

# South Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force



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# SICDATF - general information

- Geographical outlay of services and funding allocations
- Overview of the National Drugs Strategy Goals
- The Role of the Task Force
- Key goals for 2018
- Work achieved in 2018





# Funding Allocation – 22 Initiatives

HSE Funding €1,868,014		CDYSB Funding €176,043
<b>CAD</b> <b>Casadh</b> <b>CKU</b> <b>Community Response</b> <b>Coolmine T.C</b> <b>DCDT</b> <b>Exchange House</b> <b>Fountain Resource Group</b> <b>Mercy Family Centre</b>	<b>MQI</b> <b>RADE</b> <b>RCSF</b> <b>RDRD</b> <b>Ruhama</b> <b>St. Andrews Resource Centre</b> <b>Tiglin</b> <b>WAACC – Whitefriar</b> <b>TF - Targeted Intervention</b>	<b>Poolbeg</b> <b>School St FRC</b> <b>Westland Row CBS</b> <b>Whitefriar Aikido</b>

# Summary of the NDS Goal 1

- Promote and protect health and well-being
- Promote healthier lifestyles within society
- Prevent use of drugs and alcohol at an earlier age
- Develop harm reduction interventions targeting at-risk groups

# Goal 2

- Minimise the harms caused by the use and misuse of substances and promote rehabilitation and recovery
- To attain better health and social outcomes for people who experience harm from substance misuse and meet their recovery and rehabilitation needs
- Reduce harm amongst high risk drug users

# Goal 3

- Address the harms of drug markets and reduce access to drugs for harmful use
- Provide a comprehensive and responsive misuse of drugs control framework which ensures the proper control, management and regulation of the supply of drugs
- Implement effective law enforcement and supply reduction strategies and actions to prevent disrupt or otherwise reduce the availability of illicit drugs
- Develop effective monitoring and responses to evolving trends, public health threats and the emergence of new drug markets

## Goal 4 and 5

- **GOAL 4:** Support participation of individuals, families and communities
- Strengthen the resilience of communities and build their capacity to respond
- Enable participation of both users of services and their families
- **GOAL 5:** Develop sound and comprehensive evidence-informed policies and action





## Terms of references for TF

To co-ordinate the implementation of the National Drugs Strategy in the context of the needs of the local area

To implement the actions in the NDS where Task Force has been assigned a role

To promote the implementation of evidence-based local drugs strategies and to exchange best practice

To support and strengthen community based responses to drug misuse

To maintain an up-to-date overview on the nature and extent of drug misuse in the area

To identify and report on emerging issues and advocate for the development of policies or actions needed to address them

To monitor, evaluate and assess the impact of the funded projects and their continued relevance to the LDTF strategy and to recommend changes in the funding allocations as deemed necessary



## Structures for the SICDATF Task Force

The Task Force is a committee with representation from public representatives, the statutory, voluntary and community sector.

The Task Force committee has a management liaison group who manage the operational budget and the day to day running of the committee.

Financial decisions are conducted through the HSE and the Drugs Policy Unit and adhere to the National Financial Regulation procedures.

# Sub Groups of the Task Force

The SICDATF has identified four sub groups through an interagency meeting :

1. Service Provider Group
2. Strategic Support Group for services and service users
3. Community representatives group
4. Currently developing a peer led service user group

The groups reflect the membership of the Task Force , groups of interest and service providers . They were set up in June 2018 and are developing their work plans and membership .

# Guiding goals for the SICDATF work plan



- To be service user focused
- To identify emerging trends
- To identify gaps and block in service provision
- To support individuals and the communities
- To assist in networking local based services
- To ensure issues are raised at LDATEF, HSE and DPU forums
- To work to the NDS
- To work to the NDRF

# SICDATF 2018 Work plan themes

- Family support models of practice
- Under 18's services
- Review previous strategic plans and identify gaps
- Targeted interventions for new communities
- Targeted interventions for women
- Homeless services
- Supporting communities who are experiencing intimidation
- Training - models of best practice, governance , evidence based models of care

# Work achieved to date Feb – September 2018

- Renewed financial governance procedures and the Task Force will become a LTD to be compliant with the NFRs and HSE internal Audit
- Reconstitution of the sub committees and development of priority work
- Projects review has process commenced
- Community Grant scheme has been advertised and is being externally assessed
- Homeless In reach Pilot is now in its eighth month and is a successful interagency initiative

- Second Peer led training is taking place for both service users and family members – this is to build capacity for people to assist with the design and delivery of service provision as set down by the National Drug Strategy
- Training - projects will receive training to upskill staff and training will be designed specifically for service users and community interest groups
- Participation in IHREC grant process – all projects under SICDATF are working in partnership with the HSE to support the implementation of Public Sector Duty , section 42 – this is to build greater service user participation in the development in quality service provision and underpinned by Section 42

- Developing an interagency response to working with new communities , this will involve CKU counselling , Community Response and Mendicity
- Hepatitis C partnership and Community Response are working with the projects in the area to provide screening and support to those nagged in the national Hep C Project
- Developing a community consultation strategy.
- Working to restructure the service provision of RADE