

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Housing and Wellbeing Committee – 2 December 2021

Name of Meeting:	West Sussex Mediation Service
Date of Meeting:	7 October 2021
Report by:	Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper
Committee:	Housing & Wellbeing Committee
<p>I attended the AGM of the West Sussex Mediation Service on 7 October 2021.</p> <p>The financial report gave a rather pleasing outcome for this financial year, which has been full of challenges.</p> <p>Income plummeted, but the staff worked tirelessly to access pots of emergency funding through the pandemic. The Trustee board is working hard to protect the charity from future risk exposure due to lack of funding by donors, and work is being undertaken to produce a broader funding strategy</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner's office continues to provide roughly 25% of core funding with the referrals increasing. Last year saw a sharp increase from 54 referrals to 90, maybe driven by many more people being at home and having an effect on neighbourly relations. This upward trend is continuing.</p> <p>The Annual report is full of great excerpts from the year and the many ways the mediator's adapted and still managed to resolve issues.</p> <p>Of note is that Arun accounted for 21 cases split relatively evenly from the East and West of the District.</p>	

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<p>I attended a networking meeting on 23 November to share information, ideas and a bit of networking.</p> <p>We had updates on the statistics and priorities of the different areas and learned that there were quite varied priorities throughout Sussex</p> <p>There is new legislation going through regarding the Serious Violence Duty and CSP's will have a statutory duty to share and receive information with multi-agency partners to enhance collaboration to produce a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence.</p> <p>We also received briefings on the Violence Reduction Partnership, the Safer in Sussex Community Fund and Restorative Justice programme.</p>	

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