

**Meeting 14: The Mil Enterprise Centre, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

A presentation was received from Louth and Meath Local Sports Partnerships regarding a proposal they have developed in response to the Drogheda Report and Implementation Plan. Members were broadly supportive of the proposal, in particular the concept of sport as a driver of change in communities, and noted the challenges regarding funding.

Proposals have been submitted through the North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NERDATF) for a Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) lead, who will be based in Drogheda, and a Community Based Dual Diagnosis initiative.

Significant progress is being made by members of the Policing and Drugs subgroup, alongside partners in the Irish Prison Service, in relation to a Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) initiative in Drogheda.

It is anticipated that the Fixed Needle Exchange facility in the Red Door, alongside a Drug Related Litter campaign to be led by NERDATF, will be rolled out in January 2023. Community Crime Impact Assessments will also commence in early 2023.

An invitation is to be extended to Chief Superintendent Gerry Roche to present an update on the Crisis Intervention Team model being piloted in Limerick Division.

Ask for Angela, a campaign that members were made aware of during a presentation by Assistant Commissioner Paula Hilman to the Board, is being launched today 16<sup>th</sup> December and is a collaboration between An Garda Síochána, Drogheda Implementation Board and a number of community partners including the Vintners Federation, Restaurant Association, Taxi Federation, Drogheda Chamber and Love Drogheda BIDs.

Funding allocated to Family Addiction Support Network by HSE CHO1 to deliver intensive family supports in 2023 and 2024 was noted and welcomed.

A Critical Incident Group is being established, led by Louth Children and Young Persons' Services Committee (CYPSC).

Members of the Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroup will engage again with the HSE in early 2023 regarding gaps in mental health provision for children and young people in the Drogheda area.

St. Olivers' Community College are almost ready to commence their Forfás Programme, designed to prevent young people from dropping out of school before they have completed their Junior Cert cycle. Additional Education Welfare Officer resources are being allocated by Tusla Education Support Service to support the programme.

A proposal to deliver a small grants programme in 2023 was considered. Members gave detailed feedback on same. It is anticipated that this will roll out in Quarter 1 2023.

It was noted that a series of case study videos and other illustrative tools are being developed for the next public Progress Report (to end December 2022) to help bring the impacts of action delivery to life.