

Meeting 7: 22nd April in St. Oliver's Community College, Drogheda

The Department of Justice are currently in the process of establishing the high-level oversight group as referenced in action 1.1 of the Implementation Plan.

There was further in-depth discussion of the fact that schools named in Action 6.1 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan had not received DEIS Urban 1 status in the recent Department of Education review. It was noted that a letter of support was sent from the Board to the schools after our last meeting and that the relevant schools are preparing an appeal. Members discussed other strategies that the Board could take and it was agreed that a letter would be issued from the Board to the Department of Education referencing the Guerin report recommendation and seeking a meeting in support of the schools.

A meeting with senior members of An Garda Síochána has been requested and scheduled for late May. This will include a presentation on the See Something Say Something initiative as outlined in action 2.12 of the Implementation Plan.

There was a discussion on the level of mental health services in Drogheda, in particular in the areas of suicide prevention and youth mental health. Further discussions with the HSE to continue.

Updates were given on significant recent and upcoming investments in Drogheda by LMETB which will result in enhanced community, training and educational facilities across Drogheda.

Drogheda Implementation Board, in partnership with North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force are holding a Drug Awareness and Prevention event for local education providers on 19th May 2022 in the Barbican Centre. Invitations to attend will issue week starting 25th April 2022.

Drogheda Implementation Board Coordinator gave a presentation to members of Louth LEADER Partnerships Drogheda SICAP Youth Services network; a follow up event has been scheduled for 3rd May bringing more organisations together to look at gaps in youth service provision and potentially develop collaborative initiatives to address these gaps.

The recently published Community Safety Innovation Fund was discussed. Subgroups are examining a number of potential initiatives with a view to maximising drawdown for Drogheda based initiatives.