North Inner City
Drug & Alcohol
Task Force

Annual Report

2015
1. An overview of the drugs problem in the North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force area:

NORTH INNER CITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE (NICDATF) area covers Dublin 1, part of Dublin 3 and part of Dublin 7 (bounded by the Liffey, the Tolka, North Circular Road & the Phoenix Park) with a population of 67,000 and increasing. There were less than 950 people attending methadone treatment at the end of 2015.

NICDATF currently has 21 members from statutory, community & public elected fields. 3 staff co-ordinate local responses linked to the National Strategy. Through 21 independent projects over 25 project actions are delivered by 30 staff, CE participants & local volunteers. These projects work with NICDATF co-ordination, under the pillars of Supply Reduction, Prevention/Education, Treatment, Rehabilitation, Research, Community & Family and are supported through a variety of sub-groups, committees and networks. More than 30 National Drugs Strategy actions are addressed through NICDATF projects.

NICDATF is committed to sustaining the current projects that together provide a very broad and balanced spread of local supports for a wide range of issues linked to problem drug use.

NICDATF aims to integrate education, treatment, rehabilitation and justice policies through local initiatives that are inclusive of the community, including drug users and their families. By co-ordination, gathering information, providing assessment and analysis we aim to provide support for local project development and respond to changing needs.

NICDATF and supported projects directly assisted an estimated 15,000 people of all ages; children, youth, adults and older persons throughout the community over the last year. A range of relevant information relating to drugs and associated risks was provided to over 70,000 individuals locally, regionally and nationally.

North Inner City DATF priorities and achievements 2015

2015 NICD&ATF Priorities

- Maintain close focus on emerging trends in substances and use
- Promote 'Recovery’ practice in Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation
- Develop Community Mobilisation Campaign on Alcohol Health Risks
- Consider & Review local drug treatment responses

Seizures and drug related crime

Continued to gather data on drugs seizures in liaison with the Gardaí
Promoted Dial to Stop Drug Dealing freephone number through local projects
Supported dialogue through Community Policing, local forums and networks: over 1,000 people have been supported & advised on drugs crime-related issues

Access to treatment and supports for individuals, families and communities
Promoted information on local options across projects and services: Over 3,000 drug users were supported with treatment interventions, health and harm reduction advice; Information was provided to over 230 groups & organisations locally and throughout Dublin.

Over 600 Family members have been given specific supports through programmes.

Monitored quality and relevance of accessible local options; an estimated 500 individuals with drug problems have been intensely supported on a variety of local day programmes

Planned and consulted with local networks on current and further needs.

**Focus on prevention**
- Promote relevant age-specific information across networks: an estimated 3,600 people supported in drugs-related workshops & training

- Assess and develop early interventions: Through local projects an estimated 550 young people were supported through weekly community programmes.

- The findings of the two previous year’s Youth Conventions were assessed and final report produced.

- Identify needs of parent and guardians for relevant accurate information

**Emphasis on recovery**
- Supported affordable accessible rehabilitation.
- Promoted comprehensive recovery programmes.
- Supported Recovery Conference targeting drug service users.
- Pursued appropriate accommodation for those in active addiction, and separately, recovering drug users.

**Research, review and respond**
- Ongoing and up to date trends at local level. Local research has found that the majority of problem drug users regularly use more than 2 drugs and 90% have problems with alcohol.

**NORTH INNER CITY DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE (NICDATF)** works in an area that experiences a range of social factors that contribute in some way towards issues of substance abuse, and it can be noted that many of these factors are on the increase. The most recent CSO Census figures available for the NICDATF area are for 2011. There has been a population increase from 67,000 to approximately 70,000.

Unemployment continues to be significant and significantly higher than the national average at approximately 20%. The ratio of lone parent families decreased from 49% in 2006 to 42% in 2011, however the number of lone parents is still very significant when the national average is 11%, and in some small areas of the NICDATF the ratio is as high as 95% ⁴. 15% ⁵ of the total housing stock in the NICDATF is vacant. The percentage living in local authority housing has decreased from 18% in 2006 to 16% in 2011 ⁶. There are significant numbers of
non-Irish born residents with 40%+ born outside of Ireland, with one electoral district showing 66%+.

There are also pockets of major deprivation spread across the NICDATF area. There are forty-two small areas which are rated either disadvantaged or very disadvantaged on the Pobal-Haase scale. Together these forty-two small areas add up to 16% of the total population but it is significant that 27% of the NICDATF under-18 population live here. Almost 60% of the residents from these small areas live in local authority housing, only 8% have attained 3rd level education, down from 12% in 2006 (the national average is 33%), 22% have a disability and the average ratio of lone parent households is 67%.

Figures based on 19 Electoral Divisions of the NICDATF area.

3. Pobal: Ballybough A, Mountjoy A
5. Source: Pobal
6. CSO 2011: Usually resident population by place of birth
7. Pobal: 10,987 of 67,309
8. Pobal: 0-18: 2,439 of 9,110
9. Source: Pobal

Drug-related deaths and deaths among drug users in Ireland, 2013 figures from the National Drug-Related Deaths Index, HRB December 2015

The most recent figures available were published in December 2015, referring to 2013. Nationally, the total number of poisoning deaths increased by almost 7% (361 in 2012, 387 in 2013). The number of poisoning deaths in the NICDATF area decreased slightly (from 20 in 2011 to 19 in 2013).

A detailed profile of drug usage in your area and emerging trends in drug use:

Local Drug usage trends:

NICDATF conducted an annual survey of NICDATF projects in relation to Drugs Trends and Behaviours in June 2015. 71% of projects responded, and they reported that they had worked with a total of 896 individuals/groups affected by drugs or drug related issues within the previous month.

Key findings

- Tablets were the drugs most frequently mentioned by individuals and groups engaging with projects, in line with 2014.
- Zimovane/Zopiclone & Benzodiazepines were causing the greatest issue for clients, followed closely by heroin, high-strength cannabis and cocaine.
- 93% of projects reported that poly-drug use was frequently causing problems for the individuals or groups contacting their service, an increase from 2014 (90%).
- In relation to the particular combinations: alcohol with tablets was the combination causing greatest concern.
- An increase in aggression was reported by projects, as was an increase in homelessness and housing issues.
• Two projects noted anecdotal reports of ‘home-made’ tablets.
• Two projects reported an emerging serious issue involving drug-related unsafe sexual behaviour among high risk target groups including young people.
• A sharp rise in HIV infections amongst drug users was also reported.

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The Garda Divisional Drug Unit seizure figures are not yet available.

