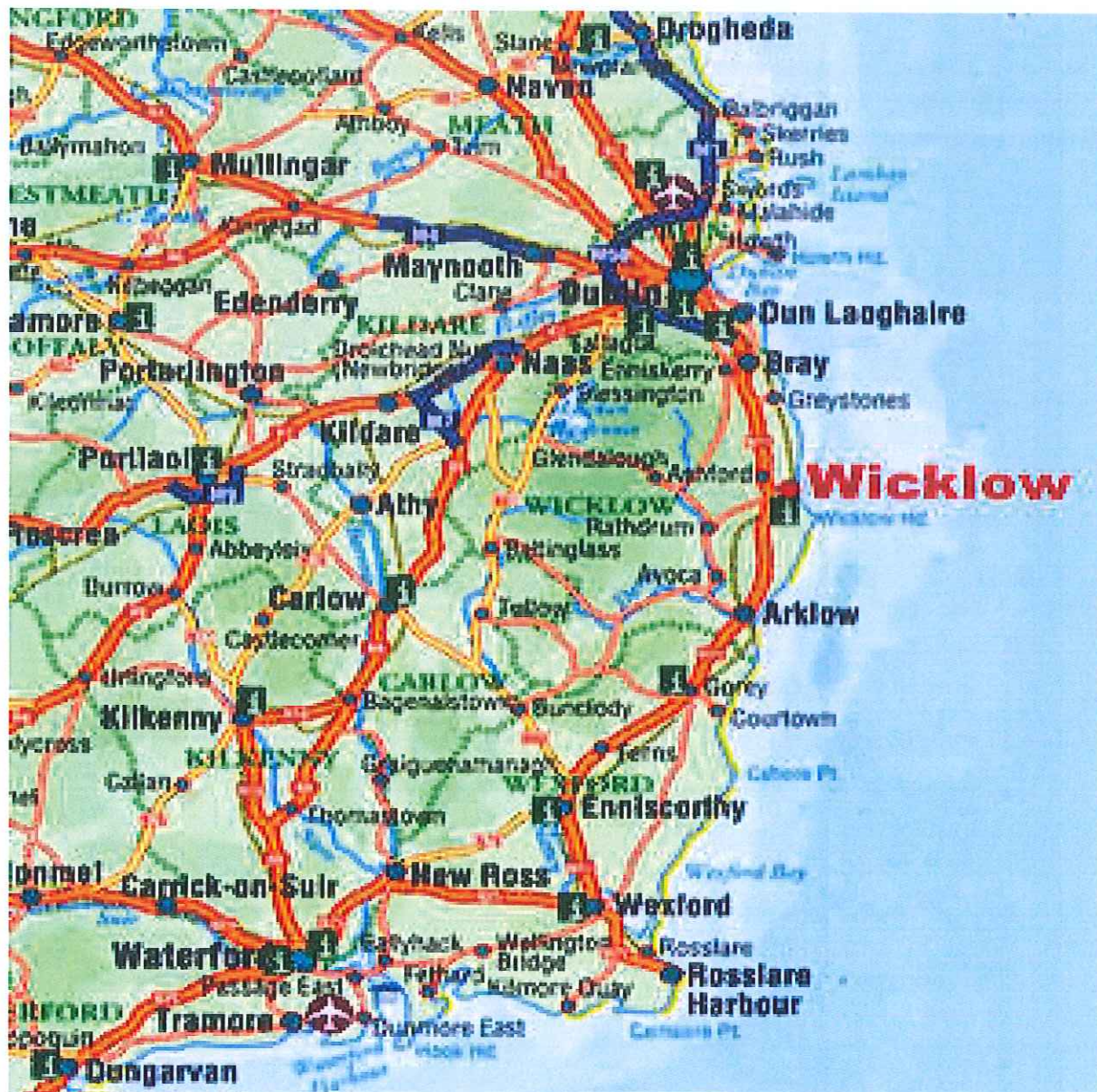


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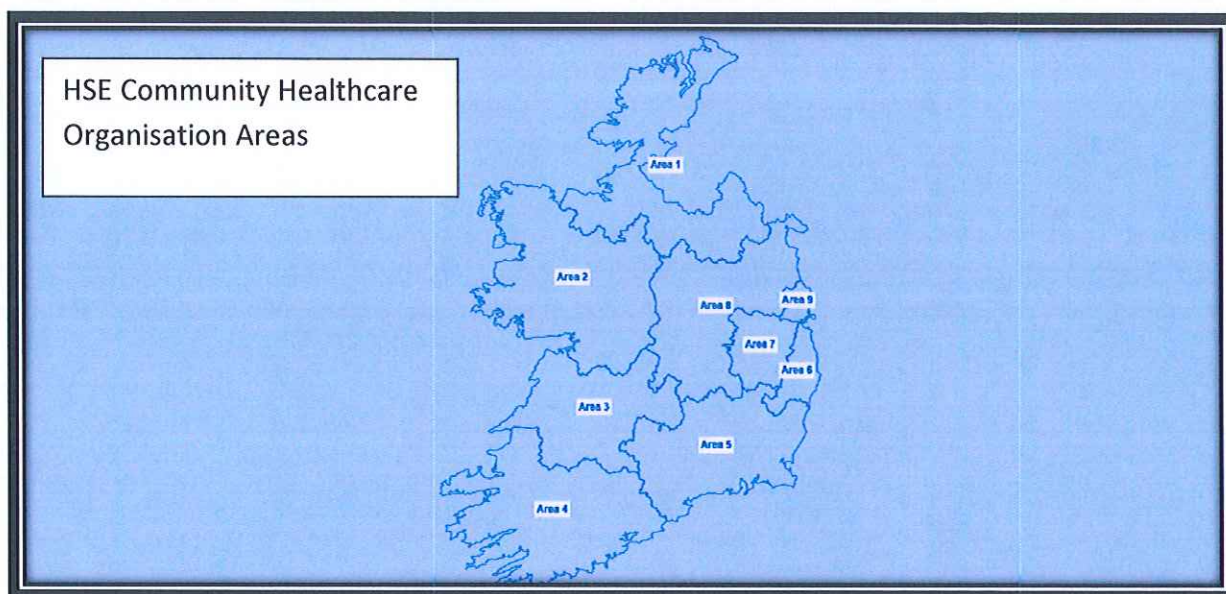
Annual Report 2014

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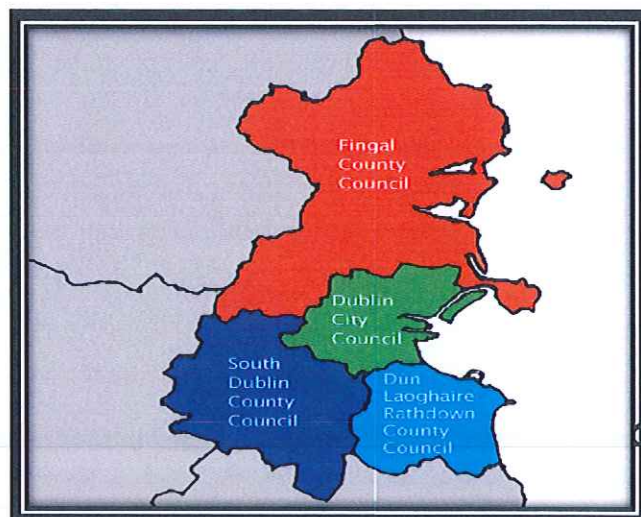
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Overview of the East Coast Region



