

North East Inner City Initiative Programme Implementation Board

Location: via ZOOM Videoconference
Time and date: 8am, 30 th June 2021
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Paddy McMenamin (An Garda Síochána), Noel Hand (DSP), Paddy Murdoff (NICCC), Joy McGlynn (Tusla), Jim Walsh (DoH), Mary Keenan (DoT), Noel Wardick (NICCC), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Kate Levey (DCEDIY), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Mary Cregg (DE), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), David Leavey (DoT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: , Brendan Kenny (DCC), Superintendent Paul Costello (An Garda Síochána), Feargal O’Rourke (PwC)
Presenters: Sinead Fahy (DE), Karen Butler (HSE), Catherine Tracey (DE), Andrew Torrance (DE), Gerry Cullen (City Connects).

The Chair welcomed the group of presenters to the meeting.

The PIB members received a presentation on the progress of City Connects and the Multi-Disciplinary Team (SLT/OT/ Psychology and NEPS psychologists) to date.

- City Connects is a comprehensive system of student supports.
- Each child will be reviewed with their teacher once a year – Whole Class Review.
- This review records each pupil’s strengths and needs across 4 domains – Academic, Social/Emotional/Behavioural, Health and Family.
- The objective is to develop an individualised plan for every child.
- If a child is seen as having intensive needs an Individual Student Review is undertaken (this is followed up every 6 - 8 weeks by the City Connects coordinator.
- 1,650 children have been reviewed as part of the Whole Class review process.
- Where children are flagged as requiring an Individual Student Review these will be arranged.
- Multi-Disciplinary Team - this team empowers teachers and parents to build their capacity to support the holistic development of each child and also provides case work assessment, intervention and therapy.

Teacher/Parent Capacity Building

Continuous professional development Sessions – 637
 Advice clinics – 178
 Targeted Teacher/Parent interventions – 193
 Resource Development – 16

Case Work

1:1 Assessments - 174
 1:1 Therapy – 474
 Targeted Group sessions - 69
 In-class Coaching – 71
 Whole class interventions – 361
 Schools Planning Sessions – 535
 MDT Case Discussions – 724

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- The Tusla rep. enquired as to when the impact of the City Connects programme will be evident? The City Connects Manager advised that there is an external evaluation being undertaken and that as part of the City Connects process, when the next round of whole class reviews are completed they will be able to be compared to the previous one which tracks and improvements.
- Access to IT devices for children during the Covid-19 lockdown period was raised as an issue that impeded the work of the MDT. The Chair expressed his surprise at this as the NEIC PIB had provided significant funds to supply schools with devices to support children during that time and DE had also provided additional support for IT equipment. Schools had reported that their needs were fully met.
- The City Connects manager noted that Technical University Dublin (TUD) have agreed to provide a 5 week cookery course for 20 children starting in February 2022.
- The Chair thanked the presenters for the presentation and time and effort that went into putting it together. He also wished them well with their work.

Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the April 2021 meeting were approved.

Proposed: Mary Keenan (DoT)

Seconded: Paddy Murdoff (NICCC)

• **Community Update**

- Planning for the “*Big SCREAM*” Halloween festival has commenced. A festival director has been appointed and the various planning groups are being established.
- Healthy Communities project – the Social prescribing element of the project has commenced and is operating from the Summerhill Primary Care Centre. The community rep noted that for 2021 the funding for the Healthy Communities project was 50% from the NEIC PIB and 50% from Healthy Ireland. A different funding model is proposed for the project in 2022 and discussions are ongoing with the various stakeholders.
- Concern was expressed at the lack of facilities for older persons particularly following the closure of St. Monica’s Nursing Home and Day Centre, which included an informal drop-in centre. The HSE rep advised that the St Monica’s Nursing Home was not closed by the HSE but was closed by the provider due to an inability to fund fire safety improvements that it needed to carry out in order to retain a licence to operate a nursing home. The residents were moved to other suitable facilities
- ICON are one of 7 projects nationally that have been awarded funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The focus of the ICON programme is the provision of rights-based training and support as well as building awareness among marginalised women in Dublin’s North East Inner City regarding the right to adequate housing in the private sector. The community rep reported that Joe O’Brien T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, is to visit ICON on 1st July to congratulate them on the funding and to hear more about the project. The DoT rep welcomed the news that ICON had received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and asked if details of the project could be shared.
- National Childcare Scheme – concerns remain in relation to the scheme. The NICCC has written to the Minister for Finance requesting a meeting with him on the subject. A letter from the NICCC was also sent to the PIB Chair. The PIB Chair noted that he had raised the concerns in relation to the National Childcare Scheme with the Secretary General of the Department of the Taoiseach at the

