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Dear SUF Member,

This is my regular letter following our December board meeting to keep you up to date about SUF's work.

Let me begin by wishing you a belated happy new year and all the best for 2022.

We held our AGM in November last year. Thank you if you were able to join us online. It is always heartening to look back at the previous year and reflect on how much SUF has achieved, especially with such a small but very dedicated team. If you missed the AGM and would like to read the Impact Report you can [find it online here](#). The AGM also gave us all a chance to thank everyone involved in SUF for their brilliant work. Of course, SUF is first and first a membership organisation so I would particularly like to say thank you for your support over the past year. It is your feedback and encouragement which makes SUF unique in giving a voice to service users in Suffolk. I hope that at our next AGM it will be possible for members to choose whether to attend in person or online according to their preference.

Our December board meeting took place just before Christmas and the main focus was on planning our finances for the new financial year (2022/23) which starts in April. Like any charity, quite a lot of time has to be spent raising funds. It is time-consuming but vital work that goes on behind the scenes. We hope to be clearer on where we stand in the next few weeks and will keep you informed.

At the time of writing, we are waiting to hear the outcome of the advocacy service commissioning process. We expect to find out the result shortly and let you know as soon as we hear.



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Staff at many local organisations have been affected by various bugs (not just Covid) that are going around at the moment and we have been affected too but it is a great credit to the team that, despite everything, our Healthy Together support has continued, and we receive very positive feedback from people who use the service. Our suicide prevention work has also been able to carry on thanks to the hard work of staff.

We will shortly be stepping up our plans to recruit more trustees to the board. If you would like to find out more about our vacancies or perhaps know someone who you think would be interested, you can find out more about the role by [clicking here](#).

That's all for this month. I will write again after our January 2021 board meeting.

Best wishes,

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Chair of SUF board of trustees

