

## **DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee March 2019**

### **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 implemented across regional and local structures over the coming three years.

**North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force** has met four times since JPC December meeting and will meet again in April. 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 will have an ongoing input from DRHE.

**National Drug-related Death Index** figures for 2016 were released on 15<sup>th</sup> March. National Total **736** Deaths by poisoning (overdose) **354** by non-poisoning **382**  
NICDATF Total **40** Deaths by poisoning (overdose) **24** by non-poisoning **20**

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

NEIC CPF has been cited as a model of excellence in the Future of Policing Commission report; Another Public forum is to be held in April at Store St Garda Divisional HQ.

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

A final report was finalised by Crime and Drugs sub-group resulting from the 'Lives Without Fear' conference in 2018. The local actions on Drug-Related Intimidation will seek to see greater Community /Garda partnership on these issues and will seek the appointment of Drug-Related Intimidation Community Officer.

NICDATF will ensure that it is prioritised at local level and 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, Addiction sub-group of the PIB is now up and running. NICDATF/Addiction sub-group is finalising on a needs assessment study report in NEIC area relating to those affected by drugs problems.