

## North East Inner City Initiative Programme Implementation Board

<b>Location:</b> Inclusion Health Hub, 90-92 Summerhill, Dublin 1.
<b>Time and date:</b> 8am, 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2019
<b>Attendance:</b> Chair – Michael Stone, Conor Rowley (DCYA), Paddy Murdiffe (NICCC), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Keenan (DoT), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Noel Hand (DEASP), Jim Walsh (DoH), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Joy McGlynn (Tusla), Clare Butler (DoT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
<b>Apologies:</b> Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Superintendent Paul Costello (An Garda Síochána), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Noel Wardick (NICCC)

### **Minutes of previous meeting:**

**Proposed:** Donal Cassidy (HSE)

**Seconded:** Mary Keenan (DoT)

#### 1. Tusla Overview

Joy McGlynn presented an overview of Tusla services to the Board.

Tusla was established in 2014. Under the **Child and Family Act 2013** it is charged with:

Supporting and promoting the development, welfare and protection of children, and the effective functioning of families;

- Offering care and protection for children in circumstances where their parents have not been able to, or are unlikely to, provide the care that a child needs.
- Responsibility for ensuring that every child in the State attends school or otherwise receives an education, and for providing educational welfare services to support and monitor children’s attendance, participation and retention in education;
- Ensuring that the best interests of the child guide all decisions affecting individual children;
- Consulting children and families so that they help to shape the agency’s policies and services;
- Strengthening interagency co-operation to ensure seamless services responsive to needs;
- Undertaking research relating to its functions and providing information and advice to the Minister regarding those functions; and
- Commissioning services relating to the provision of child and family services.

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. The overall purpose is to improve outcomes for children and young people through local and national interagency working.

The CYPSC is chaired by Tusla.

#### **Services provided by Tusla include:**

- Child protection and welfare services
- Educational welfare services
- Psychological services
- Alternative care
- Family and locally-based community supports
- Early years services
- Domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services
- Adoption services.

#### **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

An overview of the concept of ACE's and how they can have a negative effect on children that can last well into adulthood effect. This can be associated with poorer outcomes for children in terms of educational attainment, employment, involvement in crime, family breakdown, and a range of health and wellbeing measures.

#### **Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (PPFS)**

The best way to improve outcomes for children is to intervene at an early stage to resolve problems and prevent harm. The aim of the programme is to prevent risks to children and young people arising or escalating through building sustainable intellectual capacity and staff within Tusla and partner organisations to perform early intervention work.

It was noted during the presentation that there is a high number of children in care in the Dublin North area. There are current about 500 children in care in the Dublin North area, 1.25% which is 2.5 time the national average of 0.5%. The high number poses difficulties in finding foster families in the child's family area, which is the preferred option, but as a consequence of the number many children are fostered outside of their area. At 18 years of age an aftercare plan is developed with the young person as they have to leave the foster care system at that point.

The Meitheal process has proved to be very beneficial in dealing with a variety of difficulties and Tusla would encourage further involvement by all with this process.

The Chair acknowledged the positive work that Tusla are doing in the area and encouraged all members to emphasise a positive message with all groups in relation to this work. It was suggested by the community rep that Tusla consider having a presence at local events and festivals to inform the community of the work that they are involved in.

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### 2. Budget Group

#### **Social Employment Fund (SEF):**

A meeting with Department of Rural and Community Development (D/RCD) and the NEIC Programme Office was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The critical contribution of the SEF to service provision in the NEIC was outlined by the Programme Office. There is a need for a broader stakeholder meeting to include Department of Rural and Community Development (D/RCD), Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (D/PER), Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (D/EASP) and Department of Children and Youth Affairs D/CYA). This meeting will be organised for September.

