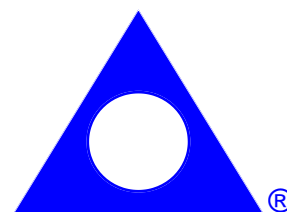


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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT NEWS SO PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT IN FULL TO YOUR GROUPS. **IT'S BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING TIME FOR AL-ANON.**

Dear Members,

Here's an update on the latest General Service Board (GSB) meeting, held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds on 25th & 26th January, with all serving Trustees in attendance.

New Trustees. The Board welcomed two new Trustees. Liz Pritchard as Chair of the Executive Committee/Vice Chair of the GSB and Angela Brice is the new Regional Trustee for England West and South Wales. Pete Colton was co-opted onto the General Service Board as Trustee at Large with responsibility for PI.

PI Campaign. The Board heard an update on The Untold Story campaign, which has been a great success, with widespread coverage, an increase in awareness via social media and enthusiastic support from the membership. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to raising Al-Anon's profile. **A reminder – please remember to report your local PI efforts to the PI desk at GSO. We love to hear your success stories.**

PI Task Force. A task force is being set up to explore ways to build on the success of the PI Campaign and to look at how the PI Committee can best serve Al-Anon's needs. The task force will be chaired by a Trustee at Large with responsibility for PI. Enquiries about joining the task force should go to officemanager@al-anonuk.org.uk.

Website. The new website has also proved to be popular, despite a few "glitches" on the members' page, which are currently being ironed out. The combination of the new website and the PI campaign resulted in a corresponding increase of calls to the helpline during November and December.

New Phone Number. While the new phone number is receiving the bulk of the calls, the old number is still working and will continue to be in operation in the immediate future.

eResponders . The higher volume of enquiries means Al-Anon needs more eResponders to cope with answering queries. If you feel able to help with this rewarding area of service, please contact respond@al-anonuk.org.uk.

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IAGSM. Al-Anon UK & Eire submitted a bid to host the 2020 IAGSM (International Al-Anon General Services Meeting) in London, which was successful. A host committee is being set up to liaise with the World Service Office International Conference Committee (ICC) in the run up to the event.

Conference 2019. The next UK & Eire Service Conference 6th-8th September at Hinsley Hall Leeds will be our 50th Anniversary Conference. The theme is "Service - The Hidden Diamond in Recovery". The equalised fee was agreed at £427.

2019 PI magazine. The Editorial Committee is looking for shares from professionals to go in the biannual PI magazine. If you know any health professionals who would be willing to talk about their experience of signposting people to Al-Anon, please contact The Editor via GSO on pi@al-anonuk.org.uk

Charity Status in Eire. The GSB reported that solicitors in the UK and Ireland are continuing the process of bringing Family Groups Limited into compliance with Irish charity law.

Trustee Vacancies. The following are the Trustee at Large and Regional Trustee vacancies to serve for a three-year term from January 2020:

Regional Trustee, Scotland
Regional Trustee, England South & East
Regional Trustee, Ireland North
Chairman, PI Committee
Chairman, Editorial Committee
Chairman, Conference Committee.

Application forms and further information about any of the above vacancies are available from GSO and your Area Delegate. Deadline for applications to reach GSO is 14th May 2019.

TEAM Events. A number of TEAM events are scheduled to take place in the first half of 2019. Area 27 plans to run a day in Coatbridge on 23rd March; Area 30 will hold one in Omagh on 13th April, and Area 17 in Inverness on 8th June.

Yours in fellowship



Susie Little
Chairman
General Service Board