Further to the re-organisation of the HSE structural boundaries for Primary Care service delivery, the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force area equates to the new HSE area boundary of Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) Area 6. From HSE reports, the population of this area (according to records extracted from the last national census of 2011) is recorded as 364,464 (HSE, 2014). Within this area, Bray Local Drugs Task Force covers the Bray town area including Kilmacanogue and has a recorded population of 31,872 (Census, 2011a). The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Drugs Task Force area covers 21 designated disadvantaged small areas across this council area (as it was established to mirror the Southside Partnership service areas). However, despite a lot of research, it remains unclear the extent and population that is served by either service. The HSE Addiction Service describes itself as a regional service with administrative offices and funding directed from CHO Area 7 in the Cherry Orchard Hospital campus in West Dublin during the course of 2014. Any plans to separate the HSE Addiction Services funding into each CHO area were not progressed during 2014.

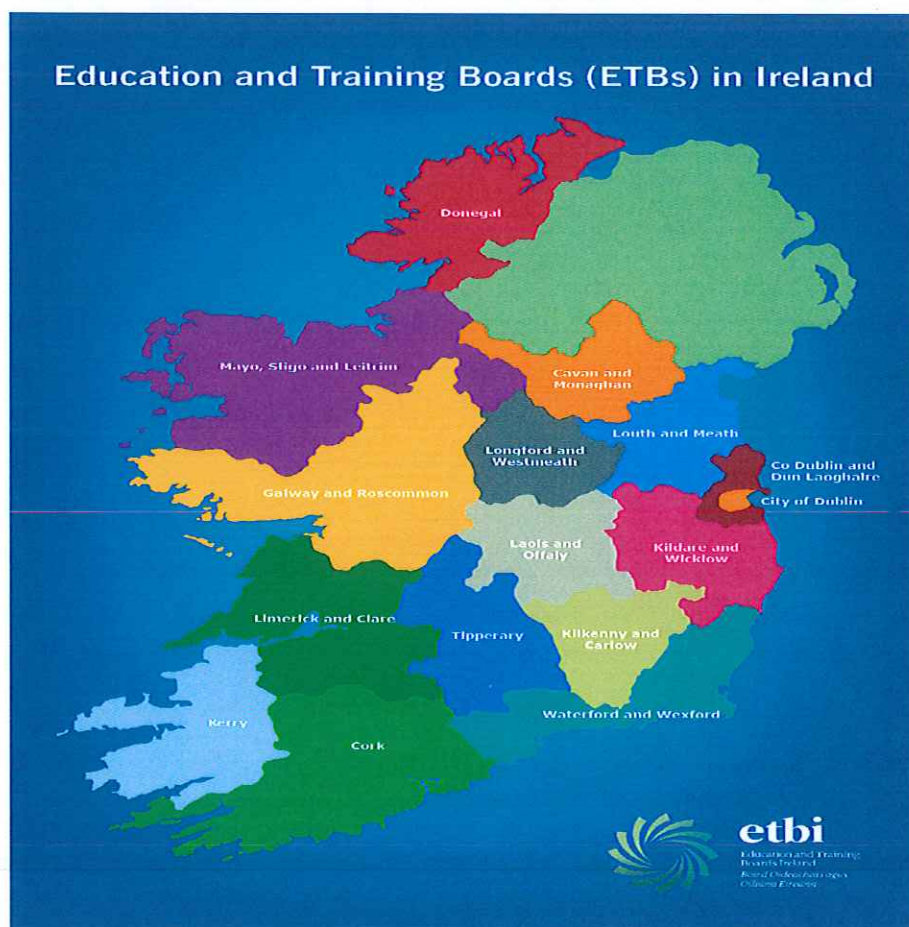
From a County Council point of view, the East Coast Region covers part of 3 distinct Council areas, namely Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Wicklow County Council. Councils are currently engaging in major reorganisation and development as per national and political restructuring. As each Council operates independently, this has proved a challenge for the Task Force to engage with each group both



regarding specific pieces of work and in longer term developments.

From a Garda Division perspective, the East Coast Region covers parts of 2 Garda Regional areas, namely the Dublin Metropolitan Region and the Eastern Region. The establishment of the Eastern Region comprising Wicklow, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Meath represents a change in boundaries for An Garda Síochána since their 2013 reports. Thus, it can be challenging for the Task Force to engage with each Garda Division and attempt to extract the relevant data to direct its work. Accessing local structures (e.g. newly configured JPCs) presented ongoing challenges during 2014.

Recent changes have also seen new boundaries and organisational structures for the Education and Training Boards (ETBs). Between 2011 and 2013, 33 Vocational Education Committees around the country have been reorganised into 16 national ETBs. The East Coast Region is placed across part of 2 of these new structures, namely those for Kildare and Wicklow (KWETB) and Dublin and Dún Laoghaire (DDLETB) along with a small part of the City of Dublin ETB. The Kildare and Wicklow ETB covers the county boundaries of both Kildare and Wicklow with a combined population of 346,952 (Census, 2011b). The Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB covers the 3 county areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin and Fingal with a total population of 750,000 people (Lavelle, 2015). Thus, due to the way data is captured it can become extremely difficult to extract the pertinent data for the Task Force Region specifically.



Drug Related Treatment in the East Coast Region

A current figure for illicit drug use in the East Coast Region is difficult to source. However, the Task Force is informed in its work by a number of statistical data tables collated by the various agencies. Each source identifies a piece of the whole picture with inherently different capture criteria and limitations. Nonetheless, together, these sources can give a reasonable attempt to give some parameters to the overall illicit drug usage and drug related problems in this region.

Methadone Treatment Data is available on the Central Treatment List which is operated by the Drug Treatment Centre on Pearse Street in Dublin 2. Data from this source shows that 938 clients with addresses across the entire East Coast Region (also CHO Area 6) were treated during 2014 with 873 clients in treatment at the end of 2014 (HSE, 2015). This is a slight decrease from 2013 where levels were at 960 clients in total. Of this group, 244 gave East Coast Region addresses when classified. This represents 26% of the clients in this CHO area availing of Methadone treatment services either in HSE run treatment centres, GP practices or within prison services. This figure remains at a gender ratio of 3:1 with males still in the majority forming 75% of all contacts. Further details of the age profile of these clients in treatment indicates no individual aged 19 or under; 17% in their 20's; 51% in their 30's; and 32% aged 40 and above.