**Local Alcohol and Tobacco usage trends:**

NICDATF conducted a bi-annual survey of local projects in relation to Alcohol, including tobacco for the first time. Trends and Behaviours in February 2015. 15 projects responded, and they reported that they had worked with a total of 1096 individuals/groups affected by drugs or drug related issues within the previous month.

**Key findings:**

**Alcohol:**

• Poly-substance use is prevalent: Of the clients affected by alcohol related issues, 82% were affected by alcohol in combination with other substances.
• Projects engage with a wide spectrum of individuals and organisations in relation to alcohol, with adults (13%) and children/youth U-23 (12%) being the two biggest subsections.
• Alcohol related issues affect all ages, with 35-44 the most prevalent age range (28%) and ¼ of those engaging were under 23 (26%).
The use of alcohol in conjunction with drugs frequently caused problems for the individuals/groups contacting the services (93%). Tablets (described by the respondents as Tablets, Prescription tablets, Benzos, Zimmos, Xanax, Xanax sticks, antidepressants, street drugs mimicking same) were included by all projects as causing concern in conjunction with alcohol, and were the predominant substance cited. Other frequently mentioned substances were Cannabis, Benzos and Methadone.

Alcohol was predominantly reported as sourced through off-licensed sales: 49% from large supermarket, off-licence or local shop. Pubs accounted for only 11%.

56% of alcohol consumption was reported to occur in outdoor venues: on the street, derelict buildings/vacant sites, park or canal.

Advertising was seen as a low level factor affecting consumption (11%).

A wide range of support would need to be made available to support individuals with alcohol related issues, help to reduce alcohol use being the primary support identified by projects.

Alcohol affects a range of aspects of the individual's life. Family, children, finances and homelessness were most frequently cited.

**Tobacco:**

- Almost half (47%) of projects reported that between 81 and 100% of individuals engaging with their project use tobacco projects.
- 60% of those who use tobacco frequently mention health issues relating to tobacco use. COPD was particularly cited.

**Local Drug Trends reported:**

- **Tablets:** Tablet use remained highly problematic, both in terms of it being widespread and in terms of the high number of tablets being consumed.
- **Xanax sticks** anecdotally reported to be as prevalent as Z-drugs. Continuing high level of use of Sno Blo, headshop drugs, weed, benzos, Lyrica.
- Reports of Z-drugs being mixed with heroin.
- Reports of homemade Zimmos/Dalmaine with no detected drug content.
- More recently tablets highlighted as an issue among younger people.
- **Amphetamine Type Substances:** In Sept 2015 an increase in suicidal/mental health issues presenting in local project which were reportedly due to ATS. Ecstasy/PMA/PMMA related death in club in Middle Abbey Street in May.
- **Unregulated Steroid use** reported as problematic by community representatives in the north west inner city area.
- Isolated report of internet bought Tramax prescription pills being used on the streets.

**Local Alcohol Trends reported:**

- Increasing problems in Talbot St / Foley St of 12 to 14 year olds harassing passers-by to purchase alcohol.
- Incidents of begging to buy alcohol reported.
- Street drinking is normalised.
- In Smithfield a serious alcohol-related assault occurred in Smithfield. Wolfe Tone Park also noted.
Tablet withdrawal and treatment issues: Concern was raised that sudden withdrawal creates problems for individuals who may be taking as many 20-30 tablets a day, or more, known locally as ‘fitz’. Withdrawal may lead to physical and neurological risks and/or an increase in other substance use. Integrated response from HSE needed to deal with anticipated requirement for medically supervised detoxification from tablets ahead of changes in legislation.

Currently stabilisation treatment is not considered until individuals are down to 6 tablets per day so people are having to detox themselves to that level ahead of treatment.

Young people and drugs / alcohol:
“Just Saying” reports from 2013 and 2014 assessed and reviewed by an expert and conclusions formally presented.

Key findings:
- Alcohol, followed by weed and then ecstasy were the substances most commonly used, but a notably large number did not use drugs and/or alcohol.
- Alcohol is widely used and acceptable. There was a perception that weed is not really a drug.
- Young people were very knowledgeable about the availability and cost of drugs.
- They were quite aware of the negative effects, but were willing to take the risks.
- Most did not believe alcohol advertising affected their choices.
- Majority felt that alcohol sponsorship of sports events would not influence their drinking, a greater influence was that sport and alcohol consumption are traditionally associated in Ireland.
- General acknowledgement of some type of Prevention/education in schools but topics and intensity varied widely.
- In relation to prevention material, the young people believed shock tactics only have a small role to play, and they believed that it was important for them to be provided with the facts so they could make informed choices: Topics suggested included: information on coping with family addiction, STIs, mental health and healthy lifestyles.
- The young people were very happy to be listened to: 90% found the event worthwhile.

Drug dealing:
Throughout 2015 on-going concern highlighted with respect to increased and very visible levels of street drug dealing, issues appeared to escalate further in September and October. Considerable concern raised at various forums regarding the scale of open drug dealing across residential parts of the north inner city. Tablets, Grass, ‘Sno Blo’ were the main substances identified.

North east area: In early part of the year, high levels of dealing forced local after schools project to close on occasion in the Mountjoy Square area, concern raised by HSCL coordinators committee. Other areas with increased levels of dealing were the Diamond, Gloucester Place, Seán MacDermott Street, Mary’s Mansions, Liberty House, Summerhill, Sherriff St and Island Key Apartments, East Wall. In June, reports of large volumes of tablets being sold from Rutland St.
In April and May reports of large crowds (as many as 30 to 40 some days) around City Clinic in Amiens St from circa 8.30am which was attracting dealers. HSE looked to address this, increased Garda presence was also acknowledged. By June this issue had diminished somewhat.

Ballybough Flats experienced serious drug dealing issues, with teenagers (14/15 years old) dealing, and residents and their children being threatened and attacked. With higher Garda visibility some improvement was acknowledged by June. Concern was raised that the Criminal Justice process is slow and not an effective deterrent to young people engaging in drug dealing/intimidation.

In the north west area highly visible dealing in Smithfield Square was problematic, particularly around and on the LUAS. Concern was raised that dealing on the LUAS was causing difficulties for participants attending some drugs projects.

Visible drug dealing and drug paraphernalia on stairwell in Constitution Hill flats was highlighted where there had not been an issue before.

Drug paraphernalia: Needles and syringes less often sighted but other associated litter indicates injecting still ongoing, and Dublin BIDs pinpointed certain areas with high count of discarded needles. Highly visible tablet litter (Xanax and Zopiclone in particular).

