

NAWRA

Committee meeting – 6 December 2018 – Durham Town Hall

Present: Daphne (chair); Corin, Craig, Tom, Terry, Julie, Alan, Kelly (minutes)

Apologies: Atif, Maureen, Juan

Communications and publicity

- **Alan, Daphne and Gareth** to re-organise website resources
- **Julie** to ask Kathryn and Scott if they would like to write an edition of the NAWRA newsletter based on their workshop topic
- **Tom** to draft FAQs on UC and send link to Kelly for circulation
- **Corin** to circulate Steve Johnson's leaflet on claiming legacy benefits instead of UC
- **Tom** to circulate Wrexham's leaflet on claiming legacy benefits instead of UC
- **Kelly** to upload CPAG's DWP escalation routes document to website and circulate link to members by email
- **Daphne** to write a NAWRA newsletter on managed migration to UC
- **Corin** to circulate the flowchart on the circumstances when someone can or cannot claim UC. **Tom** to send Corin the Wrexham version.
- **Corin** to write an edition of the NAWRA newsletter on safeguarding provisions
- **Kelly** to ask members for volunteers to write an edition of the NAWRA newsletter
- **Craig** to send Kelly the blurb about NAWRA having signed up as a member of Poverty Alliance

Governance

- **Gareth, Zoey and Tom** to set up an accreditation and peer review 'task and finish' group.
- **Kelly** to finalise wording of membership benefits statement and update website
- **Kelly** to create new membership joining form for 2019/20 with new agreed membership rates and structure
- **Alan** to finalise review of constitution, get committee approval and upload amended version to website
- **Terry** to draft a manifesto for NAWRA and circulate to committee members for comment
- **Kelly** to note reciprocal membership agreement with Deaf Blind Scotland

Policy and campaigns

- **Corin** to meet with Marsha de Cordova MP and Margaret Greenwood MP on 24 Jan to discuss particular concerns about UC and disabled people. **Daphne** to email Sue Royston and copy Corin in.
- **Corin** to draft email to members asking for specific case examples of clients who have been forced to claim UC following a bereavement and have lost out on transitional protection as a result. Corin to continue to work with Ruth George MP via the APPG on UC.

- **Daphne** to draft letter to the new work and pensions minister, Amber Rudd to introduce NAWRA and highlight our key concerns about UC
- **Craig** to draft update on work on SCoWR (including information on proposed name change) and Alan/Daphne to circulate to members in Scotland
- **Julie** to send statistics on Tribunals from FOI request to Terry

Finance

All (but especially **Tom!**) to send expense claims to Kelly before 31 March 2019

Future meetings

- **Craig** to investigate the possibility of holding a meeting in Dundee in September 2019
- **Daphne** to investigate and encourage meeting hosts in south west England (and/or Brighton) for 2020
- **Corin** to investigate and encourage meeting host in Canterbury
- **Terry** to promote the Salford meeting on 1 March 2019 to GMWRAG members and encourage them to attend and join NAWRA as individual organisations.

Next meeting: 2pm on Thurs 28 Feb 2019 in Salford (location TBC)