

NAWRA

Committee meeting – 28 February 2019 – Manchester

Present: Alan (chair), Atif, Daphne, Zoey, Juan, Craig, Tom, Terry, Kelly (minutes)

Apologies: Maureen, Corin, Julie, Gareth

Communications and publicity

- **Alan** 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.
- **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.
- **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, and follow up with workshop facilitators.
- **Kelly** to ask members for quotes for the website joining form.
- **Alan** to investigate paying for a more customisable website.
- **Kelly** to send NAWRA leaflets to committee members to distribute locally.

Governance

- **Gareth, Zoey and Tom** to continue their accreditation and peer review 'task and finish' group, including awarding CPD points to members who attend meetings. **Kelly** to keep attendance list spreadsheets. **Craig** to send Scottish standards information to Zoey. **Tom** and **Gareth** to look at quality standards in Wales.
- **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.
- **Daphne** to circulate email from Durham about case management systems.

Policy and campaigns

- **Corin** to update the committee on her meeting with Marsha de Cordova MP and Margaret Greenwood MP on 24 Jan.
- **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.
- **Alan** to send a follow up letter to our as-yet-unanswered letter to Amber Rudd.
- **Craig** to recommend 'Scottish Campaign on Rights to Social Security' as the new name for SCoWR.
- **Julie** to send statistics on Tribunals from FOI request to Terry.

- **All** to consider the idea of NAWRA commissioning research on recognising the value of advice.

Finance

- **All** (but especially **Tom!**) to send expense claims to Kelly asap.
- **Daphne** to talk to Leigh Day about becoming members.

Future meetings

- **Craig** to investigate the possibility of holding a meeting in Edinburgh 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.
- **Juan** to investigate the possibility of a meeting in Nottingham in 2020.

Next meeting: 2pm on 6 June 2019 in London (location to be confirmed)