

39th Meeting of Derbyshire IG Agenda

3pm June 5, Flamsteed Centre, Ilkeston

Those attending

Heather Chairperson, Long Eaton Tuesday
Liz Treasurer, Matlock
Chas Regional Delegate, Ashbourne
Dianne Telephone Liaison Officer
Val Acting GSR Ashbourne
Hayley GSR Ripley
Roger GSR Sawmills
Dean GSR Belper
Mac GSR Ilkeston Friday

1 Welcome, Preamble

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Geraldine, Jez Ingrid Carina Wendy.

3 Matters arising;

none

4 Conference feedback

Mac read the questions and Chas read the draft feedback. The final version of the feedback will be sent to groups in the Service News, the draft version was attached to the agenda for this meeting. Some of the recommendations gave rise to discussion and to a decision by IG to take the following action:-

***** Action for GSRs from Conference recommendations*****

- 1) Ask your group when/if they would like to use Service as a topic for the focus of a meeting.**
- 2) Check that your group has updated the pink form that is sent to GSO notifying them of the group details; time, venue, open/closed, and officer details, including the address to which they should send Service News. If your group is not receiving the copies of Service News every quarter then it is up to you to check that GSO knows where to send them so that you receive them in future. Please also encourage members of the group to read and discuss the contents of the Service News, particularly as this is the response to the Conference questions they discussed in January.**
- 3) IG is buying every group a copy of the 'Home Group' leaflet so that every group is clear about what a Home Group is and how the group and**

individual work within our structure. Please come and collect your copy at the next IG meeting.

- 4) MONEY. We need to take better care of our money, the whole group is responsible for checking the financial health of the group. In particular, GSRs should check the pot count at the end of the meeting with the Treasurer and write the amount in the book, and GSRs are jointly responsible for ensuring that ONLY a prudent reserve is kept (1 months expenses), and large amounts of group money are not sitting around as cash as in private bank accounts of individuals.**
- 5) The national survey from GSO will be coming out in the near future (possibly before next IG). It is essential that GSRs check you will get the forms for this from GSO (Check the pink form is up to date, see action 2) and please monitor carefully to make sure that the instructions about how to complete them are followed properly.**

5 Treasurer's report

Attached in full, with the accounts, to this email.

There was discussion about Service expenses, largely centring on prison travel expenses. It was agreed that the current level of expenditure, about £600 per year, was acceptable and sustainable at present. The recent request to groups to check their balances and clear large amounts out had resulted in a much healthier position money wise and we were extremely glad to be able to send £1000 to Region, our first contribution towards the running of the Fellowship in a very long time.

There was a request made for PI and prison expenses to be broken down into details in future, IG agreed that this would be a good idea as all aspects of finance within the structure should be transparent.

6 PI report

Report attached to this email.

As the PI officer was not present, and due to time constraints, discussion about possibly setting up a PI committee, and a list of potential speakers, was postponed to next IG meeting. As a result of this, the PI report needs to be changed to omit the statement that Derbyshire IG is implementing a PI committee, for the Region meeting tomorrow. Chas was asked to facilitate this.

7 Telephone service update

Dianne, the new TLO, attended the IG meeting and was voted in as TLO. She expanded on her report, which was attached to the agenda, and was thanked for her hard work in implementing the new system with groups taking responsibility for sponsoring people onto the telephone responder or 12 Step list. This was rolled out in June.

There is also a new answer-phone number for the helpline, as the old land line was found to be a premium business number and expensive. The current answer-phone is a mobile costing £7.50, and free to pick up messages left. There are other advantages to

the mobile; it is easily passed to someone else if the officer in charge of overnight messages is on holiday, and we can monitor the number of calls made to the helpline where no message is left.

There was discussion about the helpline operating hours, as there are several gaps in the rota at present and current reserves do not want to take on permanent slots. There are very few calls made between midnight and 8am, one missed call in the last 2 weeks. Some IGs operate their helplines over 24 hours, some do 10am to 10pm, some do 6:30pm to 10:30pm.

*****ACTION FOR GSRs*****

Discuss with your groups when our telephone helpline is open, which is 8am to midnight at present, because the telephone committee will be meeting after next IG and would like to know what the groups think of the hours in case any changes need to be made.

Ask if anyone would like to be a Derbyshire rep on the committee, 1 year's sobriety necessary.

Bring the following vacancies on the rota to the attention of your groups;

Monday 8am-12

Wednesday 12-4pm from August

Wednesday 4pm-8

Thursday 8pm-midnight from July 1st

Friday 12-4pm

Sunday 8am-12 12-4

Also, 12 Steppers needed for Buxton (we have none at all), Ripley (no female ones on list), Ilkeston (no female ones on list), Burton (no male ones on list), Bakewell (No male ones on list) Matlock (no male ones on list).

8 AOB

--Sudbury prison, (open, male), needs new people on rota, 2 years sobriety required, contact Lisa- lisa.woodward1@sky.com

--New meetings;

Long Eaton 7:30 Friday St John's Church hall, College St Long Eaton Notts NG10 4AGA – Big Book meeting

Ripley 7:30 Monday Methodist Church Wood St Ripley (as before)

Woodborough Road 8pm Friday same venue as Weds meeting, Big Book meeting

--A letter from Notts/Leics IG to the Midlands Region secretary was read out and everyone was asked to give their view. The letter asked that Midlands Region reconsider the venue for their meetings as the current venue is inaccessible by public transport.

One member said that they had been unable to attend the Region's previous venue even though it was on a bus route, as the journey by public transport took over 3 hours one way. Other members said that it had been agreed by Region that anyone unable to attend because of transport could claim taxi fares, and that the previous venue had been costly in terms of parking fees for most attendees. Most people attending travel long distances so every aspect of the venue needs to be taken into account, everyone felt that Region would be best placed to know what venue would suit most of its members best. The answer to the letter from Derbyshire IG was agreed unanimously as follows

"Region itself is the best body to decide the venue for the Region meetings, and Derbyshire Intergroup has every confidence that Region will give consideration to holding its meetings in a place which offers most accessibility to the most people possible."

Date and time of next meeting; **September 11, 3pm Flamsteed Centre.**

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE

Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire Intergroups
TLO report

During the past 12 months Mid Trent Intergroup has ceased to exist and their groups have become affiliated with Derbyshire Intergroup.

The implementation of Guideline 6 that responders and 12 steppers should be chosen with care and endorsed through an agreed Intergroup procedure was delegated by the 2 Intergroups to the Telephone Committee. This was done by a system of group sponsorship into service. All groups were circulated and Responders, reserves and 12 Steppers were re sponsored or newly sponsored into service. The new system, based on this group sponsorship is due to be rolled out for June 1st.

The system brought forward many new people to service but a few former responders and 12 steppers have not, to date, been re sponsored back in. We are anticipating this to be a rolling programme where groups will continue to sponsor in new people and returners.

The Telephone Committee is currently investigating the use of a mobile phone for overnight answerphone messages to take away the need for an answerphone landline fixed in one location. We hope that this will give more flexibility to the service.

The current Telephone Committee of 4 come from both Intergroups and divide responsibility into:

- 1 Acting TLO with responsibility for the Helpline rota and the Reserve responder list
- 2 12 Step list
- 3 Literature requests
- 4 Answermachine