

5th December 2017

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 11th December 2017

National Drugs Strategy

The new national structures of the strategy are being established and these will inform new local drugs task forces strategies and structures.

Dáil legislation

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act started in July 2016 on Tablet regulation with respect to street-dealing 'Benzos and Zimmos' are to be fully tested through recent court cases.

Medically-Supervised Drug Injecting Centres

Process is delayed and now requires the selected locations to have appropriate planning permission.

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force has met twice since this last meeting and will meet again in December.

The increase in the prevalence of ***Street Crack Cocaine*** continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation.

Ana Liffey Drugs Project are commencing an information campaign to alert people to risks of Street Crack Cocaine. Workshops will also be held with local project staff and peer volunteers.

UISCE has been successful in having the ***Office of the Press Ombudsman*** address the issue of derogatory reporting and demeaning of 'People Who Use Drugs' and the Ombudsman has issued an advisory note to all local & national newspaper editors.

Emergency homeless accommodation services for families and related issues continue to impact on drug projects' vulnerable client group.

NEIC Community Policing Forum (NICDATF) has met a number of times, continues to engage with local residents and Garda Síochána and is engaged with NEIC Public Implementation Team through Drugs & Crime committee. Halloween Festival was seen as a very successful event in offering alternatives in local area and is expected to be repeated.

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