

**Meeting 26: The Red Door Project, Dublin Road, Drogheda**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Presentations were received from a number of Red Door staff regarding services that are now available in the Red Door Project as a result of resources secured through the Drogheda Report, Plan and Implementation Board. These included a fixed needle exchange service; family support service led by a qualified social worker; prison liaison service; drug court liaison service and Seeking Safety dual diagnosis project. The significant positive impact of these resources in terms of referrals and supports for clients and broader community was noted. The need to sustain these resources was further noted.

The tender process for procuring design team for the Moneymore Townland Community Hub (MTCH), led by Louth County Council, has closed. Evaluation committee, including representatives MTCH are reviewing submissions.

Delays to the commencement of the Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) lead were queried and will be followed up on.

The success of the delivery of the first element of the DCU Recovery College Dual Diagnosis/Trauma Informed Communities project funded by the HSE and Department of Health, was noted. The first session, a Community Open Dialogue Forum held in St. Nicholas GFC, Rathmullen, was attended by almost 80 service users, family members and staff who shared their experiences of being, or supporting, someone with substance use issues alongside a mental health diagnosis. The next phase of the project will be the delivery in Drogheda of two-day workshop on 'Being a Trauma Informed Community'. This workshop is already heavily oversubscribed with future workshops planned.

An Garda Síochána are deploying significant resources into Drogheda town centre, including stationing the new Garda Engagement unit – which is a mobile Garda Station – at St. Peter's church and increasing beats on the street.

A new promotional campaign for the See Something Say Something freetext number (50555) will also commence next week.

Fáilte Ireland are in the process of engaging consultants to develop an integrated visitor focused destination development plan for Drogheda as the gateway to the Boyne Valley.

It was agreed to resource materials to deliver Early Talk Boost, an evidence based early intervention programme, in identified childcare and primary school settings. This is in response to Action 5.6, insertion of which into the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan was ratified by the Board in March 2023.

It was agreed to support Mincéir Drogheda in the delivery of activities to celebrate Traveller Pride Week in Drogheda in response to a number of actions, particularly Action 11.4.

Drogheda Place Based Leaders (supported by Drogheda Implementation Board and Louth Local Development) are organising an event featuring Katriona O'Sullivan, author of [Poor](#), on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Barbican.

The publication of an 'annual report' – 2023 a Drogheda Implementation Board year in review – was approved and can be [accessed here](#).