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recent NEIC Oversight Group meeting. He also note that he had not as yet received the letter referred to by the community rep and requested that it be resent to him.

- Local Employment Service – concerns were expressed on the nature of the tender that is being proposed.
- Liberty Park Residents Group – work is ongoing with this group. The community rep. is hopeful that there will be some progress in the near future.
- The community rep. queried why the funding that has been approved for the 0 to 5 years research proposal from YPAR is to be administered via the programme office rather than via ICON? The Budget Group Chair noted that it was for good financial governance procedures that the programme office would pay directly to the appointed researcher rather than process the funds to a third party, in this instance ICON, who were not directly involved in the research project.
- An update in relation to both Aldborough House and the former Magdalene Laundry site was requested. The Chair noted that Aldborough Hose is privately owned and that he has met with the owner on a number of occasions. The Chair also noted that, he understood, that following the publication of the *Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes* report consideration was being given to the establishment of a repository for documents and this site was one that was being considered for such a repository.

The Chair advised that he had met with representatives from Dublin City Council (DCC) in relation to the work to be undertaken on Sean McDermott St Swimming Pool. He was advised that engineers are on site undertaking an evaluation of the work to be carried out to enable a tender to be developed for pricing. DCC advised that they intend to be issue the tender documents in Q3, 2021. The Chair reported good progress in relation to the Rutland St. School redevelopment project. The tender document evaluation is being completed. It is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in August and that work will commence on site as soon as their resources allow. The Fitzgibbon St. Garda Station is still on target to be handed back to AGS by the end of July and should be operational in Q3 2021.

- **Budget Group:**

A number of funding proposals were presented for discussion and consideration by the Board. Below is a summary of the approved proposals.

Subgroup	Project	Amount	Funding Recipient	Decision
Subgroup 2	O'Connell's Primary School – Arts and Wellbeing room.	€16,556	O'Connell's Primary School	Approved
Subgroup 3	U18's Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic & Counselling Support (May to Dec. 2021)	€78, 000	ICON	Approved
Subgroup 6	YPAR 0-5 Early Years Research	€34,100	Funding to be administered by Programme Office	Approved
Total		€128,656		

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A proposal from St Joseph's Adolescent School for IT equipment was referred back to SG2 for further information to be gathered.

Community Grants 2021:

- 78 applications were received seeking a total amount of €287,793.41
- 25 applications were recommended for approval.
- 18 application recommended for support working with the Dublin City Council Community Development team.
- 9 applications were recommended for support from the Emerging needs fund.
- 3 applications were referred to the relevant subgroup for consideration.
- 6 applications were referred to the DCC Sport and Wellbeing section
- 1 application was referred to the DCC parks section.

Group Name	Brief description	Amount Recommended	Funding Recipient	<u>Decision</u>
Lourdes Day Care Centre	Replace ceiling tiles in dining room and hall & smoke detector electrical work	4377.60	Lourdes Day Care Centre	Approved
Seville Place Girl Guides	Purchase outdoor equipment, foldable tables, chairs and small tents.	2850.00	Seville Place Girl Guides	Approved
O'Connell's Secondary School	Create & build a mobile kitchen for O'Connell's School & wider community.	2850.00	O'Connell's Secondary School	Approved
Belvedere Youth Club	Purchase musical instruments for a music based programme,	5000.00	Belvedere Youth Club	Approved
Mud Island Community Garden	Purchase of polytunnels, planters,	5000.00	Mud Island Community Garden	Approved
Acts of Compassion Ministries	Workshops on emerging needs of policing forum	3200.00	Acts of Compassion Ministries	Approved
HOPE	Coaching for "Run for Recovery"	1960.00	HOPE	Approved
Mount Carmel Secondary School	Provide study skills seminars & mindfulness classes,	1000.00	Mount Carmel Secondary School	Approved

