

Meeting 8: 20th May 2022 in The Mill Enterprise Centre

Department of Justice are continuing to progress the establishment of the high-level oversight group as referenced in action 1.1 of the Implementation Plan.

The success of the recent Drug Awareness and Prevention event for education providers organised by the Policing and Drugs subgroup was highlighted.

A proposal regarding Drug Related Intimidation Reporting training in the Drogheda area was discussed and was referred to the NERDATF and the HSE for consideration.

Communication has been received from Castlemanor residents regarding 'the gap' as referenced in action 8.7. It was noted that some of those communications relate to policing matters. Queries were raised re community engagement and it was noted that Louth County Council staff have been out in the area speaking to residents.

A discussion was had in relation to the southside of Drogheda as referenced in the Geiran Report and Implementation Plan and the absence of any reference to Lifestyle Development who have been providing supports for 30 years in the community. The Board were informed that in response to action 4.3 of the Implementation Plan Lifestyle are exploring the possibility of becoming a Family Resource Centre serving the Southside of the town. There was strong support for this amongst Board members while noting the financial challenges involved.

Moneymore Consortium have begun fundraising to facilitate their work in developing plans for a Moneymore Community Hub. Funds raised from Drogheda and District Athletic Club Midsummer Run, taking place on 17th June, will go towards this. Board members were encouraged to participate.

An in-depth discussion regarding Action 2.13 (Adverse Childhood Experiences) was held and the opportunity to expand this to incorporate a full Trauma Informed Community approach was identified.

Board members reviewed the Community Safety Innovation Fund again. It was agreed to promote the fund to the community, encourage applicants to review how their project responds to the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan and identify the specific action(s) that it relates to.

An invitation has been extended to Citywide to give a presentation on the Community Crime Impact Assessment tool to Board members at next meeting on 17th June.

The proposed meeting with senior members of An Garda Siochána, including a presentation on the See Something Say Something initiative as outlined in action 2.12 of the Implementation Plan was postponed. Alternative dates in June are being explored.