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March, 2018, marked the start of a new era for NAPA. For the first time since 1942 the organisation represented only the independently-managed Approved Premises and not those managed by the National Probation Service. The cross-fertilisation of experiences and ideas between managers in both groups on a national level is a loss which we regret. From April, 2018, NAPA was no longer funded directly by H. M. Government, but by subscriptions paid by the ten IAPs. It was a time to re-think our structure and we commissioned guidance from a consultant, which now points to our becoming a Community Interest Company. This arrangement will provide a firmer legal framework, will make banking easier and provide protection for the Trustees/Directors.

During the year we have held three meetings for IAP members in London. These have proved useful as a forum for the exchange of information, and for discussion of current issues. Members of the AP team in the Ministry of Justice have joined us, which has been a very productive and helpful development.

We held our Annual Conference and AGM in Wales in July. It was attended by managers and Trustees with Claire Martin and Lisa MacKenzie from the National AP team in attendance. We had a presentation on Governance, and on the effects of trauma. Becky Hart gave the keynote speech about her work in liaising with the Prison and Probation Ombudsman about deaths, and the reporting of them, in APs.

Our Director Peter Faill has delivered free training events, at which the topics covered have been:

Purposeful activities

Risk of harm awareness

Drug and alcohol issues

Dealing with aggressive and violent behaviour

Suicide and self-harm

Monitoring and managing sex offenders

Working with women sex offenders

These sessions have all been well-received and appreciated, to judge from the feedback forms. New training packages are being prepared for future years.

NAPA has valued the invitation to attend the bi-monthly Continuous Improvement AP Reference Group on behalf of the independent sector. This connection has proved a useful conduit with the NPS.

I am most grateful to Peter Faill, our Director, for leading and administering our work. We all value his energy and commitment. I also wish to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their wise counsel, enthusiasm and willingness to give their time. During the year, we were sorry to lose John Kuhrt, of the West London Mission, who left for a post at the Home Office; he had been an invaluable help as Vice-Chairman. At the end of the year, Chris Gelder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Newcastle left upon his retirement. He will be much missed for the energy and sensible guidance he provided for NAPA over many years.

We continue to be grateful to our Treasurer Ken Starnes for keeping the accounts in immaculate order.

Let us also record our thanks to Lynda Marginson, who as the NPS lead for APs supported NAPA, and to Becky Hart, Claire Martin and Lisa MacKenzie, of the Ministry of Justice, for all their help.

NAPA is now well prepared for a different future and, we are confident, is capable of providing helpful service and continued support to all independent APs.

Jill Dilks
Chairman

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