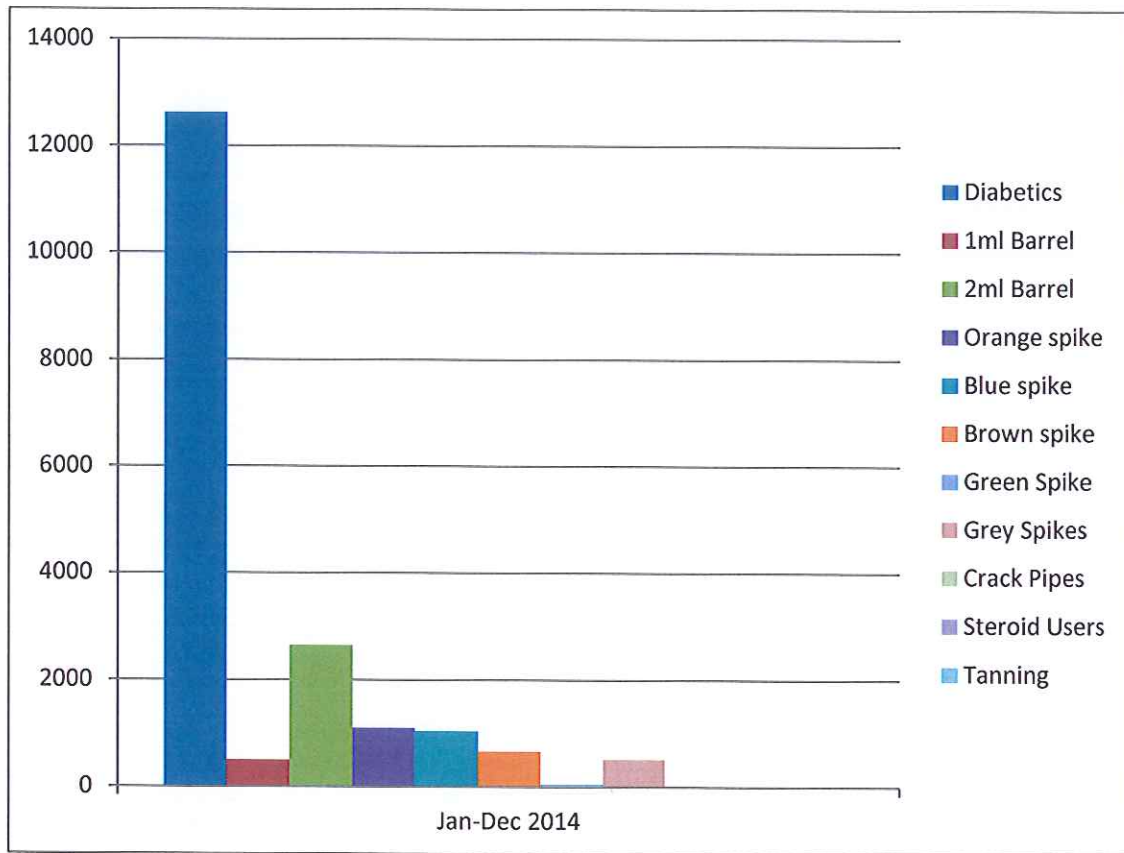
The HSE Outreach Service operates a needle exchange programme across the whole of the East Coast Region but records the data by area base. No community pharmacy needle exchange programme was negotiated or planned in this area in 2014. The breakdown of the HSE programme for the Wicklow and Arklow areas is as follows:

2014 Needle Exchange Monthly Breakdown

ARKLOW/WICKLOW

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Encounters	82	76	80	79	90	84	92	99	120	85	90	80	1057
Returns	550	620	390	640	300	250	520	740	600	370	420	400	5800
Needles	1180	1300	1200	1500	1600	1100	1200	1600	1230	1150	1300	1400	15760
Foil	30	25	15	30	24	20	18	26	30	28	30	26	302
Male	22	25	24	26	22	29	25	32	28	27	26	24	310
Female	12	10	11	10	12	14	13	10	10	11	9	8	130
Diabetics	1000	900	1100	1200	1300	800	1000	1240	980	800	1100	1200	12620
1ml Barrel	30	100	0	100	20	20	10	0	20	150	20	30	500
2ml Barrel	150	300	100	200	280	280	190	360	230	200	180	170	2640
Orange spike	60	120	30	80	150	100	50	100	160	120	70	60	1100
Blue spike	50	100	40	100	100	120	60	180	100	80	60	50	1040
Brown spike	60	100	10	80	20	40	40	40	80	60	60	70	660
Green Spike	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	20	10	0	0	50
Grey Spikes	10	70	20	40	30	40	60	40	50	80	60	20	520
Crack Pipes	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Steroid Users	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tanning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2014 Needle Exchange Breakdown by Type
ARKLOW/WICKLOW



Data courtesy of the Outreach Team Manager, HSE

Needle exchange is carried out in static needle exchange clinics in areas across the East Coast Region and also by a HSE specific backpacking service which travels to more remote areas and delivers a needle exchange service from a mobile clinic.

According to Health Research Board data retrieved from the submission of National Drug Treatment Recording System (NDTRS) forms, there were 396 treatment referrals made in 2013 according to data released in October 2014. Data for 2014 is not currently available. Of those who gave an East Coast Region address, 78% accessed treatment in this area. Services provided were mostly by outpatient (146, 40%); inpatient (62, 17%); low threshold (142, 39%) and prison (12, 3.3%) facilities. About one quarter had received previous treatment while 61% progressed directly to some form of treatment in this period. This group is both two-thirds male and two-thirds in their 20's and 30's. Most (68%) are living in a family unit of some form with 93% having stability of accommodation. Only 16.8% have paid employment and 50% indicated leaving school early with incomplete education achieved in respect of the level. The primary reason for referral would be drugs (58.4%) listed in order as opiates, cannabis and benzodiazepines with alcohol as a reason in 41.6% of cases.

Drug Related Crime in the East Coast Region

Exact data on drug activity and seizures across the Region is difficult to access from one source alone. No information is available on the Revenue or An Garda Síochána websites to assist and only limited data is available to the public on the Central Statistics Office (CSO) site also. CSO data for 2014 was only provided for the first half of the year (Q1 and Q2) with further data not available due to a stated investigation of manipulation of data and query regarding the veracity of the data supplied.

Crime is recorded for adult offenders only and further figures related to offences conducted by juveniles were not available to this Coordinator. However, this data is supplied to the Garda Diversion Project staff in the completion of their role in this area. A further Garda Diversion Project has been highly recommended for this area and thus, it would strongly suggest that figures for crime within this age group warrants such an approach.

