



Date: 3rd January 2023

**To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 16th January, 2023.

IOG UPDATE FOR THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

IOG met on 16th December 2022. The following items were discussed.

○ **Presentation From the Dales**

- Mission is Reducing the harm to individuals and the community by supporting people through each stage of addiction”
- Managed by a Voluntary Board of Management
- Part of the National Drug Strategy
- Provision of One to One support to individuals affected by drug or alcohol use
- Provision of a Structured Drop-in for individuals looking for support
- The provision of a Psychotherapy Service
- Delivering various psychoeducational support groups to individuals
- Delivering various psychosocial support groups to individuals
- Work with DCC, Archways Family Support, Probation, Gardaí, HSE, Other Drug Services, Tusla , Youth Services, Northside Partnership, Pavee Point and TravAct.
- D17 Assertive Case Management Team
 - A Collaboration of the Drug Services within the Dublin Northeast Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

 - Working six days a week
 - Working in the evenings
 - Across all parts of Dublin 17
 - Street work with young people from 14 years up
 - Adults with substance issues
 - Homeless People
 - Mental health issues/Dual Diagnosis
 - Outreach
 - Relationship Building
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Initial Assessment
 - Case Management
 - Biggest Asset.....
 - Dynamic Team
 - Extremely experienced
 - Highly Skilled

 - Need additional premises
 - Rebranding of The Dales
 - No longer a heroin/opiates dominated market

- Cocaine, Alcohol, Weed & Prescription drugs the dominant substances
 - Different type of approach required
 - Abstinence model Vs Harm Reduction
 - Flexibility around times
 - Provision of group & individual support
- Rebranding of The Dales
 - Need to locate additional premises
 - Rebranding of The Dales
 - Focus on wellness, positivity, looking after yourself
 - People don't see themselves as addicts
 - Dealing with anxiety, stress, anger, loss, depression, trauma, panic
 - Still with a substance use focus
- 14-18 years-Need to try to get them back in the service
- 54 active cases-14 to 35 age profile
- 14-18 years –Encourage parents to get involved
- JN noted there is the need for programme-nationwide campaign around the harm drugs cause

○ **Communications**

- Online Digital
- Northside People, Dublin Gazette
- Social and Digital-PR material
- BL Instagram is slower
- Facebook -1,000 followers –Positive
- Facebook reach is over 21,000 over the last month
- Instagram reach is up nearly 40%
- Frequent page visits –10 people per day
- Predominantly women are engaging with content- Age 25-54
- Need to increase engagement with men and younger generation
- Engage through Info@darndaletogether.ie

○ **Illegal Dump**

- DF noted CCTV will be installed in January
- 15 Gardaí from Coolock have been authorised under the waste management act by DCC—Do not need DCC employee with them to take action against an Individual under the Waste Management Act
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessments were relooked at
- Tier 1 does not need to be replaced
- Second Tier 2 assessment looks at what is in the ground –will commence on 19th December 2022
- Structural design for wall is almost complete
- Need to identify a site compound
- Hope to do Pre Part 8 with different Departments once Tier 2 is complete
- Launch Part 8 To Area Committee, IOG and CRF
- Part 8 takes 20 weeks-
- Hope to get Waste contractor procured alongside a civils sub-contractor during the Part 8 process
- Once Part 8 finished –ready to proceed

○ Work Plan

- NSP noted their community teams are now in place –Ger Nolan located in The Bell building
 - Begin recruitment for 5 community health advocates –collaborative piece between NSP,HSE and LH
 - 5 CE places –recruit local people through community employment where possible-hopeful to have for minimum of 2 years
 - Link in with community on the ground and connect them into services and supports across the catchment
 - Place Based Leadership progressing well-opportunity to meet all in person
- Our Lady Immaculate noted main focus is Christmas
 - Implementing Trauma Enforced course in 2023 through UCC
 - 10 Places secured
 - Must sell it within the area in other schools
- AGS noted they had a day of action , number of searches, disrupted activity in the area
 - Hope to have further days of action
 - Number of seizures in the area
 - Challenging
 - Van out nightly in Darndale –
 - Garda Clinic weekly-quiet
- HSE noted good engagement around Tobacco piece
 - Working closely with NSP around Social Prescribers
 - Community Health Worker –DBVC around CE scheme
 - 3 people recruited under Community Health programme-aiming for 5
 - Recruit a male and a member of Travelling community
 - Training process begin in January 2023-Build from ground up
 - Place Based Leadership is positive
 - Review meeting on Monday –Good leaders coming from the community
 - Empower Community scheme-embedded in Bell building
 - Inter-Agency work
 - Drug Intimidation is common to Darndale and Drogheda-joint workshop will take place in Mullingar in March 2023
- DBVC meeting with DCC,HSE, NSP-wellness, wellbeing –positive meeting
 - Stop smoking—work collectively
 - Community Employment is positive
 - Train in all areas of health so at the end of their 3 years on Community Employment scheme can be main streamed in Community jobs within Healthy eating, stop smoking
- DF,DCC- Public Realm Plan-3rd Draft
 - Talk re Community Centre-Long Term-Large Scale capital project
 - ACE programme
 - Place based Leadership
 - Primrose Grove-New gates, footpath
 - 12 Housing Units –Belcamp B in February
 - Gillian Corcoran is New Acting Area Housing Manager
 - LOT complemented 2 mini pop up gardens
 - Small improvements but effective
 - Review meeting on Monday –Good leaders coming from the community
 - GAA pitch-looking at portable posts

- Need to link in with Darndale FC re storing portable posts
- LOT is not giving up on permanent posts
- Department of Justice-Data sharing issue is now back with National youth diversion for a final due diligence check-Solved soon
 - 27 young people participating in White Town project of which 5 cases are closed
 - Closing off end of year expenditure
 - Once off grants-2 being considered for mini buses for Sphere 17 and Kilmore West-

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