

Report to Joint Policing Committee December 2023

Community Crime Impact Assessment (CCIA)

Coordinator has reviewed the current CCIA intervention and a review meeting of the CCIA group took place on 22 November.

Corduff Task Group:

Following extensive talks and meetings with various partners in relation to managing two youth and community development workers for the Corduff/Mulhuddart areas, we were unable to find a project to locate and manage the workers. Discussions are currently underway with Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force to facilitate this initiative.

Drug Related Intimidation:

As part of the DRIVE initiative, which coordinates and develops national responses to drug debt intimidation, the coordinator of Safer Blanchardstown has been appointed Drug Related Intimidation (DRI) Liaison for D15. So far:

- DRIVE leaflets have been developed and disseminated.
- A previous Arrest Referral programme for D15 has been renewed.
- Following discussions with DRI Liaison the Family Support Team has agreed with Task Force to supply Ring Doorbells to victims of DRI who are not, in the opinion of the Garda Crime Prevention Officer, in a position to afford to pay for one themselves.

Arrest referral and ring doorbell initiatives are fully supported by Garda DRI team.

When data gathering protocols and systems are finalised DRI Liaison will organise a short DRI information seminar for local agencies, projects, and groups to explain the DRIVE D15 process in full.

Think Before You Buy:

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) through Fingal County Council has agreed to fund a rollout of TBYB campaign within Fingal. A sub-group to plan the rollout of our Think Before You Buy campaign will need to be set up, the campaign is likely to be at the end of first quarter of 2024.

Cllr Ted Leddy has agreed to chair this sub-group as the rules of the JPC states that any sub-group set up under its auspices must be chaired by a JPC member. Cllr Leddy is a member of Safer Blanchardstown Board and is fully aware of the TBYB campaign. A draft plan has been drawn up for consideration by the subgroup.

Domestic Violence:

A conference on Domestic Violence has been facilitated by the Domestic Violence Working Group D15 on 24th November. Staff from 15 organisations attended the conference along with elected representatives from Fingal County Council. The conference was novel in that it was interactive and gave participating attendees a feeling for what it must be like for victims of DV who find themselves in the position of having to leave home to access support.

Suicide Awareness D15 (SAD15)

SAD15 has recently published its annual report for 2022: they have received 840 phone calls, provided counselling support to 43 people over 76 therapeutic sessions (18 female and 25 males) with an age range of 18 to 51, and held face to face meetings with 97 clients in total.







