine

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### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON OFFICER**

I am currently involved in my routine activities of maintaining [www.aamidsurrey.org.uk](http://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.

The website has been adjusted last month to raise the awareness of GSRs to discuss the Conference Question 2019 in their groups. I have placed a banner on the front page that has a link to Conference Questions Page where fellow AAs and GSRs can get all the information required as well as submit their answers to the questions.

I am producing the promotional A5 folder stand for the website. It is going to be distributed among GSRs to place on the front tables of their meetings.

At MSIG Committee meeting we discussed the various possibilities of drawing attention of search engines to ensure our website appears on top of their search lists. I am going to be working on this issue in the near future.

We have also discussed the ways we could promote various service positions that Committee requires to fill now and in future. One of the options was to use the website as promotional engine for Committee posts. I am going to be working on this in the coming months.

Yours in fellowship Dina

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