

Meeting 9: 17th June 2022 in The Mill Enterprise Centre

A presentation was received from Anna Quigley of Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign on the Community Crime Impact Assessment (CCIA) tool. Members had a number of queries on the day. Members agreed to discuss the roll out of this tool further at the next Board meeting.

Members of the Board engaged with Department of Education officials in relation to DEIS 1 status for the named schools in action 6.1 of the Plan.

The HSE are providing funding, training and equipment to The Red Door Project to deliver a fixed needle exchange facility at the service premises on Dublin Road which is expected to be operational from September 2022. The HSE further confirmed that they will resource additional posts of Social Worker and Project Worker in the Red Door to the end of 2022.

The North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NERDATF) indicated that they would fund a proposal from Family Addiction Support Network (FASN) to deliver Drug Related Intimidation awareness raising and training sessions in Drogheda to commence September 2022. This proposal had been presented to Subgroup A of the Drogheda Implementation Board in May.

Funding support was identified through Louth CYPSC and Louth LEADER Partnership for targeted Family Fun Days in Moneymore and Rathmullen being held in July 2022 and managed by CABLE Youth Project, Connect Family Resource Centre and Youth Work Ireland Louth. In addition, the Droichead Arts Centre are providing other resources, funded by the Louth County Council Arts Office. A longer term, more sustainable route to funding has also been identified.

A significant number of Drogheda based individuals and services attended the Trauma Summit in Belfast on 12th and 13th June following references to same at May Board meeting. Chief Superintendent McGovern and other attendees are developing a proposal to build on connections made at and learning from the event.

Louth County Council will go to An Bord Pleanála regarding planning for the Westgate Vision in the coming weeks.

An education intervention pilot for 13-15 year olds who are disengaging from the school system and developed in partnership with Education Welfare Officers, National Educational Psychological Service and School Completion Programme will commence in September this year, initially through St. Olivers' Community College. This pilot was endorsed at the March meeting of the Board and will be evaluated at the end of the first year with a view to a wider rollout to other schools.

LMETB/DIFE and DkIT have met a number of times recently regarding delivering a cluster of third level educational programmes in Drogheda.

LMETB have applied to SOLAS for funding to develop and deliver large scale an apprenticeship hub in Drogheda, bringing 250 apprentice training places to the town.

An update on the Drogheda Implementation Board budget was presented. A guidance document to support members in reviewing requests for support was presented and agreed.

Members reviewed sections of the quarterly update to the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan which is being prepared by the Department of Justice and will be made publicly available. On publication the Chair and Coordinator of the Board will engage with local elected representatives amongst other communication channels and as previously agreed.