

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

***National Drugs Strategy***

The strategy was launched in July 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 put in place and remains to be tested through initial court cases that are pending.

***Medically-Supervised Drug Injecting Centres***

A tendering process is under way. Coordinator attended Minister's attendance at Dublin City Joint Policing Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> September, where she addressed questions and she is willing to take further questions. Once a City Centre location has been selected, a local consultation will follow.

***North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force***

The Task Force has met twice since this last meeting and will meet again in October. The increase in the prevalence of Crack Cocaine continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation. Emergency homeless accommodation service of families and related issues continue to impact on drug projects vulnerable client group.

***Community Policing Forum***

The Community Policing Forum has met a number of times and is liaising with NEIC Taoiseach's Initiative.

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