Dual diagnosis: Concern raised that drug service users with mental health issues are getting lost in the system. People with dual diagnoses issues are increasing in numbers within the services. There is a need for psychological programmes for individuals with mental illness and addiction. An increase was noted in the number of people not being assessed for mental health issues (only being treated for addiction).

Detoxification
Difficult to get beds for detoxification programme for tablets. The need for a detoxification programme from methadone also raised.

HIV new case increase
- It was reported that HIV increase amongst drug users mainly in their 40’s linked to unsafe injecting of ‘Sno-blo’.

Anti-social behavior/ Violence
- Issues of violence and intimidation in Rutland Place related to drug dealing.
- Joyriding by 12-14yr olds on the increase since Christmas particularly around Railway Street with three cars burnt out on Christmas day 2014.
- Halloween and in the build-up to Halloween also saw a lot of anti-social behavior and violence by teenagers.

Homelessness, Accommodation & Housing
Homelessness was a leading cause of concern affecting clients of drug services throughout 2015.
A critical need still exists for a range of accommodation options. These should be distinct and separate in order to support those at a vulnerable stage of rehabilitation and recovery.
- Supported low threshold temporary accommodation
- Supported drug free recovery accommodation after detox
- Drug free temporary homeless accommodation
- Long term accommodation with sustained tenancy supports

Complex needs such as accommodation for those with mental health and drug use issues also need to be addressed.

**Community Employment (CE):**
The North Inner City area continues to be reliant on CE for the delivery of a range of local services: both Drugs Rehabilitation (DR) CE and childcare / aftercare / community services. In 2014, special provision was put in place for childcare/drug rehab projects in the north inner city, with minimum age requirement removed and extensions (to maximum of 3 years participation) where projects are unable to recruit suitable staff replacements. However CE projects continue to experience difficulty recruiting participants.

A snapshot of numbers from projects with NICDATF support locally in early 2015 shows the average numbers:

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**The main issues which your DTF addressed in 2015 arising from this pattern of drug use.**

**Supply Reduction**
- Analysis of drugs seizures and trends
- Continued to highlighted need for inclusion of Z-drugs in prescription drug legislation
- Improved engagement between the community and Garda Síochána
- Continued focus on substance related intimidation issues including local consultations
- Continued to review and lobby in relation to supply of alcohol
- A conclusion to “A Better City for All” strategic response group
- NICDATF Co-ordinator began to attend Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee

**Prevention**
- Health promotion & risk awareness information disbursal, particularly to young people
- Continued to develop links with local schools to promote information on health, risk and drug/alcohol awareness

Youth Convention report was finalized and distributed.
-Continued support of the Annie Kelly Education Bursary for individuals affected by drug use.

**Treatment and rehabilitation**
- Supported case management across local services
- Supported issues affecting recovery
  - QUADs
- Lobbied for improved access to supported housing and other accommodation issues
- Highlighted gaps in local treatment and rehabilitation services
- Supported access and resourcing of Drug Rehabilitation Community Employment
- Identification of key alcohol related actions
- Respite provided for individuals at critical stage of recovery

Research
- Conducted ongoing action at local level: drugs and alcohol and tobacco, DR CE issues, prevention
- Facilitated projects to carry out their own surveys using NICDATF resources
- Ongoing compilation of project reporting of trends and issues

Governance and organisational priorities
- Addressed membership vacancies in T&R Network and NICDATF
- Continued ongoing project related activities and reporting
- Responded to changes relating to Service Agreements
- Established Drug and Alcohol Task Force Structures

2. Progress made in 2015 in implementing your local drugs strategy under each of the five headings below (i.e. the five pillars of the National Drugs Strategy):

Supply Reduction

Supply Control sub-committee of the NICDATF is chaired by May Lou MacDonald TD with members from Garda Drugs Unit, Dublin City Council, Community Policing Forum and Department of Justice. There were 2 meetings, and Supply Reduction monthly updates were provided to NICDATF meetings.

Continued to analyse drugs seizures and compile trends
  - Continued to view and discuss drug seizures and compile trends.
  - Information provided to local community through Community Policing Forum meetings.

Inclusion of Z-drugs in prescription drug legislation
NICDATF Supply Control Committee initially pushed for the inclusion of Z-drugs such as Zimovane and Zopiclone in the planned legislation to address tablet misuse, as the indications of their widespread usage came to light initially in the inner city. Continued to push for this legislation to be implemented to enable Gardaí to deal with issues. Currently all Gardaí can do is confiscate the drugs. In April 2015 statistical data from Gardaí indicated that Zopiclone was the most problematic trend.

The Garda representative on the Supply Control committee worked closely with the DPP and Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) towards classification of Z- as a controlled drug and illegal without possession of prescription.

Supported New Garda Síochána Policing Plan for Division
- New reconfigured structures and drugs response unit
- New policing plan included work with Asset Profilers to identify local lower level dealers.
- In 2014, local Garda drug work included 16,000 searches in Division, resulting in significant detections, captures and seizures.
- **Testing of seizures:** HPRA have limited resources, can only process 120 tests per annum. Gardaí worked with Pharmaceutical Science Lab regarding testing seizures, as they currently cannot test tablets as they are not illegal. By September Forensics agreed to tests for Store St and to issue Certificates for test cases only, if advised by the DPP. In the case of Zopiclone drugs appear to be produced legitimately in England.
- **Crimestoppers Freephone:** NICDATF widely promoted the Crimestoppers Freephone number across the across the NICDATF area.

**Promoting improved engagement between the community and An Garda Síochána:**
NICDATF continued to promote improved engagement between the local community and An Garda Síochána supported by Community Policing Forum activities and significant Garda involvement on both the NICDATF and Supply Control Committee.

**NEIC Community Policing Forum**
- Considerable intervention by the Community Policing Forum to facilitate communities under siege with street dealing and associated behaviour. By September this had escalated further. Gardaí reported that vulnerable individuals, mainly elderly residents were being targeted to hold drugs. Improvement following Gardaí operations with respect to street dealing of tablets in Summerhill and Gloucester Place but with an associated increased activity around Seán MacDermott St and Buckingham St.
- Quarterly community meetings and Bi-annual seminar on the 21\textsuperscript{st} Feb 2015 addressed by the newly appointed Garda commissioner Noirín O’Sullivan.

**Continue to review and lobby in relation to supply of alcohol**
Bi-annual Alcohol Trends Survey carried out in February 2015 identified off-sales as the predominant source of alcohol for clients of drug services surveyed. Also identified that 56% of alcohol consumption among clients took place in outdoor spaces.

