

DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee June 2017 North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Update

National Drugs Strategy

The strategy is being finalised and this will inform new local drugs task forces strategies and structures.

Dail legislation

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act started in July 2016 on Tablet regulation with respect to street-dealing 'Benzos and Zimmos' was signed by Minister of State Catherine Byrne TD, taking effect after much local effort. NICDATF welcome this change. Drug Injecting Centres legislation has passed in May. It is expected that a tender process will be used for establishing a city centre location. A process of on-going relevant stakeholders, including community, is likely to be attached to requirements.

Community Policing Forum

The Community Policing Forum has met five times; 2 sub-groups have been tasked to undertake work relating to report and current local drugs-related issues are being raised and addressed.

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

The Task Force has met four times since this last meeting and will meet next week. Emergency homeless accommodation service of families and the long-term impact on children's mental health continues to cause concern and impacts on projects working with those families. Criteria and protocols on detox beds and residential rehab beds are being further questioned. NICDATF overall Annual Report of 2016 was submitted to Department of Health.

'Recovery Academy Ireland' is awaiting date to present to the Committee in 2017

Taoiseach's Task Force

An office has been set up in Seán MacDermott Street and an implementation body is being established.

North Inner City Initiative 2016

This was undertaken by NICADTF and Projects in last quarter of 2016. This provided an initial amount of money (€100,000) to 15 projects for immediate focused work with individuals, families and groups affected by the drug-related activity in North Inner City.

See summary below.

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Pillar :	Prevention/Education	
Project Code	Project Name	Approved amount
NIC-18	CASPr - Community After Schools Project 10 week course for 130 children aged 5 – 11 (17% of these experiencing substance misuse at home)	€6,000
NIC-19	ASESP - After Schools Education and Support Programme Additional youth support activities	€6,000
NIC2-16	HIV Ireland HIV, HEP C, Sexual Health, drug awareness training and Health testing.	€5,000
NIC2B-2	BeLonG To – LGBT outreach and drug/alcohol misuse support Drug awareness programme for LGBT target groups	€5,000
Dept. of Health	AOSOG Take affected children and families on Family Days	€6,000

Pillar :	Treatment & Rehabilitation	
NIC-3a	The Snug – Counselling and Support Range of additional supports including	€8,000
NIC-3b	Chrysalis - Drug Service Programme to introduce and promote Peer Work	€8,000
NIC-16	UISCE – Service User Forum Rights Promotion for People Who Use Drugs	€5,000
HSE funded	ACRG Education and training on drug free adult programme	€8,000
NIC2-14	Deora – Counselling, Bereavement and Family loss Additional counseling hours	€8,000
NIC2-15	Gateway – Training and support for female Drug users Mindfulness programme for women in Gateway.	€3,000
NIC2-26 C/I	SAOL – Training and support for female drug users Programme on safety in locality and Trauma Informed Care	€8,000
NIC2-27 C/I	Crinan – evening service for under 18 drug users Supports: Increase and extend evening service hours for young people and provide extra supports for bereaved parents	€8,000
NIC-11	HOPE – Individual & Family support Holistic drop-in to support approx. 50 extra people /families.	€8,000

Pillar :	Supply Reduction	
NIC-23	NEIC Community Policing Forum Extra hours in relation to advocacy for work around increased intimidation issues for local families	€8,000
NICDATF	15 Project Actions	€100,000