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SAOL Project	Run a pilot programme for a free range kid's community group.	2100.00	SAOL Project	Approved
Crosscare	Repair refrigeration units and Covid signage	3772.94	Crosscare	Approved
Early Learning Initiative	Extend STEM Play and Learn Summer Programmes into Autumn/Winter 2021	5000.00	Early Learning Initiative	Approved
Taekwon-do Club	Equipment for classes.	1950.07	Taekwon-do Club	Approved
Dublin City Community Co-Op on behalf of North Wall Knitting & Gardening Group	Purchase yarn, knitting patterns and buttons to make comfort blankets for elderly, babies, and special needs families.	1000.00	Dublin City Community Co-Op	Approved
Sophia Housing - Sean McDermott Street	Purchase of yoga equipment and art supplies	705.02	Sophia Housing - Sean McDermott Street	Approved
The Five Lamps Art Festival	To enable people to make their own short film	3500.00	The Five Lamps Art Festival	Approved
The Cavan Centre	Purchase of wetsuits, waterproof seat covers for bus	4184.50	The Cavan Centre	Approved
Corinthians Boxing Club	Purchase of hand sanitisers, Covid posters, face masks, cleaning accessories	1362.42	Corinthians Boxing Club	Approved
Rising Stars Dance Club	Purchase children's training gear	1200.00	Rising Stars Dance Club	Approved
Ballybough After School Service (BASS)	Purchase sports equipment, gazebo, outdoor furniture, raingear, outdoor games, high viz vests	1310.00	Ballybough After School Service	Approved

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Royal Canal Clean Up Group	Safety equipment and clean up equipment	4521.00	Royal Canal Clean Up Group	Approved
Nascadh CDP	Camera to record events	800.00	Nascadh CDP	Approved
Discovery Gospel Choir	PPE equipment & gazebo i to allow workshops to restart in a safe environment	3281.01	Discovery Gospel Choir	Approved
East Wall Youth	Equipment to enable the work with young people to continue.	4452.44	East Wall Youth	Approved
O'Connell's Secondary School	Mural	2500.00	O'Connell's Secondary School	Approved
Smashing Times	Provide and deliver a series of workshops in the area.	5000.00	Smashing Times	Approved
Total		72,877.00		

The following applications are recommended for support via DCC Community Development Section:

Group Name	Type Service	Project	Brief description	Decision
Frankfort Cottages & Hewardine Terrace	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Purchase of gardening, cleaning & storage equipment.	Approved
Grenville Street, Hill Street Flats Community Project	Residents Association	Family Events	Organise BBQ, family fun day and visit to Dublin Zoo	Approved
Clonliffe & Croke Park Community Centre	Residents Association	Summer Events	Organise summer events - for 60 people at each event, if government guidelines allow it.	Approved

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Nottingham Street Residents Group	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Purchase of seasonal planting, including composter and fertiliser for summer & winter planting 2021	Approved
Portland Place & District	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Street and gardens clean up, Purchase BBQ, gazebo and activities for children & senior citizens.	Approved
The Diamond Residents Association	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Clean up area, activities for children, purchase BBQ/gazebo	Approved
Hardwicke Street Residents	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Clean up area, activities for children, purchase gazebo, plants/shrubs	Approved
Fitzgibbon Residents	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Clean up area/flat complexes. Purchase plants/shrubs	Approved
Rutland Court Residents Association	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Purchase benches, tables, plants & flowers	Approved
Champions Avenue Residents	Residents Association	Gardening and storage	Purchase flowers, plants & shrubs, hanging baskets & paints. Also activities for children	Approved
Ballybough Pride of Place	Residents Association	Gardening and storage, video production	Purchase timber, fixings, liners, paint, storage boxes, wheelbarrows, compost & plants. Produce a video of local antique dealer restoring piece from start to finish	Approved
Patrick Heaney Crescent Tenant Association	Residents Association	family fun day	Bouncy Castle hire, BBQ food/refreshments, games/prizes	Approved

