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SUSSEX PARTNERSHIP BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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BRANCHING OUT

February AGM Brings Big Changes to Branch Committee



MOST NOTABLE WAS THE DEPARTURE of longstanding Branch Secretary Peter Atkinson (pictured, right, at recent Junior Doctors picket). Peter oversaw the merger of three branches during the formation of Sussex Partnership. He has been a dedicated and diligent officer who has gone way beyond the call of duty in representing the Branch through difficult times in

the NHS. Thankfully Peter remains active in the Branch in his other officer and staff side roles and will continue to lead in representing our West Sussex and Hampshire members. Taking over from Peter is Nick McMaster (pictured, centre) Comms Officer and Lead Steward in Brighton & Hove.

"It is a real honour to be leading our vibrant Branch. I hope to continue Peter's good work but also have plans to make your union an important part of your working life by engaging more of you more often."

Nick, new Branch Secretary

Other AGM News in Short

Stephen McLean a nurse at Rutland Gardens, Hove is our new Branch Chair as well as International Officer.

Our vacant Treasurer's post was finally filled by John Hewitt, Membership Secretary.

Brighton Shasha has joined our committee as our first ever Education Coordinator and joint Equalities Officer, focusing on BME issues.

All other posts remain the same. A poster is included in this newsletter.

We still have vacancies for Branch Committee posts. Drop us a line if you want to know more!

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Branch votes & celebrates @ the Amex!



NEWS IN BRIEF..... NEWS IN BRIEF..... NEWS IN BRIEF..... NEWS IN BRIEF..... NEWS IN BRIEF.....

PRIDE IN UNISON: UNISON IN PRIDE! After last year's amazing experience, Branch wishes to enter Brighton Pride this year (Date for your diary Sat 6th August). But to do so we really need volunteers to help organiser Sarah Young. This is not a one woman job! All volunteers will get priority front seats on the open top bus! Drop us a line if you are interested and want to find out more.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS: When we email many of you, loads of emails bounce back that are not to do with out of office assistant. If you have a colleague that doesn't receive emails from us, get them to contact our membership secretary john.hewitt@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk



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