It is hoped that access to Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) across the area would give more accurate and local figures for the crimes listed below, but these structures were disbanded in Q2 of 2014 due to the County Council reorganisation into Municipal Areas. A reconvening of JPC groups under the new structure is ongoing but this Task Force has not been afforded a renewal of its membership at this point. The final figures released for drug-related crime in the Wicklow Sub-district were:

<i>Crime Type</i>	<i>Total 01.01.13 to 31.03.13</i>	<i>Total 01.01.14 to 31.03.14</i>
All burglary offences	15	27
Theft from shop/MPV/other	28	33
All public order	26	33
All criminal damage	32	22
Section 3 drugs	14	15
Section 15 drugs	3	2
Cultivate drugs	1	0

Wicklow JPC 02/04/14

Thus, the Garda annual national figures for specific drug related crime are as follows:

	<i>2011 Q1-Q4</i>	<i>2012 Q1-Q4</i>	<i>2013 Q1-Q4</i>	<i>2014 Q1</i>	<i>2014 Q2</i>
Controlled drug offences	17,695	16,450	15,384	3,659	4,254
Importation of drugs	41	30	44	12	7
Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	580	517	390	69	95
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	3,874	3,503	3,265	909	919
Possession of drugs for personal use	12,674	11,821	11,195	2,483	3,050
Other drug offences	526	579	490	186	183

CSO, 2014

Crime is recorded according to the primary criminal offence rule. Additionally, the 15,682 public order and other social order offences recorded in the first half of 2014 may well have a drug element or at least an alcohol element as a secondary or subsequent adjunct to the primary criminal offence recorded. The level of burglary, theft and other such crimes also show increases particularly in the Eastern and Dublin Metropolitan Regions and some, at least, may have a drug-related element in that the reason for the crime may well stem from requirement of the perpetrator for funding of illegal drug purchases.

Nonetheless, a number of significant seizures of illegal drugs within the East Coast Region were reported in the national media during 2014 which were noted by the Task Force. These reports are as follows:

30th January 2014

Gardaí seized drugs and arrested a man after stopping a van near Ashford, Co. Wicklow on Thursday 30th January 2014. A small amount of cannabis was found in the van when searched. A man in his early 30's was arrested. After a more detailed search of the van, at Wicklow Garda Station, a large amount of cocaine (pending analysis) was found concealed, meaning in total that drugs with an estimated street value of up to €43,000 were seized. The man is currently detained under the provisions of Section 2 of the Criminal Justice (Drug Trafficking) Act 1996 at Wicklow Garda Station.

<http://insideireland.ie/2014/01/31/crime-and-news-roundup-drug-arrests-in-tallaght-counterfeit-boots-seized-in-cork-104965/>
InsideIreland.ie

14th February 2014

Vacant council houses used as 'drug dens'. Derelict houses in Bray have become a magnet for drug users with a number of council properties turning into dumping grounds for syringes, according to one local councillor. Sinn Féin's John Brady has called on Bray Town Council to take immediate action to ensure boarded up houses in the town are reallocated to ensure families on social housing waiting lists are homed. The councillor made his comments after a large number of used syringes and other drug paraphernalia were found at a property that has been boarded up by the council for over four months. The syringes were cleared up by the councillor and a local resident using specialist equipment and the haul was disposed of at Bray Garda Station. In total, over 30 syringes were disposed of along with other drug paraphernalia.

<http://www.wicklownews.net/2014/02/vacant-council-houses-used-as-drug-dens/>

WicklowNews.net

9th March 2014

A man has been arrested after cannabis worth €130,000 was seized at a house in Co Wicklow. A large quantity of cannabis plants was found during a search of house at Rath Na Bo in Blessington. A man, aged in his mid-40s, was arrested and is being held at Bray Garda Station.

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2014/0309/601064-wicklow-drugs-garda/>

RTE News

17th April 2014

A man has been arrested after gardaí seized cannabis worth an estimated €37,000 in Co Wicklow. Gardaí targeting the sale and supply of controlled drugs in the Wicklow area arrested the man in his 50s after they carried out a planned search of a property at Ballard, Rathdrum this morning. Cannabis plants with a combined estimated street value of up to €37,000 (pending analysis) was seized during the search, a Garda spokesman said. The man is being held at Bray Garda station under the provisions of section 2 of the Criminal Justice (Drug Trafficking) Act 1996.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/man-held-over-cannabis-seizure-in-wicklow-1.1765235> *The Irish Times*

14th June 2014

Over a million euro worth of cannabis has been seized by Gardaí in Co. Wicklow. The discovery was made when officers searched two houses in Newtownmountkennedy yesterday. 51 kilograms worth of cannabis was found and two men aged 36 and 61 were arrested. They're currently being questioned at Bray Garda Station.

<http://www.newstalk.com/Over-a-million-euro-worth-of-drugs-seized-in-Wicklow>
newstalk 106-108FM

22nd December 2014

Drug Seizure in Avoca, Co. Wicklow on 22/12/14.

Gardaí have seized a quantity of cannabis and arrested a man in Co. Wicklow. On the afternoon of 22nd December 2014, Gardaí carried out a search at a house at Cherrymount, Avoca, Co. Wicklow. Approximately 150 cannabis plants with an estimated street value of €120,000 were seized, along with a large amount of hydroponic/cultivation equipment. A 30 year old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Pearse Street Garda Station where he was detained under Section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1984. He has been released without charge and a file is being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=14537> *Press Release An Garda Síochána*

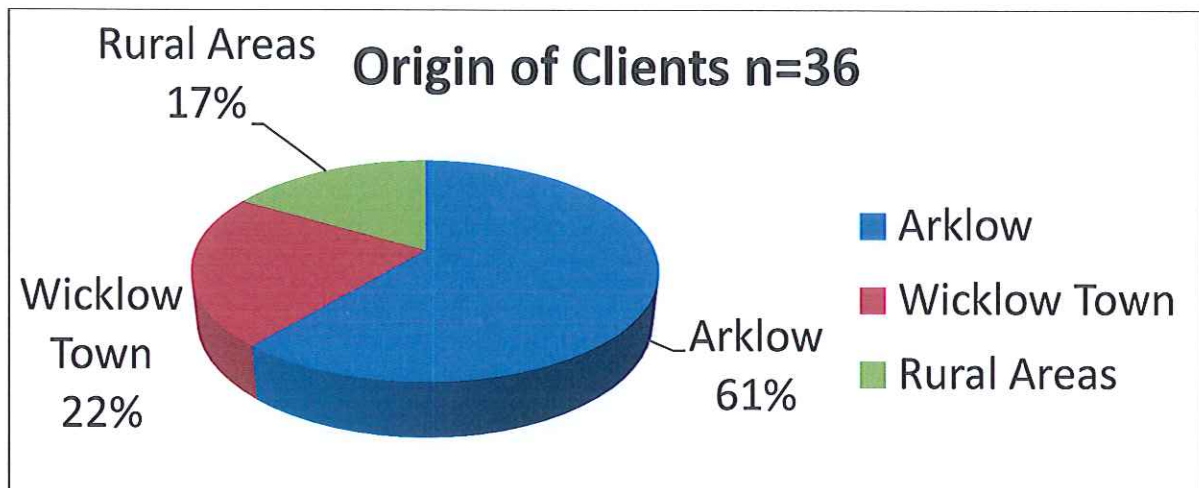
In Summary:

