**Meeting 21: Boomerang Youth Café, Fair Street, Drogheda**

**Friday 20th October 2023**

The HSE confirmed that they have identified funding to continue resourcing Social Worker and Project Worker posts in the Red Door Project to end 2024. Up to this point funding had only been available to December 2023.

Tusla have secured additional resources for Family Support Practitioner in the Red Door Project – this will now be a full-time post working with the hardest to reach families of young people at risk.

A brief update was given on See Something Say Something, launched at the last meeting of the Drogheda Implementation Board. The community having been using the text facility and it has been of real value to An Garda Siochána who are keen for the community to continue to use this free, confidential service. A campaign will be drawn up to keep it in the public eye.

The Policing and Drugs subgroup are convening a networking and information sharing meeting for services who provide out of hours supports and/or are working with services users with mental health or addiction issues on the 14th November.

This subgroup received a presentation from members of An Garda Siochána Limerick Division regarding a national Crisis Intervention Team pilot which they are leading on. Several Drogheda Implementation members also travelled to Westmanstown where a presentation on this project was given, in addition to a presentation on the Support Hub model delivered by Newry Mourne and Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership. Both models deal with very complex cases involving mental health issues. Subgroups are reviewing the possibility of developing a local response pending completion of the pilot in Limerick.

The Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroup reiterated their prioritisation of youth mental health. They continue to identify and highlight gaps in provision and potential opportunities to bridge those gaps.

A request for support for Youth Work Ireland Louth submission to Department of Justice for additional Harder to Engage and Early Intervention resources recommended by the Family Support subgroup was considered and endorsed.

The Board agreed to compile a narrative report on the delivery of actions in the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan to mark the second anniversary of its establishment.