

**NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE /NOTE FOR FINGAL JPC. DEC 2022**

**Note:** We will be recruiting for our WISE team (Womens Inclusion Support & Engagement) in January 2023. This will be based in Balbriggan and will provide dedicated supports to women with complex needs. More to follow

Prevention	<p>(1)Draft Interagency Prevention Plan (just actions for now) sent to partners. Feedback being received and will be incorporated. New data collection in 2023. Nearly 3000 children in Fingal aged 14-16 in last collection. – happens every 2 years so we can measure change</p> <p>(2)Aggregate data to be shared with all relevant stakeholders in including to inform Healthy Fingal Strategy and others. Captures data on safety, drug use&amp; perceptions of harm, consumption, source (internet, family member etc), alcohol use and perceptions of harm &amp; source (family member, etc). Mental health, self harm, suicide, wellbeing, social economic indicators, intimidation (offending &amp; victim), screen time, one practises inc drug markets</p> <p>(3)integrated services for young people and families in Task Force inclusion hub in Balbriggan including Family Support.</p> <p>4)Supporting Foroige Health Team within the Task Forces Balbriggan inclusion hub</p>
Drug Related Intimidation (DRI)	<p>DRIVE (Drug Related Intimidation &amp; Violence Engagement) project –North Dublin RDATAF lead for national interagency project – recruited DRIVE Coordinator and nominated a DRIVE liaison to support victims and compliment work of the nominated Garda Inspector for DRI. DRIVE Workshop in Malahide oversubscribed 100 participations including over 20 Gardaí to ensure expertise and insight into internal processes and potential opportunities in fingal The DRIVE interagency Group for Fingal will be established in 2023. More to follow.</p>
DRUG TRENDS	<p>1. <b>Nitrous Oxide:</b> increased reports of cannisters of nitrous oxide being found. (leaflet developed by HSE circulated along with parents specific guide. Also concerns raised about <b>cannabis edibles</b>. (HSE leaflet circulated to members along with parents specific guide)</p> <p>2. <b>cocaine</b> continues to be major concern in area. the Task Force in conjunction with the HSE is running COCAINE specific groups for the general public (anyone from area who wishes to address their cocaine use). first 10 week programme in malahide nearly finished. Next will be in Balbriggan and then next in Swords. Task force will keep running Programme from area to area as long as demand is there</p> <p>2. Safety data from 2777 children aged 14-16 years in fingal sourced end 2021: <b>71% report feeling safe in school, 92% cited feeling safe at home and 69% cited feeling safe in their community.</b> of note <b>1 in every 6 young people who use cannabis cite drug related intimidation</b><b>HRB: full year 2021 drug treatment data is available.</b> Increase in demand for drug treatment by people living in the area (<b>increase from 977 new drug treatment episodes in 2020 up to 1246 in 2021</b>)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>FOR JPC: Can produce data report and present highlights to inform planning if requested</p>
Service provision	<p><b>Youth counselling</b> : 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. <b>Leaflets and posters available for anyone who wishes to display</b></p> <p><b>Youth substance use inclusion team:</b> Task Force fund Crosscare to deliver this service in Balbriggan and in Swords for young people aged 12-24 who are using drugs</p> <p><b>Community Care Service:</b> Task Force frontline drug and alcohol service providing one to one and group supports in centres in Malahide, Balbriggan and in Swords</p> <p><b>Family support:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.ndublinrdtf.ie">www.ndublinrdtf.ie</a> of phone 01-22 33 493</p>
Recovery Café	<p>The Task force opened a Recovery Café in its inclusion hub in Balbriggan on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is a safe social space for people in recovery. New people attending and getting connected with services and peer groups and others in recovery.</p>