Date	Type of Drug	Location	Linked Arrests	Estimated Value
30/01/2014	Small quantity of Cannabis & large amount of Cocaine	Ashford (vehicle)	One Male, early 30's	€43,000
14/02/14	Drug Paraphernalia	Bray (house)	No	n/a
09/03/2014	Cannabis plants	Rath Na Bo, Blessington (house)	One Male, mid 40's	€130,000
17/04/2014	Cannabis plants	Ballard, Rathdrum (property)	One Male, 50's	€37,000
14/06/2014	51 Kilograms of Cannabis	Newtownmount kennedy (2 houses)	Two Males, 36 & 61	€1,020,000
22/12/2014	Approx 150 Cannabis plants & Hydroponic /Cultivation Equipment	Cherrymount, Avoca (house)	One Male , 30	€120,000

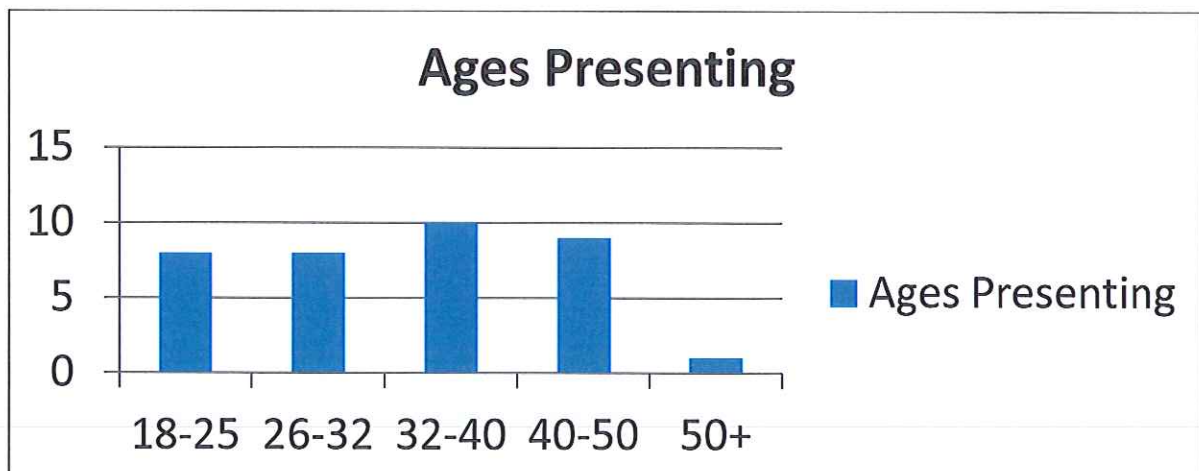
Emerging Trends in Drug Use in the ECRDTF

Following a Strategic Planning process commenced in 2014 and completed in 2015, one of the findings from the Researcher was a recent and alarming rise in the number of clients of project services who indicate a usage of a drug named Pregabalin (marketed by Pfizer under the brand name Lyrica) in the East Coast Region. Enquiries were made by the Coordinator and this information was seen not to be exclusive to the Task Force services only as many HSE workers in this Region were also noting increased mentions of this drug on client assessments. The Task Force Rehabilitation Integration Workers were then asked to prepare a report giving more specific statistical data to support this assertion.

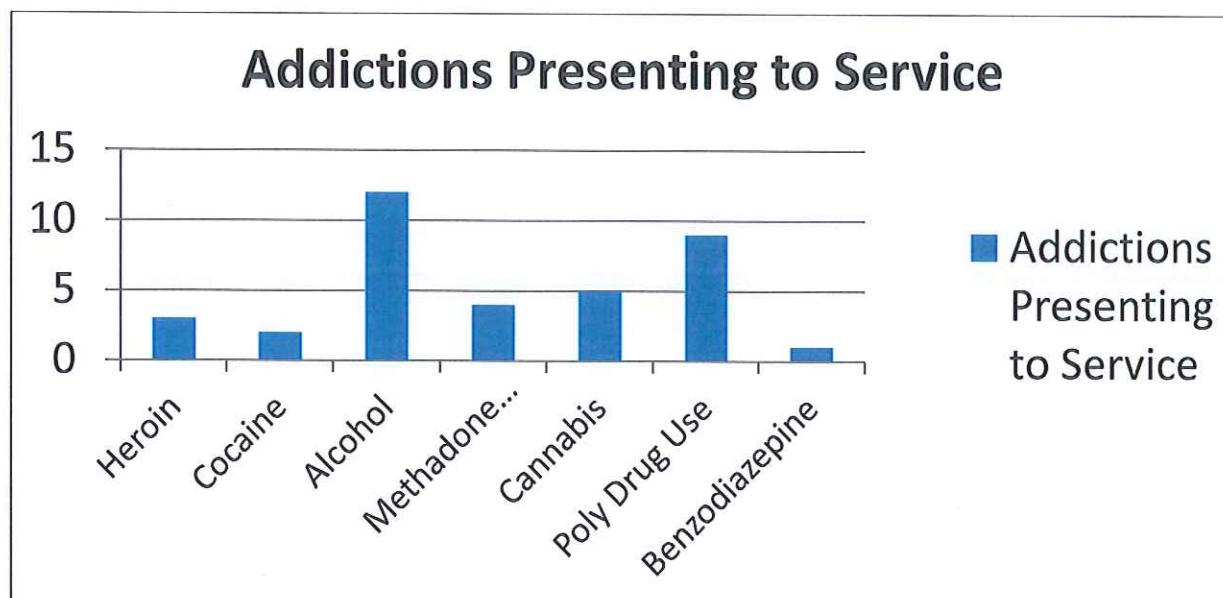
The report supplied indicated that during 2014, following initial assessment 36 clients (n=36) in total identified using Pregabalin. This figure represented 31% female and 69% male. Of this group, 61% stated they were specifically prescribed this drug by their medical practitioner and 39% accessing the drug without prescription. This would appear to be mostly a South Wicklow phenomenon as the graph below will indicate:



The data further showed that the usage (n=36) was across most age groups:



It was also shown to be identified by clients presenting with an array of primary addictions for which services were sought:



Data supplied courtesy of the Task Force Rehabilitation Integration Workers

Alarming, there were two separate reports of clients from this area being rushed by ambulance to the nearest Accident and Emergency department after undergoing a severe and prolonged 'seizure' which was attributed to the effects of Pregabalin being taken. This Coordinator was unable to verify such reports as medical data is confidential between patient and doctor and both cases were successfully treated in hospital.

