

## **DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee September 2018 North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Update**

### ***National Drugs Strategy***

The national structures of the strategy are being established and are informing new local drugs task forces strategies and structures. New structural guidelines and performance management tools are being developed to be implanted across regional and local structures over the coming 3 years.

### ***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 continuing to be monitored. There are improvements in success through recent court cases being noted.

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

Planning processes will be required to be fulfilled

***North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force*** has met twice since JPC June meeting and will meet again in September. The increase in the prevalence of Tablets, Street Crack Cocaine, Cannabis Weed (High-Strength), Street Heroin, and Powder cocaine continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation.

### ***NEIC Community Policing Forum (NICDATF)***

NEIC CPF management is implementing changes and recommendations of report; Internal structures and operations are taking place; enhance local Community Policing work and exchange which will see new public and external meetings in coming months. CPF has also inputted to the Future of Policing Commission and made submissions to the Divisional Policing Plan

### ***Crime & Drugs (PIB)***

***NICDATF*** in conjunction with Crime and Drugs sub-group organised a very well received local conference held in Croke Park in mid-June 2018 called 'Lives Without Fear' on the critical issues of Drug-Related Intimidation, attended by 100 people by many local residents, community drugs project and Divisional and senior Garda personnel. A report on finding id being finalised and an action plan is being devised, which will be presented to the community before the end of 2018.

### ***Addiction Sub-group (PIB)***

Identified as a considerable gap within the 'Creating a Brighter Future' (Mulvey) Report on the areas of Addiction & Health by ***NICDATF*** and the ***NICCCC***, this new sub-group of the PIB has been established. It had its initial meeting at end of August.

***Ana Liffey Drugs Project*** promoting on a local Street Crack Cocaine information campaign in conjunction with HSE National campaign to alert people to risks of the drug.

