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6th March, 2018.

Minister Charlie Flanagan T.D.
Minister for Justice & Equality.
Department for Justice & Equality
51 St. Stephens Green,
Dublin 2.

Re: Proposed Medically Supervised Centre at Merchant's Quay.

Dear Minister,

At a meeting of the Dublin South Central Joint Policing Committee of the 26th of February two specific issues were raised by the members, namely:-

- (a) The members wanted me to convey to you their serious concerns regarding the proposed opening of the medically supervised centre at Merchant's Quay as they feel there is an over saturation of outreach, hubs and homeless units in the South West Inner City area. They have queried how the Gardaí are to implement the legislation to deal with the antisocial measures around this issue and requests the Minister to issue clarity on this matter.
- (b) The members noted the large number of vacancies within the Garda Síochana in the South Central Area and requested that all existing vacancies be filled as a matter of urgency.

I would be obliged for your comments on the issue and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Vincent Norton,
Area Manager,
South Central Area**