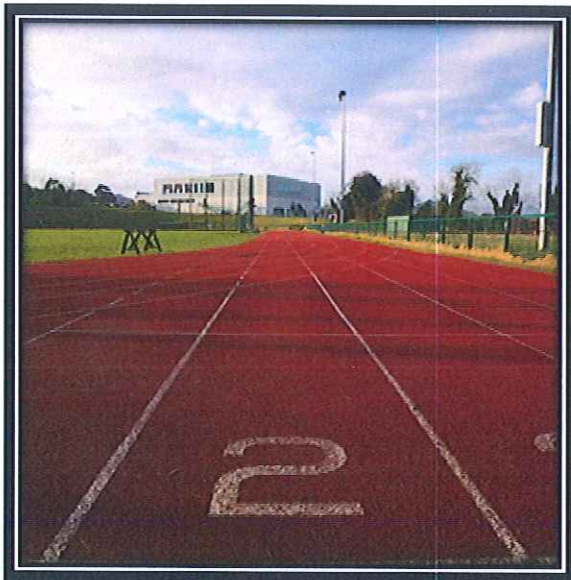
Further to these report and further anecdotal reports of other serious incidents, the Coordinator made direct contact with a number of individuals to raise this issue and get a response. A report of the above data was sent to:

- The Chief Pharmacist for the Addiction Service, CHO Area 6
- The Chief Pharmacist for the Addiction Service, CHO Area 7
- The Clinical Director, HSE Addiction Services, CHO Area 7 (incl CHO Area 6)
- The HSE Addiction Services Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, CHO Area 7
- The Early Warning Emerging Trends (EWET) Group, NACDA
- The HSE representative on the ECRDTF

Although some acknowledgements were received, it is unclear what is being done and what information the Task Force project workers are to be given. From liaising with other Task Force Coordinators, a similar emerging usage has been recorded in the North East Region and North Dublin areas. Currently, the Coordinator is still awaiting a direct response and action plan from the above notified persons.

Progress made in 2014 in respect of the local Drugs Strategy

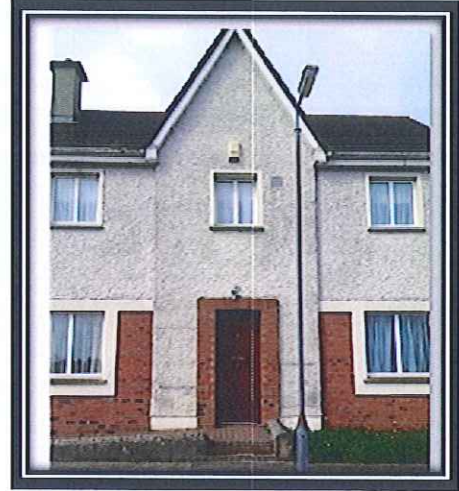
Supply Reduction has been an ongoing topic at this Task Force group. As can be seen from the crime statistics available (pages 7-9) there is significant drug seizures and drug activity being dealt with by the Gardaí and Revenue Customs and Excise services in this Region. The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for Wicklow town was active and met regularly up until April 2014 when it was discontinued further to the formation of the Council Municipal Areas and reorganisation of such internal structures. Although a reformed group had commenced meeting by the end of 2014, this Task Force has not been afforded renewed membership at this time. Despite this delay, the Task Force has identified and clarified various issues in this area with the Garda and Revenue representatives to assist with the combined effort to identify and deal with illegal drug supply. Drug related intimidation remains a largely unreported crime particularly among young persons in this area and the Task Force are working along with the Gardaí, in particular, to remain vigilant in this regard.



Further to a large interagency piece of work being commissioned by the Task Force, there was a large Prevention Project delivered across 5 specific areas within the East Coast Region seeking to engage specifically with the youth population. It was marketed as a healthy lifestyle initiative and thus, did not have any stigma attached to deter engagement. The areas were nominated and selected by the Task Force Community Representatives as being among those currently most affected by drug issues and these representatives further assisted to identify the groups and young people who, from their experience, were greatest in need of this initiative. In this way, the Task Force established an identity and presence in these areas. The primary driver was the County Wicklow Partnership who provided a lead Coordinator and garnered support from within each community. By this method, there was clear local engagement at all levels and a specific programme of events to deliver culminating in the transfer of all young people involved to one location (pictured) for a large joint workshop event with enhanced supervision delivered voluntarily by some of the Task Force members alongside the youth workers involved. Many of the young people ultimately involved and engaged in the initiative were not receiving any services or were proving a very 'hard to reach' group within their communities. The entire project proved to be a huge success with a high level of coordination and support organised in advance and a clear programme and delivery set to provide the maximum intervention for all involved. A number of the groups set up for this

intervention are now continuing to operate and further work is envisaged with these groups, previously identified and targeted but not engaged with.

The funding of a recently developed facility in Arklow, has resulted in the enhancement of clear interagency working amongst a number of projects for the clear benefit of the service users in this region. One of the houses owned and managed by Crosscare Services on Collins Street in Arklow (pictured) is being used by the Rehabilitation Integration Workers (EC14), Living Life Counselling Services (EC7) and Wicklow Child and Family Project Brief Intervention Counselling Service (EC2) staff where, over time, the local interagency relationship and approach has developed to a great extent resulting in clients being referred across all services as required and without delay. This has clearly enhanced the value of each service and provided direct and immediate services to the service users in this local area, to the south of this region.



A new emergency homeless shelter was provided in Wicklow Town and funded through Wicklow County Council from January 2014 to year end. This initiative was to be the main facility for the County for all emergency accommodation and thus, a huge amount of community opposition was encountered by the providers, Dublin Simon Community (DSC), against this service. A 17 bed building was provided for adult only service users with nearly full capacity during the entire year. No advance information was given to the Task Force before this service was established and thus, no working protocol was developed. This led to poor communication and management of additional service required for the homeless persons accessing this facility and no advance planning was possible. However, during the year, and with some changes in personnel and new approaches from the Task Force, some joint working became possible. Further to a meeting with Derek Dempsey, Counselling Coordinator for DSC and Nigel Tate, Volunteer Counsellor, DSC, a request was made for counselling space in Wicklow Town as the DSC facility could not provide adequate space for this. Subsequently, the Manager of Wicklow Child & Family Project (WC&FP) agreed to provide a counselling room in their facilities for the use of this project to meet and counsel DSC clients on one day per week until the end of the year. Towards the end of the year 2014, the facility receiving an extension of opening until the end of April 2015 and subsequently, the WC&FP Manager agreed to extend the request to cover this period. Follow up on this initiative has proved the relationship has worked extremely well and no great difficulties have been encountered to hamper this new service at this time. It is anticipated that further arrangements may have to be put in place post April 2015 in respect of the service users here. This initiative required no additional financial resource to provide but was made possible by a lot of good will and a clear understanding and addressing of the needs of this very vulnerable group.



A Service Users Involvement Manual Training was organised by the Regional Drug Task Force Coordinators Network in June 2013. This was delivered by the authors of the manual who are the Development Workers from the South and Southeast Regional Drug Task Forces. Therefore, without a Development Worker in this area, it was decided that one

project would be selected for development of Service Users Involvement as per the templates given in this manual. Thus, the ISPCC project was represented in an arrangement with the Coordinator to explore and enhance Service User Involvement. From this initiative, new signage and literature was devised during the year in a very consultative manner to help progress this initiative. The window signage above is an example of some of the work that was accomplished.