The following recommendations for funding were proposed by the Budget Group:

<b>Sub Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Mulvey Action</b>
<b>2</b>	Childcare CPD Bursary (additional funding) (Programme Office)	€9,550	2.6
<b>3</b>	Hopscotch Project (Community After School Project (CASPr))	€13,000	TBC
	Liberty Park – Re-imagining a sense of pride in the community**	€61,000	1.8
	City Connects	€129,500	TBC
<b>4</b>	Roads resurfacing at Summerhill and St. Laurence Place East (DCC)	€150,000	4.4
	Community Events (additional funding) (DCC)	€130,000	3.12
	D-Light Studios (Immediate and essential roof repairs) (DCC)	€80,000	4.4
	The Green Ribbon (DCC)	€100,000	4.3
	Playgrounds Improvement Programme (DCC)	€50,000	4.4
	North Inner City Folklore Project – Rent and utilities (DCC)	€20,000	3.10
	<b>Total (July)</b>	<b>€743,050</b>	

\*\*It was agreed that the Liberty Park proposal would be amended as follows:

- An immediate focussed intervention in Liberty Park e.g. holding a facilitated meeting with DCC, senior local Gardaí, local residents, community members as well as members of the group from UL to be a catalyst to reclaim the park and the environs. This would be to take advantage of the increased Garda resources currently in the area and the focus from DCC and a chance to tackle issue raised as a “wicked” problem by the group.
- Leadership development – working with the full group of 22 to further develop and enhance their leadership capabilities.

**The funding recommendations outlined above were approved by the Board.**

This brings the total funds approved by the PIB to date to **€6,278,797. 00**

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### **Mainstreaming of Funding:**

Discussion to be had on this at the next meeting of the Budget Group. A list of projects funded in successive years under the NEIC Initiative will be prepared by Programme Office. Budget Group members can also advise Programme Office of projects they consider suitable for mainstreaming for inclusion on this list.

### 3. **Sub group reports**

#### **Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.**

- Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin has been appointed to the DMR North Central Division and will take up his post in late July.
- Interviews have taken place for the Drugs Related Intimidation project worker. A suitable candidate has been identified and is expected to commence in the role in early September.
- Liberty Park – the high visibility operation, using bike patrols and Gardaí on the beat continues in the area. It was reported that drug sales have now gone from Liberty Park but this has resulted in displacement to other locations.
- It was noted that the Gardaí are willing to accept invitations to attend any local events.
- A number of potential proposals were discussed, these are still in discussion stage and not ready for submission for consideration at this point.

#### **Group 2 – Education, Training and Employment**

- Discussions are ongoing with the Principals Network to illicit a proposal from them. One idea that is a possibility is the holding of a careers event for second level students in the area. Further discussions will be held with Principals at the start of the school year in September.
- The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) will hold a *Jobs Fair* event in the NEIC later in 2019. Date and details to be agreed.
- **Work Experience** programme - the ambition for the programme has increased in terms of number of schools and students for 2019/2020 academic year. The subgroup's opinion is that a dedicated person is required to coordinate this. Discussions have taken place between the Programme Office and possible partners. A submission has been received from the National College of Ireland (NCI) to undertake this coordination. The proposal has not been discussed by Subgroup 2 but given the need to have someone in position for start of the school year it was agreed the process in the ***Funding and Governance document*** for requests that require ***urgent consideration*** can be used.
- Board members from Departments and agencies represented at the PIB were requested to seek 4 placements to support the work experience programme. All members were asked to revert to Mary Keenan with a commitment in principle and a contact name in their HR section.
- **Social Enterprise Research** – following the Social Enterprise workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> July some of the subgroup members undertook a study visit to **Innovate Ballymun** and the **Rediscovery Centre** to discuss social enterprise. A further workshop led by **Collaboration Ireland** is planned for 21st August in the Ballybough Community Centre. The plan is expected to be completed by end of September 2019.

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- **Intercultural Development Coordinator** - Final details have been agreed by all relevant parties to enable the recruitment process to commence. The target is to have the coordinator in position in October '19.
- **Career LEAP** - A video on the Career LEAP programme has recently been completed, as part of the Social Media strategy, and will be launched in the coming days.

