



GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER GIVES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK TRUSTED SERVANTS ON THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD DO ON THEIR BEHALF, SO I AM ASKING ALL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO THEIR GROUP BY READING THIS LETTER IN FULL

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Dear Members,

I would like to update you with what happened at the most recent General Service Board (GSB) meeting held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th July 2026. All Trustees were present.

Reports: The Annual Reports from the Chairperson of the GSB, Chairpersons of the Standing Committees (Conference, GSB Nominating Committee, PI, Editorial, Alateen), the IAGSM Delegate and the General Secretary were received, discussed and approved for inclusion in the Conference Brochure. They will also be published in the Conference Summary. Interim Reports from the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and Regional Trustees were also received, discussed and approved.

Finance: The Annual Accounts were approved. The current financial position is as expected.

Conference: The Conference agenda and supporting papers were approved.

Public Information (PI): It was decided to not to launch the next campaign until Conference 2027. This will allow more time to use additional resources to improve the impact of the campaign. In the meantime, shares are still required to support the current campaign 'You are not alone!'.

If you have not already done so, please complete the UK & Eire membership survey at <https://us8.list-manage.com/survey?u=8fe25009c590f76d492c761a9&id=1a9e0c42a5>

Annual Record Check (ARC): 38% of ARCs have been returned to GSO to date. Please complete this important form for your Group.

Editorial: The Chairperson of the Editorial Committee expressed gratitude to members for sending in their shares for *Al-Anon Today*. The spring and summer edition are available to download via the members' area of the website, and it was noted that adding the [Al-Anon Today](#) link to a phone's home screen allows quick and easy access to Al-Anon's free online magazine. The Editorial Committee are in the process of producing the autumn edition and members are warmly invited to submit shares via www.al-anonuk.org.uk/share/.

Conference Approved Literature (CAL): *UKG1 Taking a Group Inventory* was reviewed and updated.

Breach of copyright was discussed. For clarification see UK & Eire Service Manual page 126 and FAQs on the website at <https://al-anonuk.org.uk/getting-help/frequently-asked-questions/reprint-permission-when-quoting-cal/>.

Safeguarding Policies: The Safeguarding Policy, The Safeguarding Children Policy UK and the Safeguarding Children Policy Eire were updated. These documents can be found at the bottom of the homepage of the website.

Young People in Al-Anon: No updates have been received from professionals regarding the minimum age requirement to attend Al-Anon meetings.

Alateen: The Board was updated on feedback from the World Service Conference regarding online Alateen meetings. More information will be given at Conference.

Helpline/eResponders: GSO staff can no longer cover shifts where there are no volunteers to answer the Helpline. The Board appreciate the time that current volunteers devote to the Service, however the need for more members to come forward is now urgent. Please contact GSO at admin@al-anonuk.org.uk for more information about joining the Service.

Al-Anon Family Groups Company Limited by Guarantee (AFG CLG): The Executive Committee of AFG CLG was recognised as part of the UK & Eire Service Structure by the GSB. No candidates came forward for the two vacancies for AFG CLG Trustee.

Executive Committee for Property Management (ECPM): The ECPM needs new members. The Committee's primary role is to oversee the maintenance and management of the property housing GSO. Ideally you need experience in maintenance, property management, or a related field. If you live in reasonable travelling distance of GSO, are available for visits during office hours as needed, and would like further information please contact enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk.

GSB Nominating Committee: The following applications were received, graded and approved by GSB and will be presented at Conference for traditional approval.

- Treasurer
- RT, Ireland South, South East & South Midlands (three-year term)

No applications were received for the other vacancies, therefore vacancies for 2028 are:

- Chairperson, Public Information Committee (two-year term)
- RT, England North & North Wales (two-year term)
- RT, Ireland West, North East and North Midlands (three-year term)
- Chairperson, Executive Committee (three-year term)
- RT England West & South Wales (three-year term)

Yours in fellowship,

Liz Pritchard, Chairperson of the General Service Board