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Dear SUF Community Member,

Here is my regular update from the board of trustees which I hope you will find interesting.

### *New contract for our peer advocacy service*

First of all, I am delighted to report that SUF's inpatient peer advocacy service has been funded for another three years. Suffolk Advocacy Service is a new partnership made up of POhWER (a national organisation) and three long-established and experienced local advocacy providers Ace Anglia, Suffolk Family Carers and Suffolk User Forum. The contract started this month and so if you use inpatient services you will start to see the new information leaflets and posters on the wards. You can find out more about the service on our website [suffolkuserforum.co.uk/advocacy/](http://suffolkuserforum.co.uk/advocacy/). We know from your feedback how much people value James Woolnough's (SUF's peer advocacy worker) visits to the wards, and we are very pleased to be able to continue delivering this important peer advocacy service to mental health inpatients.

### *Welcome to our new trustees*

You may remember that earlier in the year we advertised for people interested in joining the board of trustees. I am pleased to write now to say that last month we welcomed two new trustees to the board. Brian Turner and Andrew Good bring with them many years' experience and insight into mental health issues and services. We're preparing brief biographies which will be published on the SUF trustee page shortly. Don't forget that you can find out about all our trustees including their declarations of interests by visiting our website [suffolkuserforum.co.uk/our-trustees/](http://suffolkuserforum.co.uk/our-trustees/)

We do still need a treasurer trustee with a background in accountancy or book-keeping and so will continue our recruitment efforts for that vacancy. If you know anyone who might be interested please do let them have the link to our vacancies page [suffolkuserforum.co.uk/vacancies/](http://suffolkuserforum.co.uk/vacancies/)



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## *Recruitment starts for the Healthy Together project*

As you may remember from my earlier letters, we have been working hard to roll out the Healthy Together project which supports people living with severe mental health problems to get access to the physical health support that they need. We're in the process of recruiting now but still have vacancies for the part-time posts of project coordinator and peer support worker. All the information is on our vacancies page [suffolkuserforum.co.uk/vacancies/](https://suffolkuserforum.co.uk/vacancies/)

That's all for this month. I will write again in May but in the meantime, I hope that you are enjoying the spring weather.

Yours sincerely,

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SUF Chair.