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Ballybough Community Group	Residents Association	family fun day	Zoo tickets, prizes, bbq food, party bags	Approved
The Hen House Club	Residents Association	family fun day	Bingo books, prizes for children, bbq food/ ice cream van	Approved
Richmond Cottages & District Community Association	Residents Association	mural painting and install 3 plaques	Mural painting of James Joyce, and 3 plaques of James Joyce, Sinead de Valera & Peadar Kearney	Approved
Clonliffe & Croke Park Area Residents Association	Residents Association	Planting & benches, storage boxes	Purchase benches, plants, planters, compost, storage boxes, hanging baskets	Approved
St Laurence Day Care Centre	Residents Group	New Furniture	Upgrade equipment	Approved
Tom Clarke House Residents Group	Residents Group	Gardening equipment	Gardening equipment	Approved
Total Allocated				€27,123.000

The Community Grants Scheme recommendations that fall under the Emerging Needs:

Project	Amount	Recipient of Funding	Decision
Sensory toys for children	€5,029	Larkin Unemployed Centre	Approved
Minor outside work	€3,405	Larkin Unemployed Centre	Approved
Outdoor classroom	€7,260	Larkin Community College	Approved
Outdoor space upgrade and maintenance of outdoor equipment	€8,757.76	St Louise's ECDS	Approved
Kitchen upgrade	€4,973	Praise Tabernacle Ireland CLG	Approved
Outdoor play equipment & Covid safety	€4,422.69	North Wall CDP	Approved

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Replacement fridge	€2,115.58	Sean O Casey Community Centre	Approved
Outdoor classroom construction	€4,570.10	Ozanam House Children's Centre	Approved
IT Network upgrade	€4,979.39	Hill Street Family Resource Centre	Approved
Total	€45,512.52		

Total funds approved by the NEIC PIB to date for 2021 - €5,247,249

Proposed: Paddy Murdiff (NICCC)

Seconded: Joy McGlynn (Tusla)

- The community rep while welcoming the community grants, expressed governance concerns about the funding for the residents' groups being allocated to the DCC Community Development team. The Budget Group Chair advised that the evaluation panel considered there was merit in the applications from the residents' groups; that many of them were newly formed or in the process of forming and as such would benefit from the support of the DCC Community Development teams as many of them would not have the necessary structures in place to accept the transfer of funds. The Board were assured that a full record of the amounts received by each group will be recorded and maintained by the Programme Office.
- The Tusla rep advised that she would include a submission for funding in her estimates process for 2022 for the Fast-track counselling initiative.
- **Business update:**
 - The Hill St Family Resource Centre strategic plan is complete with assistance from PwC and is being prepared for printing.
 - Requests have been made to PwC for support on 3 projects:
 - Risk management/strategic plan for the Rutland St. School redevelopment project
 - Assistance for LYCS on the development of a strategic plan
 - Support in the development of a proposal in relation to services for 0 to 5 year olds in the NEIC.
 - PwC are providing support and advice on the programme office in the development of a branding pack for the NEIC initiative.
- **HSE Update:**
 - The COVID-19 testing centre that was based in Cloghran has been relocated to Finglas.
 - The Croke Park Testing centre remains open.
 - The vaccination centre in the Helix is relocating to Cloghran.