### **Group 3 – Integrated System of Social Services.**

- **ISDF** – There are 3 working groups working on separate aspects of the ISDF:
  - **Parenting:**  
A paper was prepared for discussion by the subgroup. All services are encouraged to support parents and are reminded of the importance of doing so. Tusla are currently looking to identify a “parenting champion” for the area – this would be someone who has a knowledge of services and programmes and can direct parents to the appropriate service.
  - **Youth Services update:**  
City of Dublin Youth Services Board (CDYSB) are currently involved in a mapping process of youth services. A presentation will be available for the subgroup in September. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (D/CYA) have asked the relevant Departments and agencies to identify deficits in terms of staff and resources in the NEIC and how this might be addressed.
  - **Youth Mental Health:**  
A paper was circulated to the group on Youth mental health for consideration. Observations on the document were requested and on receipt of these next step actions will be developed. A roundtable discussion with subgroup members and local providers will be organised for September.
- **City Connects** – The proposal has been approved and focus will now shift to the planning phase between September and the end of the year.

### **Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure**

#### **Public Realm Plan**

- The analytical mapping document recently compiled will be updated to include crime area analysis information currently being compiled by An Garda Síochána.
- Dublin City Council is proceeding to engage specialist firm Space Syntax to produce an Urban Baseline Study. This will provide the detailed technical information required to proceed to procurement of a multi-disciplinary design team.
- It has been agreed, in tandem with work on the full NEIC Public Realm Plan that work will proceed on a mini plan for the area identified as Node 2 (Charleville Mall / Five Lamps) in the analytical mapping recently carried out.

#### **Greening Strategy**

- Projects identified for delivery in 2019 are on track. Specific on-site timelines will be determined following completion of DCC inter-departmental approvals process.

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Belvedere Plaza – planting to commence – September

Dorset Median – planting to commence Sept/Oct.

A number of gable walls in the area being surveyed for planting

Sean McDermott St being surveyed for Tree planting Tree planting is also planned for Foley St and Richmond St.

Diamond Park – plan has been finalised and a further public feedback will be organised for Sept/Oct.

### Rutland St. School

- The enabling works contract has been completed. While some issues have been identified these are unlikely to have a significant impact the overall project costs or timeline.
- The co-operation of the existing tenants in facilitating the enabling works was acknowledged.
- Statutory Part 8 planning process for the main contract is progressing and is on schedule to be presented to the October meeting of Dublin City Council. Subject to this approval the public procurement process will proceed immediately.
- It is anticipated that further capital funding will be secured in the next round of URDF allocations.
- Discussions will also commence shortly with relevant stakeholders regarding options for an appropriate model for management and operating of the facility including sources of funding running costs into the future.
- DCC have been in contact with CIE re the possible use of some of the railway arches for local groups/ Clubs etc. A response to the request is awaited.
- DCC have engaged a property company to investigate the possibility of some local vacant units being available for rent.
- Currently DCC have over 50 requests from groups looking for space in which to operate.
- Playground Improvement programme (DCC) – Chair requested written summary of the playground improvements that are planned.
- **Royal Canal Cycleway:**  
Phase 2 currently under construction – is on target.  
Tenders received back for Phase 3 were above the framework limits. Due to this it will have to go to an open tender process.

### Group 5 – Substance use and misuse

#### Seminar to address substance use and misuse in the NEIC

- A seminar to address substance use and misuse in the NEIC was held in the Department of Health on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Over 40 people attended the seminar.
- It featured inputs on recent service improvements from Donal Cassidy, HSE, the findings from the community need analysis study by Kathyan Kelly and the role of the drug and alcohol task force from Joe Barry ( NICDATF chair).
- The main outputs from the seminar were priority actions for the next phase of the NEIC initiative.

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### Housing First

- The group had a presentation on the Housing First service being provided in the Dublin region. Housing First targets rough sleepers and long-term users of supported temporary accommodation. Its clients have addiction and mental health needs and are usually distant from services. It offers dedicated housing units and has a multi-disciplinary support team. Housing First has identified 42 individuals for its programme - many of these people are availing of services in the NEIC.

The Peter McVerry Trust is also working with young people in the NEIC who are homeless and involved in criminality. The residential stabilisation programme operated by Peter McVerry Trust is a key part in the continuum of care that is provided for these young people.

