

Meeting 29: Louth County Council Offices, Fair Street, Drogheda

Friday 19th July 2024

The shortfall in resourcing for the Driving Change Through Sport project was discussed with particular emphasis on specific resources such as accommodation, IT equipment and IT support. A meeting is to be convened with Louth and Meath Local Sports Partnerships and local authorities to review.

Louth ABC have secured funding for additional home visitors in Drogheda, bringing the staffing levels for this resource to four. Louth ABC have also delivered 3 community based restorative practice (RP) programmes over the past year in Drogheda. Further training is planned for primary school settings in the new academic year.

Moneymore Townland Community Hub CLG continues to engage with stakeholders, including local elected representatives regarding the need for this community building. The stretched capacity of the community organisations working in the Moneymore area in terms of space to provide services was highlighted. Louth County Council will engage further with the Department of Rural and Community Development regarding potential for additional support to bring the project to planning stage.

HSE Louth Meath Mental Health Services have included a submission for additional child and adolescent mental health counselling services to the HSE National Child and Youth Mental Health Office (NCYMHO) for consideration of funding in 2025 in response to action 5.5 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan.

Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) Coordinator post, resourced through Action 3.9 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan, has been readvertised by Merchants Quay Ireland with an increased salary scale. Closing date is 25th July 2024.

An increase in uptake on the See Something Say Something free and anonymous text line (50555) was noted. It was emphasised that this service cannot be used for incidences or emergencies that require 999 support.

An Garda Síochána and HSE Mental Health have significantly increased engagement at local level in response to action 2.8 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan. A campaign to highlight awareness of mental health supports and resources in the area is being planned in collaboration with the Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention.

It was noted that a low level of applications have been received from Drogheda in relation to the Community Recognition Fund. Appropriate submissions from this area are encouraged.