

## **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 reviewing drugs and alcohol task forces structures. New structural guidelines and performance management tools are being developed to be implanted across regional and local structures over the coming 3 years.

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

Planning processes is underway. Observations are now closed.

***North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force*** has met three times since JPC September meeting and is meeting 10 December. 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. Recovering drug users are particularly affected by need for residential rehab programmes and beds and also acutely affected by homeless issues. NICDATF seeking input from DRHE.

Reports from Garda operations - In NEIC targeting local supply/sale have resulted in a number of successful raids and seizures by local Drugs Unit around N.C.R. and Bridewell areas as well as a large quantity of 'Spice' recently from premises in Amiens Street.

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

NEIC CPF management is implementing changes and recommendations of evaluation report; CPF was cited as a model of excellence in the Future of Policing Commission report; a Public evening meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November in Store St Garda Divisional HQ. Issues were raised around Garda response and follow-ups to local community

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

A final report and action plan to be finalised by Crime and Drugs sub-group resulting from the 'Lives Without Fear' conference in June 2018 Croke Park. The local actions on Drug-Related Intimidation will seek to see greater Community /Garda partnership on these issues and NICDATF will ensure that it is prioritised for a policy response through the National Drugs Strategy

### ***Addiction (PIB)***

Identified as a considerable gap within the 'Creating a Brighter Future' (Mulvey) Report on the areas of Addiction & Health by NICDATF and the NICCC, this new sub-group of the PIB is now up and running. NICDATF is now working on a needs assessment in NEIC area