

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

NOTE FOR FINGAL JPC. 2ND SEPT 2022

Prevention	<p>Many thanks to all who attended the 8th July Planning meeting to review data from Planet Youth risk & protective factor related to substance use study of nearly 3000 children aged 14-17 from Fingal. key outcomes:</p> <p>(1)Draft Prevention Plan to be circulated for feedback in September. New data collection in 2023 – happens every 2 years so we can measure change</p> <p>(2)Interviews for PHD student to focus exclusively on Planet Youth data to help generate reports to inform prevention strategies for all of our partners</p> <p>(3) dedicated Planet Youth transition year programme agreed and being rolled out in sept</p>
Drug Related Intimidation (DRI)	<p>DRIVE (Drug Related Intimidation & Violence Engagement) project – signed off on at Strategic Implementation Group 4 & National Oversight Committee. North Dublin RDATAF lead for this interagency project – recruited DRIVE Coordinator and nominated a DRIVE liaison to support victims and compliment work of the nominated Garda Inspector for DRI. Key outcomes</p> <p>(1)DRIVE Coordinator in place – resources, training & website in development</p> <p>(2)HRB - DRIVE data collection instrument on DRI in HRB workplan for 2023</p> <p>(3)presented at National Conference on Drug Related Intimidation. Approved community partner for DRIRP (Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme)</p> <p>(4)Garda Inspectorate – engaged with Task Force in relation to victim support aspect of work</p> <p>(5) upcoming work; engage local partners to establish North Dublin DIG (Drive Interagency Group) as focal point for interagency work on DRI, cascade training/resources into communities</p>
DATA to inform planning (to support jpc)	<p>1)Planet Youth Data is available (real time from nearly 3000 young people) captures data o source of drug supply, routes of administration, location of drug taking types of drugs, perceptions of harm/risk, drug related intimidation and comprehensive range of data. Includes data on perceptions of safety within own community-eg: 71% report feeling safe in school, 92% cited feeling safe at home and 69% cited feeling safe in their community. of note 1 in every 6 young people who use cannabis cite drug related intimidation</p> <p>2)HRB: full year 2021 drug treatment data is available. Increase in demand for drug treatment by people living in the task force area (977 new treatment episodes in 2020 up to 1246 in 2021)sharp increase in demand for Cocaine Treatment (171 new treatment episodes in 2020 up to 266 in 2021) and Alcohol treatment (333 new treatment episodes in 2020 up to 421 in 2021)</p> <p>Note: Can produce data report and present highlights to inform planning if requested</p>
Service provision	<p>Youth counselling : task force funding free and confidential youth counselling for aged 12-25 years available in North County Dublin for young people experiencing challenges to mental health</p> <p>Youth substance use inclusion team: Task Force funding Crosscare to deliver this service in Balbriggan and in Swords for young people aged 12-24 who are using drugs</p> <p>Community Care Service: Task Force frontline service will be providing cocaine programme for users in Malahide, Balbriggan and in Swords along with alcohol specific group</p> <p>Family support: Task Force delivering this service in Swords, Balbriggan and Malahide for region offering Mindfulness based stress relief, 5 step method, groups, DRI support, counselling, Parents Under Pressure (PUP), Steps to Cope</p> <p>See www.ndublinrdtf.ie of phone 01-22 33 493</p>
Recovery Café	<p>The Task force is opening a Recovery Café in its inclusion hub in Balbriggan on 23rd September. This will provide a safe social space for people in recovery. More information to follow</p>