**International Overdose Awareness Day (31<sup>st</sup> August 2019)** - The group discussed how it might contribute to this.

**Budget 2020-** Estimates have been included in the HSE budget estimate bid for 2020 for the range of services (stabilisation beds, Inclusion health hub etc.) that have been supported by the NEIC funding in 2019.

**North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol taskforce:** - the group have requested a presentation on the education programme for schools that was funded by the PIB for its next meeting.

An announcement is due on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August on a new health led approach to drug offenders.

#### 4. HSE Update :

##### Stabilisation programme:

- A 10 bed stabilisation unit offering 5 beds for HSE referrals and 5 beds for non HSE referrals for individuals residing in the NEIC area only, building works have commenced official opening date has been agreed as end August..

##### Case Management Team

- This team took up post on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019; the team have been trained on the agreed case management process and have been engaging with relevant agencies in the NEIC area. The team will be Case Managing service users from the Spire and Cross Care from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Case Management Team for people with substance use / misuse issues this team is operational since the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The full team will be in place 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and will be operational from the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

##### Inclusion Health Hub updates:

- A specialised GP and Nursing practice – half day Monday all day Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Maternity services for women in addiction – two women are now accessing post-natal services in the hub
- The HSE Health Link Team
- The Homeless and Addiction Case Management Teams operate from here on a full time base

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- An official open day in early October perhaps to coincide with international mental health day 10<sup>th</sup> October, or other relevant awareness day.

### Other updates

- The HSE are working with Breast Check to carry out a campaign in the North Inner City in October 2019, providing a mobile service in the car park next to Lourdes Day Care Centre.
- HSE Social Inclusion Services are working very closely with the Drug and Alcohol Task Force and the NGO's in the North Inner City driving a common case management process for all addiction services in the area, this commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, and will ensure a consistent approach to case management, putting the service users at the centre of all decisions and will enable better interagency working on behalf of the service user. There are in excess of 20 agencies engaging in the process, 36 case managers have been trained in the common approach and are being heavily supported by HSE staff in the area.
- **Connecting for Life** conference planned for January 2020 in Croke Park.
- **Recovery Walk** in September 2019 has the potential for services in the NEIC area to come together for same.

### 5. Community Update:

- **Strategic Action Plan** – A query was raised as to where this process is at. The Board were advised that a 1st draft has been completed but there is some reworking to be done. It will then be circulated to the sub group chairs for discussions with their groups at their next meeting's PIB Chair will discuss the plan with Subgroup chairs at the next meeting.
- **Effect of HSE Moratorium on services** – the negative effect this is having on services was raised. The HSE rep advised that there is no local activity for him to influence this as it is a national policy. It was acknowledged that there is a difficulty around recruitment. The HSE locally are endeavouring to minimise the effect on services as much as possible, they are looking for alternatives for situations as they arise.  
There is a particular issue in relation to the recruitment of both speech and language therapists and occupational therapists as there is a national shortage of qualified personnel in both these disciplines.  
This could have an effect on the planned City Connects programme as there will be a big demand for both Occupational and Speech and Language therapist's inputs.
- The requirements sought by DCC for the use of local venues are preventing some groups from being in a position to do so. The DCC rep said they would look at what was being requested to see if they can assist groups to access local venues

### 6. Business Update



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- Following the meeting with CSR reps the business community has agreed to support the work experience programme in 2019/2020. Consideration will also be given to providing a number of paid summer work placements for students
- A number of the students that were offered paid summer work experience in 2019 have had their contracts extended due to high performance.

**It was agreed that the August meeting would be with the Chair of the Board and the subgroup chairs.**

**Next meeting:      Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ 8.00am**

**Venue:            TBC**

### **Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:**

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>
Arrange meeting for Chair with Chief Superintendent McMenamin	Programme Office /Chair
Dates to be set for DEASP Jobs fair.	DEASP
Agree meeting date with relevant stakeholders re SEF.	Programme Office/DoT
Written summary of Playground improvements	DCC