The Prevention and Education Committee of the Task Force organised a large scale project to be delivered in the area to bring together groups from the Wicklow Travellers' Group project and Tiglin Challenge Rehabilitation Project along with young males from a number of disadvantaged communities in the Region to provide drug and alcohol education and awareness in conjunction with the skills necessary to engage in angling activities, under the tuition of an experienced angler, who provides this service in a voluntary capacity. This provided the opportunity to deliver a specific drug and alcohol input with this group of approximately 40 individuals. By virtue of their attendance, the life skills of working with others and learning new skills and techniques was well received and successfully delivered. The Task Force endorsed this approach and provided the complimentary resources for the full roll out of this initiative which particularly targeted young males from 14 years to 40 years old in age specific groups with full supervision and equipment supplied. It has been evaluated positively for providing another option and outlet for young males and becoming a lifelong interest and hobby for many.



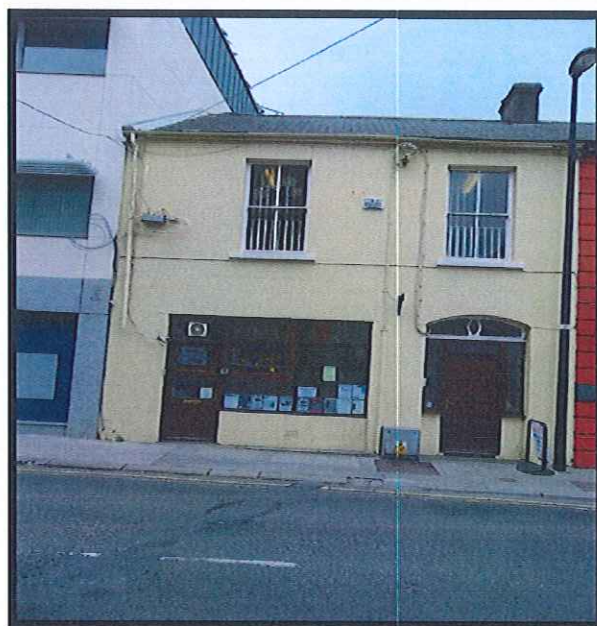
Wicklow Travellers' Group facility

Profile of Drug Task Force Funded Projects

EC 2: Wicklow Child and Family Project (WC&FP)

This project has been set up over 10 years ago to provide a community based family support service within the Wicklow town and surrounding areas (Primary Health – Wicklow LHO Network 3 Area) with primary funding from Túsla and managed under the County Wicklow Partnership. The primary project covers the Network 3 area of Ashford, Aughrim, Glendalough, Laragh, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Roundwood and Wicklow town. Services are delivered from 4 different locations, with the Arklow location coordinated and managed to assist this Drug Task Force and deliver specific services further south in the Region.

The specific funding from the Drugs Task Force is used to support vulnerable disadvantaged families and children within Wicklow Town and surrounding areas; to equip families with the skills to deal with presenting issues that emerge as a result of experiencing other family members addiction; to provide therapeutic interventions to adults affected by another family members addiction; to provide Brief Intervention Counselling to adults with addiction issues; to provide various interventions for children and youth who may be at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour or experiencing addiction problems within their family environment; to



expand on the programmes delivered in the area of family support to families dealing with another's addiction in order to reach a wider target group; to provide group work that will explore dynamics in families affected by addiction; to identify training needs to improve the skills base within the ECRDTF funded agencies in order to extend support to families experiencing a family member's addiction using an inter-agency service-delivery approach; to oversee and manage outreach premises to facilitate the delivery of the above to a wider target group and also coordinate use of space for training, ECRDTF meetings and shared office space for Task Force funded projects.

The Brief Intervention Counselling service (BIC) fills an identified gap in service delivery for people from the community who are experiencing addiction. The purpose of the BIC service is to meet the needs of individuals affected by addiction issues. Clients are offered one to one brief intervention counselling sessions to assist them in understanding and managing their substance use. The counsellors support the clients in making informed choices and decisions and assist them through a short series of goal focused sessions. This service is based on an interagency approach to service delivery; all agencies coming into contact with

people experiencing addiction work closely together to identify clients in need of this type of intervention whilst providing an additional supportive role alongside the BIC.

The one to one therapy for adults affected by another family member's addiction proves beneficial in providing a safe environment for clients to explore what is happening for them within the dynamic of families experiencing addiction whilst supporting them in exploring their choices.

The children identified to take part in children's groups all have experience of similar family difficulties such as separation, domestic violence, addiction and social isolation. Being part of these groups, results in children having stronger more positive peer and sibling relationships, positivity around sibling strengths and weaknesses, improved information sharing between family members and a new willingness to share experiences.

The WC&FP identifies training needs to improve the skills base within the ECRDTF funded agencies in order to extend support to families experiencing a family member's addiction using an inter-agency service delivery approach. The WC&FP undertakes interagency work with other relevant agencies. This prevents duplication of services and also provides the opportunity of sharing resources and skills. Where necessary, the project will refer families on to more appropriate services in the area. The WC&FP believes in the importance of delivering early intervention programmes to prevent families reaching crisis levels.

The interventions delivered by the Wicklow Child and Family Project are tailored to meet individual needs; assist in reducing the risk behaviour associated with drug misuse; reduce harm caused by drug misuse to individuals, families and community; place importance on the role families play in the rehabilitation effort; and offer clients the opportunity of making healthier lifestyle choices. It is the project's belief that the outcomes realised from delivering the above interventions demonstrate the importance of the continued relevance in helping to meet Actions 29, 32, 36 and 41 in the National Drugs Strategy.

EC 3: Wicklow Travellers' Group (WTG)

Wicklow Travellers' Group Limited (WTG) originated in 1992 and was incorporated as a legal entity, with charitable status, in 1996. The Mission Statement defines WTG as '*an organisation of Travellers and settled people working together to create a society in which we are different, equal, confident and valued*'. WTG receives primary funding from the HSE with the specific funding from the Drugs Task Force to provide an Outreach Worker to deliver Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Education to this specific community.

The general aim of WTG Drugs and Alcohol Prevention & Education project is to develop the capacity of young Travellers (their families and the Traveller Community), by (i) providing drug and alcohol awareness education and creating a greater understanding of the dangers

of problem drug and alcohol use (ii) promoting healthier lifestyle choices through social and personal development, health education and culturally appropriate community activities and supports and (iii) engaging in interagency work. Much of this work involves:

- To engage in outreach work, that will target young Travellers and their families, with a focus on facilitating them to identify their changing needs and provide Drug and Alcohol awareness and education in a formal and an informal manner.
- To develop evidence based drugs and alcohol education programmes for Travellers that are underpinned by principles of research, participation, empowerment and development, in accordance with Pavee Point's Traveller Specific Drug Initiative, Drug Education Worker's Forum, and QuADS.
- To engage in interagency co-operation with all the key stakeholders so that young people have better access to services and agencies in the area covered by WTG.