**Continued engagement with “A Better City for All” and DCC Central Area Joint Policing Committee**
- **Better City For All:** Considerable participation with the Strategic Response Group to address substance related antisocial behaviour in Dublin city centre. Quarterly meetings and Inaugural Seminar attended by NICDATF Co-ordinator.
- **DCC Central Area Joint Policing Committee** meetings attended by NICDATF Co-Ordinator.
- New structure with quarterly meetings DCC Estate Management, TDs and Gardaí.
- Anti-social issues & responses in DCC housing
- recent Garda operations and plans
- Action Plan adopted to focus on community concerns, anti-social behaviours and drugs problems.
Prevention

Prevention & Education sub-committee of the NICDATF met 4 times in 2015. The sub-committee is chaired by Maureen O’Sullivan TD with members from BeLonG To, HOPE, Dublin AIDS Alliance, Talbot Centre and Bradóg Youth Project as well as involvement of key local projects for relevant events.

Health promotion & risk awareness information dissemination
Widespread dissemination of relevant information among local organizations including:
- Risk awareness information, e.g. Drug information and general Health & safety alerts,
- Local promotion of national campaigns
- Promotion of local services through projects and schools
- Promotion of community & local project events.

Continue to develop links with local schools to promote information on health, well-being and drug/alcohol awareness.
Launch of “Just Saying” report took place in Bradóg on Wednesday 21st Oct by Minister of State Aodhán Ó Riordáin TD, attended local projects, local schools, Gardaí, statutory and public representatives. Two reports from 2013 and 2014 assessed and amalgamated by Dr. Johnny Connolly and conclusions formally presented.

Annie Kelly Education Bursary
62 applications received and assessed by the Committee, with 44 awarded. A wide range of courses were accessed (39% Fetac 5 or 6, 14% Level 7, 29% Level 8, 4% 3rd level access). 70% of recipients were in recovery, with the remainder awarded as a result of family drug addiction issues. Reviewed the residential eligibility to best support local targeted delivery in 2016.

Treatment & Rehabilitation

Treatment & Rehabilitation Network met 6 times in 2015. Approximately 35 relevant drugs projects & services participated and continued to share information & support in relation to current treatment and rehabilitation issues.

Review membership & participation:
- 35 members averaging 10 to 12 members per meeting.
- Priorities reassessed to balance the wide interests.
- T&R chair requested that treatment rep from HSE attend meetings.
- Chairperson sought 2nd NICDATF voluntary representative.

Focus on Drug & Alcohol Trends
Promotion and analysis of the regularly held local trends surveys.
Tablet working group formed: to review the dangers and side effects of Zopiclone and to look at providing useful information for those personally affected by its use.

General Health Needs Assessment
Wider health issues for drug service users were highlighted. A need for primary health care provision for those in drug treatment, services users still going to clinics and not GPs. A survey of local organizations in relation to general health of service users is planned.

**Promotion of Recovery**
The T&R meetings address recovery as a regular agenda item. NICDATF supported a number of Recovery events in 2015:
- Recovery Walk
- NWICN / Soilse Recovery conference for Drugs Service Users
- HOPE / Matt Talbot Recovery Service
- Service users attended a T&R meeting to discuss recovery

**Support case management across local services & Identify gaps in local treatment and rehabilitation services**
A local briefing was held for Treatment and Rehabilitation (T&R) membership towards the end of 2014 on the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework and QSSP (Quality Standards Support Project) towards a nationwide rollout of the Framework.

From discussion at T&R meetings there is still a lack of clarity of the T&R network role, with a perceived disconnect between NDRIC and organisations at the local level, that issues being addressed locally are not linking up or reported adequately at NDRIC level. NDRIC policy is in place but local resource use needs to be reviewed by T&R Network. Resources/staff (rehabilitation officer) as indicated in 2007 were never put in place.

Innovative work done by many services in north inner city needs to be highlighted, consolidated and fed back to NDRIC.

**Support access and resourcing of Drug Rehabilitation Community Employment.**
Collection of information on emerging issues among the DR CE projects in the North Inner City to ascertain the impact of these changes on the project and their participants.

It was noted that younger women with more complex needs are currently participating in drug rehabilitation CE and aftercare programmes. Due to a shortage of childcare availability projects foresee huge issues going forward with people unable to access services because of this. The importance of childcare staff working with children of service users to have specialist knowledge of issues faced by parents and children was also raised.

**Lobby for improved access to supported / transitional housing for those in recovery.**
The homelessness issue in the North Inner City was one of the main barriers to recovery for T&R projects. Throughout 2015 NICDATF analysed the complexities of the issues, raised the issues locally and nationally, engaged with Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and highlighted the impact on individuals in recovery.

Issues arose over the Christmas 2014 in Supported Temporary Accommodation where drug using and drug-free homeless individuals were accommodated together; leading to several relapses and overdoses for those in recovery. An additional 50 drug-free beds were made available at the end of 2014, however these were filled using regional mechanisms, leaving a lack of clarity regarding what was available locally.
HSE Addiction services were not on the planning structures regarding homelessness, later HSE and DRHE meetings were held. NDRIC had recommended Homeless Agency/Housing link in with Task Forces but this did not happen.

Continued engagement with DRHE did lead to notification of housing for specific group in Seán MacDermott St and details were forwarded to rehab day programmes likely to have suitable service users. Information was also provided about the various types of accommodation provision which will inform project workers when assisting service users to find suitable accommodation.

A 2 person HAT (Homeless Action Team) established by DRHE in Simon is available to assist those trying to access accommodation.

HSE rep reported imminent opening of “Step Down Facility” on North Circular Road initially for 8 service users following completion of treatment programme. NICDATF stressed importance of community consultation in advance of opening centre. CPF, public reps, local residents groups and community generally should be part of consultation.

Regarding “voids” (empty homes to be re-fitted for new tenants): Target by end of 2015: approximately 230 units refitted with 50% of these going to homeless people.

**Respite**

NICDATF Pilot Respite Programme supported 6 service users of local projects who are in recovery access short respite as part of their recovery care plan, sometimes accompanied by family member/s. The evaluation the respite breaks showed in all cases a very positive impact on the individual’s health, wellbeing, relationship building and ability to deal with recovery related issues.

**Research**

*Ongoing research at local level: changing drug trends: local drug/alcohol/tobacco issues and community issues.*

- *Alcohol & Tobacco Use Trends and Behaviour Survey* carried out with local organizations in February 2015.
- *Drug Trends & Behaviours June 2015* – drawing a comparison with same period in three previous years.
- *Launch of “Just Saying” amalgamated report of the views of 400 local teenage students regarding drugs and alcohol issues affecting them.*
- Snapshot surveys addressing issues relating to Community Employment.
- *Shared NICDATF resources for projects carrying out their own surveys.*

*Ongoing project reporting of trends and issues:* Up to date local knowledge on issues arising in the local area is informed by monthly project action reports and a comprehensive annual assessment, and through regular project promoter and network meetings.

