

**DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee February 2017
North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Update**

National Drugs Strategy

The 8 year strategy is being drawn-up and it has been indicated that new Strategy will issued in the second quarter of 2017 and this will inform new local drugs task forces strategies and structures.

Dail legislation

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act started in July 2016 on Tablet regulation with respect to street-dealing 'Benzos and Zimmos' is now being referred to current EU members to review any objections based on limiting trade across the EU and my take some time.

Drug Injecting Centres legislation is at an advanced stage and expected to pass. It is expected that a tender process will be used for establishing a city centre location. A process of on-going relevant stakeholders, including community, is likely to be attached to requirements. Some business reservations are emerging. Some European examples have located fixed centres near or adjacent to Police Stations.

Taoiseach's North Inner City Initiative & Task Force

'Creating Brighter Futures', K. Mulvey report was launched by Taoiseach last Thursday. A small number of projects (13 in total) across the Central Area have been funded, totalling €100,000 for one-off actions in response to issues related to the drug crime gang's related violent feud. With the reported actions and outcomes of the NIC pilot project initiative and the Mulvey recommendations the NICDATF members and relevant projects will meet to consider and outline a comprehensive document.

Community Policing Forum has met four times; the contracted report is being worked through for implementation and current local drugs-related issues are being raised and addressed.

Indication was given that test case using Section 5 Irish Medicine Board Act to pursue tablet dealing convictions were dismissed in court.

DCC Anti-Social Behaviour unit presented CPF with detailed update on new legislation, procedures potential outcomes and eviction cases will be heard in coming months.

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force has meet three times since this last meeting. Emergency homeless accommodation service of families and the long-term impact on children's mental health continues to cause concern and impacts on projects working with those families. Clarity of the criteria and protocols on detox beds and residential rehab beds is being sought. NICDATF is working with projects to complete an overall Annual Report of 2016.

'Recovery Academy Ireland' is willing to present to this Committee in 2017.

A national ***'Dial-To-Stop Drug-Dealing-and-Intimidation'*** campaign was launched and a local initiative is being planned to publicise the confidential freephone number 1800 25 00 25.

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