



Annual General Meeting
21st March 2016
Report of Chair of the Trustees.

Trustees held a teleconference in May 2015 during which a change of Chair of the Board of Trustees took place. Alleyn Wilson stood down and Jane Shears was nominated into the role. Terry Bamford kindly agreed to remain as secretary until the next AGM. I would like to formally record my thanks to all the Trustees for their support and commitment to SPN.

A face to face meeting took place in November 2015.

The joint BASW/SPN event held in March 2015 to celebrate World Social Work Day was reviewed and felt by attendees to have been a worthwhile conference. There was a small financial loss on the day, which was largely met by BASW.

SPN has been actively involved in a number of national initiatives:

- The IFSW Europe conference in Edinburgh in September 2015
- Commission for Acute Inpatient Care
- Think Ahead – curriculum development and recruitment of Practice Specialists
- The All Party Parliamentary Group on Mental Health Social Work

Forthcoming activities include:

- The Commission for people with a diagnosis of personality disorder
- Discussions with the (ex) College of Social Faculty members and the BASW Mental Health Reference group re: future options for collaboration
- Working with BASW to encourage their active engagement with people who use services and their carers
- The Chair of Trustees and the Chair of the Executive Committee to meet and explore developing a workplan

Recent reports show that there are considerable challenges in achieving person-centred services. I hope that throughout 2016 SPN continues to work to influence mental health policy and practice from a social perspective.

Jane Shears

Chair of Board of Trustees