**Local Alcohol Action**
- Alcohol & Tobacco Use Trends and Behaviour Survey issued to local organisations in February 2015. Key local alcohol related issue is poly drug use with alcohol.
- NICDATF was selected for Alcohol Forum-led community action programme to inform local action plan. NICDATF experienced some difficulty fully participating with Alcohol Forum-led Community Programme. Eleven local organisations participated in the Alcohol Action subcommittee, with three people signing up for the five training days, but only one in a position to complete the required days due to pre-arranged commitments and staff changes.
- A small group of NICDATF members worked on a draft local alcohol strategy, meeting with Alcohol Forum in late July. Application for Measure 4 Dormant Accounts Funding centred on prevention was made but was not successful.

Co-ordination

The North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force met 11 times in 2015:

*Staffing issue:* NICDATF Project Resource Officer not available for work for a long term period of 2015 due to illness.

*Continue ongoing project related activities and reporting*
4 meetings of NICDATF Project Promoters were held in 2015, to inform projects of relevant current issues, structural changes, reporting requirements as well as information sharing, project feedback, current trends and issues experienced by projects.

Compiled reports from the NICDATF interim funded projects and relevant dissemination to the Department of Health, funders or projects:
- Monthly Actions reports
- Service Agreements
- Comprehensive Annual Project Assessment
- Tax clearance certificates and audited accounts
- Other information in relation to current issues: e.g. CE issues, premises costs, case studies, publications & research produced by projects.

Carried out 2 local Trends & Behaviours survey of local projects: Alcohol / Tobacco and Drugs.

**Establishment of North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force (NICDATF) as a company limited by guarantee:**
Initial delays as various legal and practical aspects of new company were addressed and agreed, but by June four Directors had signed up and the set-up went ahead.

**Recommendations 10 & 11** discussed by NICDATF and adopted.

NICDATF met with Minister with responsibility for drugs in May 2015.
Following consultation with local projects and the NICDATF members the following issues were raised and discussed.
- Request for update on the revision of the Misuse of Drugs Act.
- Need for integrated response to deal with detox from Benzos/Zimmos and methadone
- Shortage of detox beds
- Request NDRIC recommendation for Homeless Action Teams in L/RDATF as reported Dept of Environment, that has not been put in place
- Concern re: Broader consultation needed on National Drugs and Alcohol Strategy.
- Concern from community reps re: review needed around balanced approaches to recovery
- Shortage of childcare provision in projects for parents in day/aftercare treatment

Relevant and widespread dissemination of information among local organizations including:
- Risk awareness information, health and safety alerts.
- Promotion of local services and events.
- Local promotion of national campaigns.
- Employment and Educational supports for service users, and sources of funding for education.
- Reminders about locally relevant funding and grant opportunities.
- Promotion of local training opportunities.
3. Profile of DTF funded projects to include the following:

An analysis of the impact of DTF projects, as a group, in addressing the drugs problem in your area and their continued relevance to your local drugs strategy.

There are 21 funded NICDATF organisations in the north inner city addressing a wide range of local issues crossing NICDATF priorities and all pillars of National Drug Strategy.

NICDATF project activities:

The NICDATF interim funded projects are listed below under the pillar of their core activities. The engagement numbers represent the estimated number of individuals that each project worked with during 2015.

Supply Reduction

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<th>Community Policing Forum:</th>
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<td>Support &amp; liaison with local authority, estate management and Gardai for residents and businesses in the North East Inner City area in relation to anti-social issues, drug-dealing, intimidation, threats.</td>
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<td>- Quarterly Community Policing Forum area meetings (4 meetings)</td>
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<td>- Presentation to Foreign National Young People At Risk</td>
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<td>- Hold regular local residents meetings &amp; residents groups</td>
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<td>- 1:1 meeting and liaison with relevant services (Approx 900 meetings)</td>
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Prevention, Education Young People, Family & Community Support

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<td><strong>HIV Ireland formerly Dublin AIDS Alliance:</strong> HIV/Hep C &amp; Risk Behaviour Training, Free STI/HIV/Hepatitis testing, access to condoms, social media campaigns</td>
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Advocacy & training on Drug/Addiction related issues  
*NDS action: Prevention : 19, Treatment & Rehabilitation: 32, 41*

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<th><strong>Step By Step:</strong> Local Child-focused Family Support, Children’s interventions &amp; programmes</th>
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**Key activities / events**

- **BeLonG To LGBT Youth Service:** Drugs worker & volunteer Outreach continuing. High level multiple 1:1 interventions around drugs/alcohol, mental health, homelessness. Drop-ins and support for young people and parents. Development with young people of Alcohol Awareness video showing effects of alcohol on family. Advocacy group set up with young people around drug policy reform: focus on a social and public health approach. Peer training of young people who delivered a presentation at CityWide 20th Anniversary.

- **HIV Ireland formerly Dublin AIDS Alliance:** 37 Trainings delivered to targeting at-risk groups or those who engage with them: Hepatitis, HIV, STIs, Safer Sex. Counselling delivered to 37 individuals, free testing accessed by 483 individuals, free counselling by 37, ‘Just Carry One’ safer sex campaign continued with 16,500 followers.

- **Community Participation Projects ICON & NWICN:** 24 meetings of community drugs working groups. Health Promotion Day: range of information and holistic treatments. Christmas Tree Memorial Service for people who have died from drug related causes. Drug Information booklet compiled and widely distributed in NEIC area. Participated in Inner City Education Fair and Inner City Employment Fair. NWICN and Soilse organised a Recovery Conference for Drug Service users with over 200 attending. NWICN engagement with local schools regarding drugs information and awareness.

- **HOPE:** Local training: Drug awareness and Prevention and Education at Youthreach (51), DALC (25), GP training, social workers, Parenting for Prevention (8), local schools (60). Wide range of supports for drug users towards recovery (449), Recovery Celebration, Commemoration Day

- **IADP:** Annie Kelly Education Bursary: 44 awards. New Communities Prevention and Education Supports through Voice of New Communities. ACET & Voice of New Community collaboration with new communities on drug/alcohol awareness a range of Seminars, New Community Policing forum monthly meetings. NICDATF formal
presentation of Prevention and Education Network findings. Continued dissemination of Drug related notifications & alerts.

