

21st February 2017

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 27th February 2017

Community Impact Assessment:

We understand that Community Impact Assessments are being included as a recommendation with provision for a pilot within the new National Drug Strategy. There are indications that the final strategy will be concluded by April and launched in May. We intend, in the first instance, to make presentations to J.P.C.'s in each area i.e. N.E.I.C. Canals Policing Forum and Safer Blanchardstown in order to provide an understanding of the initiative to members and in due course seek their support to have above areas included in the pilot. The scheduled date for presentation to this Committee is 19th June.

Halloween 2017:

We have started our planning for Halloween 2017 as recommended in the review of Halloween 2016. Our first meeting was held on 14th February and we agreed to conduct a brief consultative process with various youth organisation on their experiences from last year and their willingness to participate in the run up to and Halloween night itself. We intend to reconvene on 1st March for feedback and convene a general meeting of interested groups on 7th March. We had a brief discussion with DCC and they have indicated their willingness to support and engage in the process. We will keep the J.P.C. updated.

Y.P.A.R. Conference:

Y.P.A.R. conference was held in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January 2017. There was a large attendance on both days with representatives from all agencies, schools and various local projects. On behalf of International Young People at Risk working group we wish to express our thanks to all Gardaí who attended on both days and positively engaged with young people throughout the conference. Y.P.A.R. are currently working on report and once completed it will be made available to interested parties.

N.E.I.C. Community Policing Forum Review:

Ongoing analysis by B.O.M. of review.

Prescription Drugs:

The community continue to express their frustration at the lack of progress in fully implementing legislation passed in July 2016 in respect of the wholesale sale of prescription tablets in many areas of the inner city. Despite the fact that Gardaí arrest and disrupt those involved in the distribution of tablets this activity continues with little consequences for those involved. We ask this Committee to bring whatever pressure they can on those with responsibility in this area to have this legislation commenced as a matter of urgency.

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