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- The Croke Park vaccination centre will remain operational.
 - Vaccinations are being provided for those in homeless services, drug treatment services or direct provision in the TOLCO premises in Cabra.
 - While most HSE services are operational – there is an ongoing impact on services due to the recent cyber-attack.
 - Daycare services are being individually risk assessed for reopening – however the uptake rate is low.
 - It was noted that while there have been a lot of focus on the needs of youth during the recent lockdown periods, elderly citizens have equally been effected.
 - The Chair asked that day care centres be contacted and ascertain if any assistance is required to assist in reopening.
- **Department of Social Protection update:**
 - The first Construction Skills programme of 2021 finished on 11th June. 8 participants completed the programme and 4 have been placed into employment.
 - Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Social Protection has arranged a series of meeting with various stakeholders to discuss Community Employment (CE). Maria Tyrrell, Larkin Unemployed Centre was nominated and participated in the discussions.
 - CE promotional video has issued to all eligible people in the NEIC.
 - An online education and training event was held on 15th June – to advise of opportunities available. 632 were invited, 83 attended – feedback form both attendees and presenters is positive.
 - An online employment fair to promote work opportunities in the hospitality sector in and around the City Centre was held on 17th June. The event lasted for 2 hours, there was a large invite list issued. Good feedback has been received. It is planned to hold similar events for other sectors in the coming months.
 - Phone contact with PUP recipients stated in June and is being undertaken by 3 job coaches based in the Kings Inn St. office.
 - The DSP rep. noted the concerns that have been raised in relation to the proposed tendering process for the Local Employment Service and advised that he has raised these with the relevant section in the Department.
- **Subgroup Reports:**
 - **Subgroup 6:**
 - Action 17 - the paper on integrated service delivery framework for the youth sector is expected on Friday July 2nd (in advance of next SG6 meeting) and that the relevant Subgroup members would take forward the next stage themselves with support of Youth Affairs Division in DCEDIY to produce single-area-plan for youth services in NEIC (with no further consultancy work).
 - Action 18 – City Connects – the recruitment of 3 new coordinators is completed. A training plan has been agreed to ensure the coordinators are ready to commence work on the return to school in September. The clustering of schools to take account of the additional staff has been completed. Discussions in relation to identifying a managed service provider for the IT system are ongoing, progress has been made and it is expected that a solution will be in place before the return to school.
 - Action 19 – Liberty Park – the provision of Tai Chi, yoga, capoeira classes have been well received and there is good attendance at the sessions. Meetings with residents are ongoing, it is hoped that there will be some progress in the near future.

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- Action 20 – The DCEDIY welcomed the approval of the 0-5 research proposal and indicated that the department are well placed and available to contribute to the research.
It was also noted that there is a need for engagement between Dublin City Childcare Committee (DCCC) and YPAR on a further proposal from DCCC (first proposed in autumn 2020 which is now to be revised in consultation with the community) that is intended to support services in the area. During a recent discussion between the DCEDIY rep and the Chair of the YPAR 0-5 Working Group – it was indicated by the Chair of the YPAR 0-5 Working Group that she didn't see an immediate link between the proposal and support for the service providers in accessing the national childcare scheme (NCS) and so had concluded at the last YPAR 0-5 Working Group meeting that reviving last Autumn's proposal simply wasn't a priority for YPAR given all of the other issues facing service providers at the moment. It was flagged to the Chair of the YPAR 0-5 Working Group that it would be very important for DCEDIY that there is engagement by service providers in relation to all strands of support that are offered as the research proposal (that was approved today) is only a first step in addressing issues in the area. The intended link between the DCCC proposal and addressing the NCS issues that have been brought by the Community to the PIB was flagged and the community reps were encouraged to support collaboration between YPAR and DCCC on it.

Subgroup 5:

- The group received a presentation on the work that has been undertaken to date by the the Healthy Communities Project Team including Healthy Food Made Easy, Smoking Cessation, Social Prescribing and activities for elderly citizens. It was noted that the programme is at the midpoint of the funding that was allocated by both the NEIC PIB and Healthy Ireland. A meeting will be arranged with the HSE in relation to funding. The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme developed by the Department of Health was recently launched, the selection of the initial 18 projects has not been announced yet. The DoH rep. will contact the Health & Wellbeing Unit to raise awareness of the NEIC project as it could be a pathfinder project for the new programme. The PIB Chair advised that he will be meeting the Healthy Communities Project Team in the coming weeks for an update on their work.
- National Childcare Scheme – some members of the subgroup raised concerns in relation to the NCS and that the application process amounted to poverty shaming. Families applying have to include information that is not necessary e.g. the child's parents' addiction records, mental health records and extended family records. This places Public Health Nurses in the position of having to refuse families unless a strong enough case is made.
- Community aftercare programme for offenders - the SG5 Chair has written to the Irish Prison Service and Probation Service to engage them in the process of commissioning this project.
The SG5 Chair will make contact with a programme in the UK called *Reconnect to Health Care after Custody*. It's an evidence based model, led by the National Health Service. This programme is very similar in nature to the project being established in the NEIC.
- Drug Death Prevention - a proposal is being considered on the prevention of drug deaths which possibly could be similar in nature to an initiative of the Scottish Drug Forum where they've engaged a training development officer in drug death prevention. The person is working on Naloxone training, a peer network and a research component as part of their Staying Alive in Scotland strategy.
- Anti-Stigma Proposal - following the recent successful launch of the evaluation of the pilot Anti-Stigma Training Programme a proposal is being developed to roll out the training to other groups and agencies in the NEIC.