- **Step by Step**: 1:1 interventions with children, parents, therapeutic play, Parent Groups, continuous parent supports, collaborative work with children, parents and statutory services. Seasonal activities, Residential summer trip. Cooking on a budget parent course.
- **CASP r**: continued delivery of CE training, after school, crèche, Doodle Den literacy programme.
- **ASESP**: continued delivery of CE training, crèche and after school, teen programmes
- **ASESP & CASPr**: FETAC Awards for staff of CE projects, Easter and Summer Children's & Teens programmes including health, awareness and well-being

**Treatment & Harm Reduction**

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**Key activities / events**

- **Deora:** SafeTalk training x 7, Mindfulness based Stress reduction course x 5, ASIST training x 4, 1:1 counselling (398 clients), Suicide interventions (254 clients), other holistic supports ongoing.
- **ACET:** continuous high level support for clients affected by HIV/AIDS and poly substance use: health, housing, bereavement, addiction: 1:1 supports, targeted youth mentoring (152 sessions), home visits (95), care visits (396 sessions), Youth Summer Projects, World Aids Day events, ACET & Voice of New Community collaboration with new communities on drug/alcohol awareness
- **ALDP:** Keyworking, case management, referral, crisis interventions Health service, Drop in x 1679 unique visits, Needle and Syringe programme, Prison programme Treatment options groups, Harm reduction groups (177 attendances), Stabilisation groups (602 attendances)
- **Snug:** 1:1 counselling (1066 hrs) Women’s Group (794 hrs) Family support, crisis intervention, suicide intervention, harm reduction, holistic therapies. Service of Commemoration & related Quilt-making workshops in memory of those who have died from drugs.
- **Chrysalis:** Keyworking and case management, MERG Methadone recovery group, Community Detox supports, Outreach, Aftercare Group, Service User’s Forum, Football Group (recovery)
- **UISCE:** Supported community liaison with City Clinic, Service user satisfaction survey in Thompson Centre, Collaboration with SURF, involved in development of Community Detox protocols, harm reduction information disbursal, publication of service user magazine, street outreach.
- **Crinan:** Services for young people with problematic drug use, drop-in, holistic therapy, counseling, crisis intervention, outreach, family support, Drug and Alcohol awareness in local schools, youth reach and youth projects, referral to mental health, addiction and social supports

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**SAOL** Care and case Management, Stabilisation programme & training, Reduce The Use (RTU 2)

*NDS actions: Treatment & Rehab: 32, 33, 41*

**Ana Liffey Progression Route Initiative (PRI):**
Community Detox Initiative, QuADS development, NDRIC Framework Implementation Team (FIT)

*NDS actions: Prevention: 27, Treatment & Rehab: 32, 40, 45*

**IADP/NICDATF**
Pilot Respite Programme (6 individuals), Integrated local research: local surveys (30 projects), *NDS actions: Prevention: 19, 28, 29, 30 Treatment & Rehab: 32, 41, Research: 49, Co-ordination: 60, 62*

### Key activities / events

- **Gateway:** CE programme accredited Level 3 to 5, targeted support and education, recovery supports, advocacy and support with social and personal issues: health, housing, homelessness, family
- **Gateway:** Implementation of Recovery Coaching Training within the project
- **NWICTDP:** CE Rehabilitation for stabilized drug users, family supports, worked with Irish Prison Service supporting prisoners pre-release. Stabilisation group work with drug users not yet stable enough to attend the day programme (5/6 per month).
- **SAOL & UISCE:** Annual International Women’s Day events “Relationality and Addiction” Peer training manual for people with Hep C developed with UISCE.
- **SAOL:** Reduce the Use 2 group work locally, care and case management. 1:1 sessions. RecoverMe recovery programme development, Solas Sa SAOL domestic violence package developed.
- **ALDP PRI:** Maintenance of Policy document library; Developed and piloted Service User Confidentiality eLearning module, working with NDRIC to create NDRIC eLearning module. Community Detox: reviewed protocols for Methadone and Benzodiazepines, assisted NIC area projects with gaps and blocks.
- **IADP/NICDATF:** 2 local surveys: Alcohol/Tobacco, and Drugs Trends Survey, Respite 6 clients, Completion of report on Youth Conventions (8 schools and local services).

### Collaboration and referral in NICDATF area

There continues to be a high level of interagency collaboration and partnership among NICDATF projects, as well as ongoing liaison and referral with other community and statutory agencies. The projects together worked with a wide spread of organisations and services across the North Inner City and nationally, including (but not limited to) the following:

**Health related:**
Department of Health, HSE, Methadone Clinics Mews, Thompson Centre, City Clinic, Domville House, Drugs Treatment Centre, Crannog, Dental Hospital, local G.P.s, St. Vincents Hospital Fairview, Mater Hospital, Baggot St. Clinic, Beaumont (St. Michaels Ward) STI Mater, Guide Clinic St, James Hospital, Rotunda Hospital, Safety Net Ireland, health centres,

**Justice related:**
Department of Justice, Probation Service, An Garda Síochána, Restorative Justice, Irish Prison Service, Prisons: Mountjoy (training unit, main prison and Dóchas Centre), Cloverhill and Wheatfield, IASIO, Joint Policing Committees

**Rehabilitation:**
Department of Social Protection, NWIC Training & Development, Dublin Simon, Soilse, ACRG, SAOL, other special C.E. programmes. eg Georges Hill C.E. Merchants Quay

**Residential & Detoxification:**
Lantern, Cuan Mhuire, Simon Detox, Barrymore House N.C.R., Beaumont, Cuan Dara, Mater Hospital, Coolmine, Merchant’s Quay, Ireland, Ashleigh House

**Housing & Social Supports:**
MABS, One Family, St Vincent de Paul, Citizens Information Centre, FLAC, National Family Support Network, CWO’s Housing support, Dublin City Council, Department of Social Protection, SDCC, FCC, Threshold, Focus Ireland, Peter McVeery Trust, Probation Service, Teach Mhuire, Peter McVerry Trust, DePaul Ireland, CrossCare, Rental Accommodation Scheme, Threshold, St Catherines Foyer, YMCA, Focus Ireland, Private Residential Tenancies Board

**Children, Youth and Family:**
CDYSB, Bradóg, The MOST Project, Talbot Centre, Ozanam House, Leargas, Dublin City Childcare Committee, Young People at Risk, Foreign National Young People at Risk, Neighbourhood Youth Project 1, Neighbourhood Youth Project 2, Adventure Sports Project, Garda Diversion Projects, Swan Youth Service, Henrietta St. CTC, North Wall CTC, Cabra for Youth, Belvedere Youth Club, Catherine’s Foyer Training Centre, Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Sherrard St. Youthreach, Aosóg, Catholic Youth Care, Pavee Point, Cari (Child Sexual Abuse Counseling Service), Connaught Street Family Centre, The Wexford Centre, The Cavan Centre, School Completion Project, Eco-UNESCO, SpunOut, Outhouse

**Educational /Employment related:**
CDETB, Primary and Secondary Schools, Third level colleges, Soilse, Foundations Project, Pathways, Adult Literacy, Dyslexia Ass. Ireland, Henrietta Trust, Range of PLC Courses, R.A.D.E., Dept of Social Protection, An Siol, Larkin Centre, LYCS, Dublin North Inner City Education & Training, Dublin Adult Leaning Centre (DALC), North Area Network, L.E.S. Manor St & Amiens St, Inner City Renewal Group, Dublin Adult Learning Centre, Welfare to Work (INOU), Back to Education Initiative, Larkin Centre, Leargas

**Funding & supports:**
St Vincent de Paul, Annie Kelly Education Bursary, other Drugs Task Forces, F.S.N. Benevolent Fund, Roomkeepers Society, PACE Educational Trust, ICRG Education Fund, LES

**Other:**
Local T.D.s and Councillors, HARP, ATD Ireland, Croke Park, Catholic Advisory Association, Waterways Ireland, Greater Blanchardstown Response to Drugs
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North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force

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#### DTF objective:
- To co-ordinate a common community / Garda strategy against drug dealing and anti social behaviour in the North Inner City, including drug related intimidation and threats.
- To improve communication and help resolve difficulties between the community and the Gardaí.
- To reduce local fears and address concerns in relation to anti-social behaviour and to ensure that the law is effectively enforced against those involved in the supply and trafficking of illegal drugs.
- To liaise between Dublin City Council and Residents Groups and to encourage the development of new Residents Groups and to promote community development, particularly in relation to the drug problem.

#### Outcomes:
- **Community Liaison meetings:** Quarterly forums, resident group meetings and liaison with DCC, development of new resident groups, reporting to Joint Policing Committee, meetings with Drugs Unit.
- **Highlighting Target areas of drug dealing.**
- **1:1 support:** Meet community confidentially re intimidation/anti-social/drug dealing issues.
- **Training & Statutory support:** Support Garda Youth Diversion project.
- **New Communities:** Support to Ethnic Policing forum.
- **Numbers supported:** Estimate up to 1,000 (including individual cases, group meetings, training).

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| **DTF objective :** | - Disseminate Health and Wellbeing information  
- Provide a full range of supports for individuals and families affected by substance misuse  
- Delivery of Prevention / Education to young people, parents and drug users to include minority groups, Travellers, LGBT and New Communities.  
- Promote an alternative healthier lifestyle  
- Develop a greater awareness of the risks of substance misuse  
- Focus on younger children, parent & family based prevention measures  
- Further develop local Suicide Prevention Initiatives |

### Outcomes :

**Education/Prevention Training & Information for community, workers, peer group training:** Delivery of Drug & Alcohol awareness courses for workers, community and schools. Training for Trainers on sexual health/safety/drugs awareness for youth and community workers with Hep C. Drug and Alcohol awareness courses and seminars, outreach & mental health support for New Communities. Drug-related health notifications and information.

**Education/Prevention support for children and young people affected by substance use** though afterschools, youth groups, summer programmes, residential trips, schools. Drug Education in CTCs, Youthreach and Youth clubs. Therapeutic intervention, Peer education, Drug and health awareness, Healthy eating, Wellbeing and personal development, interagency links, school transfer programme, LGBT drug, alcohol and mental health outreach, education, training and support.

**Education/Prevention support for adults targeting those in recovery from substance misuse and families affected by substance misuse.** Education Bursary, Parenting courses for those in recovery. Social support such as career/education assistance, referral, Health and wellbeing support and information for those affected by injecting drug/polydrug use & Hepatitis/HIV. Free HIV, Hepatitis and STI monthly testing, sexual health information leaflets, sexual health campaigns.

**Prevention and Education support for schools and parents:** P&E group developed links with secondary schools produced a report on young people’s views in relation to drugs and alcohol. Parenting workshops, Parent support information on NICDATF website.

**Suicide Intervention**  
ASIST & SafeTALK Training courses run regularly throughout year.

**Numbers:** Conservative estimate of individuals supported through this pillar in 2015 (comprising of individuals in recovery, children, young people, family members - including grandparents, guardians other family members, schools, community & voluntary organizations) : 5000

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### DRUGS TASK FORCE:

**Pillar**: Treatment and Rehabilitation

**DTF objective**:
- Develop a comprehensive range of harm reduction actions at a local level
- Promote accurate information to drug users on services available.
- Reinvigorate connections between local projects and Methadone services and clinics
- Advocate for primary healthcare access
- Develop clear and specific rehabilitation strategies for polydrug use, including alcohol and other substances
- Continue Annie Kelly Education Bursary support to recovering drug users and family members affected by problem drug use

**Outcomes**:
- Support through a range of quality services for drug users and family members with a focus on good practice models: Case Management Protocols, Community Detox and Care planning.
- Crisis intervention, Assessments, Key working & Case management for individuals and families.
- Ongoing support for individuals and families: A number of Peer support, Family Support, Men’s Group, Women’s Groups, Aftercare, Methadone Support Group.
- Stabilisation groups, treatment options groups.
- Community Detox.
- Nursing service, GP service, street and agency outreach, mobile health, needle exchange on outreach.
- Counselling & Family therapy: Drug specific, bereavement, suicide prevention and intervention.
- Prison inmate & post-release support program, Arrest referral.
- Evening service for under-18 drug users addressing range of substances.
- Mindfulness stress/ relapse prevention training.
- ASIST, SafeTALK training.
- Development of RecoverMe: CBT-based/mindfulness based toolkit for reducing polydrug use.
- Development of Peer to Peer training manual for Hep C support.
- Development of Domestic Violence programme Solas sa SAOL.
- Client programmes: music, creative writing, football, first aid, peer recovery support groups, domestic violence programme.

**Service user representation**:
UISCE Service user survey in Thompson Centre, Development of Service User networks, locally and regionally, with increased Service User engagement with Addiction Services.

**Accurate information for drug users**:
Harm reduction information dissemination across all projects. Dissemination of up-to-date factual health information in relation to Drug Alerts and infectious diseases.