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- The SG5 Chair has had initial discussion with the HSE re the possibility of the provision of a dedicated co-ordinator for drugs and alcohol services in the area.
- The members of the subgroup have been asked if they are happy to continue to be part of the group or if it time to consider refreshing the membership.

Subgroup 4:

- NEIC SG4 Communications Plan - the final draft report from Legacy Communications was discussed by the subgroup. The subgroup agreed that the report and its recommendations would be forwarded to the NEIC Programme Office team currently working on the overall NEIC Communications and Engagement Strategy.
- The *Football for Unity Tournament* in association with Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI) is underway and running very well. There are four completions taking place. – Women’s 18-25, Girls U18, Men’s 18-25 and Boys U16. The finals are scheduled for Friday 16th July.
- There are a wide range of activities underway as part of Operation reactivation including – GAA, Soccer, Basketball, Dancing, Yoga, Tai Chi etc.
- Community Arts Co-ordinator - Interview process has been completed and it is anticipated that a contract will be in place in early July.
- Creative Place funding application - Notification has been received that the funding application submitted to the Arts Council under Creative Place Award open call was unsuccessful.
- A programme of outdoor activities and entertainment is taking place across DCC senior citizens complexes. The issue of a lack of day services for older people in the area was raised by the community reps. on the subgroup as a concern.
- Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool - Arrangements are now in place with Dublin City Council’s Markievicz Leisure Centre to accommodate schools and other user groups for the duration of the temporary closure which is likely to extend well into 2022.
- The NEIC Intercultural Ambassadors induction programme was formally launched by Lord Mayor of Dublin, Hazel Chu against a backdrop of a newly installed large scale complementary themed artwork in Mountjoy Sq. Park. On Friday 28th May. The event attracted positive media coverage.
- Newcomen Cottage – the contractor is back on site and work is progressing
- Charleville Mall Public Realm Work has progressed on design concepts for public realm improvements at Charleville Mall to complement the Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 which is expected to commence later this year.
- Diamond Park – Anti-Social behaviour has abated with the recent installation of temporary public toilets. The matter will be kept under review.
- The Chair noted the positive impact the recently completed planting at Seville Place plaza has had and passed his compliments to all involved in the project.

Subgroup 3:

- The Tusla rep. advised that their services continue to be disrupted due to the ongoing effects of the recent cyber-attack. Referrals can be made by phone to **01-8567704** and speak to a Duty Social Worker.
- Parenting Support Coordinator – due to a poor response to the initial advertisement the position has been re-advertised.
- Youth Mental Health - the Tusla rep thanked the PIB members for their support in terms of funding for the *Youth Fast-track Counselling initiative*. Following discussions, the HSE will not be including a

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proposal in their 2022 Budget estimates. Tusla have a counselling budget and the rep will seek to have funding for the *Youth Fast-track counselling* included in their 2022 Budget estimates.

- Community Case Management – the Tusla rep met with other Statutory Organisations, there needs to be a scoping exercise as Informed Consent would be needed from families. Information in relation to the scoping exercise has issued to the Statutory Agencies and feedback has been requested.
- “*Use Your Brain Not Your Fists*” is a public safety campaign by An Garda Síochána that aims to reduce the number of assaults carried out by males between 18 and 39 years of age. It appeals to young males to think of the consequences for themselves and others of being involved in assaults as statistics show a rise in assaults in last number of years in line with the rise in the night-time economy.

Subgroup 2:

- The subgroup had a presentation from the National Council for Special Education regarding service provision within the NEIC. The presentation allayed concerns re forward planning and emphasised the importance of early intervention and diagnosis for children with special needs.
- The alternative arrangements for access to the Markievicz Leisure Centre has been well received by the local schools.
- P-Tech – discussions are ongoing in relation to expanding the programme to the 3 secondary schools that are not currently involved. To prepare for this expansion the IT needs of the schools are being assessed. It is mostly likely that the expansion of the P-Tech programme to these schools would commence in January 2022.
- The NEIC Community Skills Survey has concluded. A preference was expressed to build upon current services and working with the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETB) going forward to meet the needs outlined in the survey. DSP will discuss future service provision with the CDETB
- Community Employment (C.E) Schemes - participation levels within the NEIC were identified this as a challenge going forward. The issue of Garda vetting was highlighted as a block to participation by some applicants. Garda vetting will be listed as a discussion item for SG2 at its next meeting.
- A programme been put in place for August for the multi-disciplinary team to work with the group of students that have been identified as at risk of not transitioning from primary to secondary school.
- C.V. Preparation - the trajectory of the figures availing of the service is positive. Positive engagement with harder to reach individuals was reported.

Subgroup 1:

- A dedicated and monitored email for notification of Drug Related Intimidation has been established – DMRNothCentral.dri@garda.ie
- Scramblers/E-Scooters have been raised as an issue by the subgroup community rep. – a focus on dealing with these will be maintained.
- An interactive map indicating the names of Gardaí in the various areas has been provided to the Local Community Safety Partnership. Approval will be sought to allow sharing of the map on the NEIC website.
- A successful *property marking* event – particularly to mark bicycles, mostly belonging to workers in the food delivery industry was held in June. A follow up event is planned for July.

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- Operations Cribbage and Canter are ongoing. During the month there were:
 - 367 arrests, 80 of which were drug related with 45 resulting in charges.
 - 96 public order offences, 73 of which resulted in charges (mainly for drunkenness and breach of the peace)
 - 47 domestic incidents were reported
- Detections of offensive weapons has increased by 20% in Store Street at the similar period in 2020.
- Drugs – detections for sale and supply have increased by 8% on 2020 figures
 - detections for own use have decreased by 31% on 2020 figures.
- A recent Hit&Run incident in the North Wall area featured on a recent edition of Crimecall. Gardaí would welcome any assistance with their ongoing investigation
- Following a serious incident in the Island Quay area in November 2020 charges have been brought against 7 individuals.
- Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) - Gardaí are working closely with this group. The PIB Chair commented that he is working in close collaboration with the Chair of the LCSP. He raised an issue in relation to the Sean O'Casey Avenue area and the ongoing dumping in the area which appears to be on the increase. He noted the ongoing efforts of the Dublin City Council cleansing crews but asked for a renewed effort in this area.
- The contact details for reporting incidents:
Phone – 01 666 8000 Email – DMR.northcentral.community@garda.ie
- **Communication and Social Media update:**
 - 94 articles were posted to the NEIC website and Facebook page in May. These posts combined were viewed 13,500 times, with 442 likes and loves, and 69 shares.
 - Website stats for May:
 - 2,922 visits to the website - 75% are new users.
 - This is a 23% increase over its performance at this point last year.
 - The video to mark the 80th anniversary of the North Strand bombings had over 3,300 views on Facebook.
 - The next video will feature Emmett Brennan, a local boxer who has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.
 - Work has commenced on a video on sport, arts and culture within the NEIC.
 - An additional page has been added to the NEIC website to promote the work of the Intercultural Development officer.
 - Work is also ongoing to add a similar page for both the Local Community Safety Partnership and the City Connects Programme.
 - The NEIC Summer Newsletter was delivered to all homes and carried on all of our platforms in the last week of May.
 - The [NEIC Communications and Engagement Survey](#) was issued to all members of the PIB, Sub-Groups, Programme Office and Budget Group. This process is now complete, with a response rate of 50%. This data will be used to inform the NEIC Communications and Engagement Strategy.

Next meeting: Wednesday 28th July 2021 @ 8.00am
Venue: ZOOM

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Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Circulate copy of city Connects presentation on the to the PIB members.	Programme Office
Circulate details re the use of the facilities for swimming in Markievicz Leisure Centre to all schools and user groups.	DCC/Programme Office
Circulate details of the project ICON have received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development to implement.	Community reps./Programme Office.