**Annie Kelly Education Bursary**: Support towards education costs for recovering drug users and family members affected by problem drug use.
**Numbers:** Conservative estimate of numbers accessing NICDATF Treatment & Rehabilitation Programmes / Services in 2015: 5000

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**DRUGS TASK FORCE:**
North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force

**Pillar *:**

**DTF objective :**
- To support NICDATF structures, activities and funded projects
- To promote the short and long term recommendations of the National Drugs Strategy
- To promote models of multi-agency integration and co-operation
- Develop and disseminate culturally and locally relevant health information
- Maintain Respite programme
- To analyse the local drugs situation

**Research**
- Identify locally relevant drugs issues
- Conduct local research and project assessments regarding drugs issues
- Development relevant outcomes and local methods of dissemination
- Set up, review and maintain regular relevant data / information collection

**Outcomes:**

**Support to NICDATF and funded projects in organizational issues.** Provided admin support for Project Promoter, P&E, T&R, Supply Reduction network meetings and assistance with follow-on activities. Collected information from funded projects through monthly action and project assessment reports. Promoted relevant information and events within a wide network of projects and the community.

**Assess local drugs situation**
Surveys of local projects gathered current on the ground information on drug-related issues: Alcohol / Tobacco and Drug Trends & Behaviours. Identified locally relevant issues through attendance at over 40 various inter-agency NICDATF and community meetings, through consistent communication with 18 linked NICDATF projects. Amalgamated information from 4 youth conventions on the views of young people around drugs and alcohol.

**Develop and disseminate culturally and locally relevant health information**
Disseminated a range of health and wellbeing, drug and alcohol related information.

**Respite** Managed and evaluated Respite programme, available to local individuals if it identified as a need in their recovery care plan.

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4. Drugs Task Forces are one of the agencies with responsibility for the implementation of Action 42 of the National Drugs Strategy which provides for the continued development and expansion of Drug User Fora. Please confirm whether there the Task Force has set up a Drug User Fora. If there is no Drug User Fora in place, please give details of how the Drug Users are involved in the delivery of services operated by the funded projects supported by the Task Force.

The North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force has been to the forefront of developing drug/service user participation through its longstanding support for UISCE (Union for Improved Services, Communication & Education).

Established in 1998, UISCE is an interim funded project based in the North Inner City. UISCE is staffed by a full-time coordinator and part-time development worker.

The organisation engages with drug/service users through outreach involving street based work, home visits and close liaison with a number of projects. UISCE’s magazine Brass Munkie is well recognised by drug users and services in the task force area and beyond.

In recent years UISCE has been central to the development of a network of service user representatives from other local and regional D&ATFs. This initiative has led to the establishment of SURF (Service User Representative’s Forum). The SURF group has received support from Citywide, and this work is on-going, fulfilling a key aim of UISCE in developing a national voice for drug/service users.

The NICDATF has, since shortly after its foundation a dedicated seat for a drug/service user representative which is filled by UISCE coordinator.

Both UISCE staff play an active part in local governance structures, liaising with service providers from both the statutory and voluntary sectors. Also of note are the strong links established with the community sector and their representatives.

Of particular note is the renewed emphasis by the HSE on service user involvement. It is acknowledged by the HSE that such involvement leads to better treatment outcomes. With UISCE’s recognised track record, and the dedication of other service user representatives, supported by UISCE, this has led to an enhanced role for service users in clinical governance for drug treatment services.
5. Information in relation to governance of the DTF including:

The membership of NICDATF (name, sector being represented and parent agency), the number of meetings held, any changes in membership of the DTF and any sub-groups set-up;

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6. Staff of North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force, 2015:

**Job title: Project Resource Officer**

**Function:** responsible for assisting the development of designated projects/proposals supported by the North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force (NICDATF) in conjunction with project promoters and/or local groups, working in accordance with NICDATF strategies and policies. Reporting to NICDATF Coordinator and designated management committee.

The main areas of work were:
1. **Reporting on and financial management of projects**
2. **Supporting NICDATF funded projects**
3. **Project Development**

**NICDATF Project Support**
1. To support and assist projects funded by NICDATF. This can include assistance and facilitation of project strategic planning, recruitment, policy development and management training.
2. To support and assist projects in the drawdown of NICDATF funding and in meeting financial and reporting requirements.
3. To maintain regular contact with projects as required.
4. To develop networking and communication between projects within the NICDATF structures.
5. To advise projects on other additional possible funding sources and assist with funding applications.
6. To disseminate all relevant information to projects, e.g. reporting requirements, training, development and funding opportunities, etc.
7. To liaise with statutory agencies around project funding and service delivery.
8. To regularly report to the Coordinator and the NICDATF on project development.

**NICDATF Project Administration**
1. To oversee and process funding draw downs for specific NICDATF projects.
2. To oversee the implementation of funding for NICDATF Local health Promotion, NICDATF Pilot Respite and Feasibility Studies, facilitating the steering groups, monitoring of funded projects and ensuring reporting requirements are met, etc.
3. Take a lead role in a specific number of projects for which the NICDATF is directly responsible.
4. To support and attend, as required, sub committees of the North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force and to assist and support the work of these sub committees.
5. Develop and conduct local.

**NICDATF Project Development**
1. To identify development opportunities which could be supported through the NICDATF structures.
2. To act as a conduit of information between project promoters and the North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force.
To perform any other reasonable duties as assigned by NICDATF

**Job title:** Administrator

**Function:** The main responsibility of the Administrator is to provide administrative and secretarial support to the North Inner City Drugs Task Force.

1. Responsible for the management of all incoming enquiries including recording telephone calls, following up telephone calls and taking appropriate action where necessary.
2. Welcome members of the local community who frequently call into the project with queries relating to local drugs services or education bursaries.
3. Attend meetings when required, taking minutes, booking rooms.
4. Assist with all aspects of administration including letter writing, database maintenance and ensuring that an efficient filing system is maintained.
5. Administration of the NICDATF Annie Kelly Education Bursary.
6. Assist the Project Resource Officer and the Coordinator in administrative duties when required.
7. Assist in the organization of information seminars and events undertaken by NICDATF and NICDATF sub groups.
8. Updating information on the NICDATF website.
9. Assist with research, including online surveys and collate information into reports.
10. To perform any other reasonable duties as assigned by NICDATF.

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**Employing authority:**
Until June 2015 the employing authority was Community Technical Aid for the Administrator and Inter Agency Drugs Project Ltd for the Project Resource Officer. Both then changed over to the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force, 22 Lower Buckingham St, Dublin 1.

**Source of funding:**
The Channel of Funding is HSE Northern Area.