During 2014, a number of specific activities were implemented. These included:

- A Drug and Alcohol Education Programme with Youth which engaged 25 young male Travellers between the ages of 13 - 19 (2 different groups) in formal and informal drug and alcohol awareness and education sessions. Most of the participants were early school leavers.
- A Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programme with Traveller Parents which organised and facilitated a formal drug awareness, education and training programme attended by 18 Travellers parents. This involved facilitating 3 sessions with 18 Traveller women and 7 training sessions with 5 community health workers and one Traveller peer worker.
- A Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programme with Angling Coaches which followed on from the drug and alcohol awareness training carried out by two health professionals in 2013 with the volunteer coaches from the Fishing Futures project. This group, which includes 4 Traveller men from Wicklow, facilitated a group of men in rehabilitation. As part of informal drug awareness activities, the volunteers planned organised and facilitated 4 positive mental and physical health activities with 10 students from a rehabilitation centre. This not only created an interface between Travellers and students, who were in rehabilitation in the residential centre, but also focused on the implications of the addiction and the use of illicit drugs and alcohol. The coaches continue to attend formal drug and alcohol awareness and information sessions which strives to build their capacity and understanding of addiction its effects on families, the community and society.
- A Personal Resilience Programme was organised for young Traveller males who have been attending the drop in and drug and alcohol awareness training held in WTG over the past number of years who further engaged in activities that promoted assertiveness and personal development. All of the participants were early school leavers and were aged between 17–19 years old.

- Drug and Alcohol Interagency Work was undertaken with East Wicklow Youth Services (Crosscare); Wicklow Teenage Support Group; County Wicklow GAA; Pavee Point, DAISH Bray along with a range of other local individuals, groups and organisations

While the project is continually flexible and changing to meet the needs of the community regarding drug and alcohol misuse, the issues that need continued attention are the increase in early school leaving, racism and discrimination which is resulting in lack of access to employment, services and social and leisure activities. In addition, there is anecdotal evidence of the emergence of new drugs trends e.g. mephedrone and the project needs to include these as part of their awareness and education sessions. The high level of participation by Travellers of all ages in the project is a clear indication of the support of the community and the importance of WTG's drug and alcohol prevention and education programme for families and young people. This project particularly aims to address NDS Actions 19, 28, 29 and 30.

EC 4: Operational Budget

The Operational Budget of the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force has the primary aim of supporting the ongoing work and coordination of the projects and services in this region. This project continues to fund the maintenance of the Task Force website (www.ecrdtf.ie) which gives details of the Drugs Task



Force itself along with all services and facilities, both those directly funded and complementing this work across the communities of the East Coast Region. The salary and ancillary costs of the Administrator position are met through this project.

Through 2014, the Task Force made a concerted effort to provide additional resources to deliver identified unmet need through a number of interagency grant aided initiatives. This resulted in one project delivered under a Prevention and Education theme across a number of identified targeted communities. A second project was delivered under a Family Support theme across referred families with addiction specific issues and directly linked to NDS Action 29. In addition to this, a range of small grants were delivered under specific actions aimed at addressing NDS Action 28 and 30.

Service User Involvement was an issue which was more formally progressed during 2014. Two-day training provided to all Regional Drugs Task Forces was attended by the Coordinator and a Community Representative. The training was subsequently put into effect with one of the funded projects.

The need for a new East Coast Region Local Plan was identified. A number of discussions took place to get agreement and, eventually, one large consultation meeting was held.

However, it was subsequently clear that external assistance would be required, and after a tendering process, an external planner was engaged to assess the current provision of services and identify any gaps that could and should be addressed. Despite a number of delays, the process was commenced and a large amount of data was compiled to inform the process. Liaison with the planner was engaged in through the entire process. However, insufficient time was available to complete the process during 2014 and permission from the channel of funding was given for the remainder of the task and part of the funding to be held over until 2015.

EC 6: ISPCC Teenfocus Service



The I.S.P.C.C. services in Wicklow are wholly funded by this Task Force to provide a dedicated service to young people across the entire East Coast Region to specifically address drug and alcohol issues. The services in Wicklow particularly target the at risk youth population between 10-18 years of age. This includes children and young people who have already started using drugs including alcohol, who are likely or vulnerable to engage in drug use (experimental, problematic), and subgroups of the general population such as children living with drug users, early school leavers and those living in disadvantaged areas. These services aim to reduce the effect of risk factors present in these subgroups by building on strengths and developing resilience and protective factors. Among the services offered in by ISPCC are:

- Childhood Support Service, an intensive therapeutic support programme for children who are at risk of harm due to drug or alcohol misuse. The service improves relationships, develops coping skills and promotes positive behaviours. Our intervention plans are tailor-made to suit the needs of each individual child with support sessions available in the home or ISPCC centre during the day or out of hours.
- Child Mentoring Service (for children aged 10-18 years) is a comprehensive community based service that forms a supportive relationship between a young person and an ISPCC volunteer. Children who are at risk of harm due to drug or alcohol misuse are targeted and supported to engage in their community in a positive way reducing the risk of issues such as social isolation, poor relationships and behavioural and emotional difficulties leading to involvement in drug or alcohol use.
- Mentoring service for parents/carers is a comprehensive community based service that forms a supportive relationship between a parent/carer and an ISPCC volunteer. Parents/carers who are in need of parenting support particularly in relation to

reducing or preventing harm due to drug and alcohol issues are supported and guided to overcome their difficulties.

Referrals can be made to the service from a wide variety of sources including parents, self-referrals and other professionals; statutory, community and voluntary. Building strong working relationships with other agencies is a significant factor in the success of the Wicklow services in providing positive outcomes for children and families. With this, ISPCC encourages stakeholder/referrers feedback, through our WWOET (What Works Outcome Evaluation Tool); an independent tool designed by the ISPCC and Viewpoint UK to measure views of the service independently. In addition, the WWOET enables clients and parents/carers the opportunity to express their views and opinions regarding their satisfaction of the service and what has changed, if anything, for them.

The ISPCC Wicklow Service is particular cognisance of researched risk and protective factors for this age cohort. They address issues including: family background of substance misuse; poor school attendance; poor mental health; socio-disadvantaged areas; poor social skills and conflict and family breakdown in developing with each individual case. By constantly monitoring and evaluating the input delivered, the service can readily identify issues raised including:

- Drugs are easily accessible and they know where to go to get them.
- Increased experimentation among peer group.
- Acknowledge they are using substances for a variety of reasons including as a coping mechanism or escapism.
- Curiosity and peer pressure to both use and sell drugs.
- Increased drug use within the school setting.
- The impact of parental substance misuse on their daily lives.

This service provides primary services to address NDS Actions 19, 29 and 30 with additional services provided to assist with Action 41. The Childhood Support service aims to intervene to provide children and young people with the necessary supports to promote psychological resilience and maintain their psychological well-being, regardless of social or emotional background. This approach is designed to build upon individual strengths and acknowledge the central role of children in decision making. The active participation of families is built into each intervention plan ensuring positive outcomes and lasting differences in the life of each child they work with.

EC 7: Living Life Counselling Service, Arklow

For over 16 years, Living Life Counselling (LLC) has been in operation delivering professional counselling services to the disadvantaged in the local community. Through a supported team of volunteer counsellors, LLC strives to continuously provide affordable broad-ranging counselling services to the marginalised, unemployed and disadvantaged in the local

community. Its core values rely on its people-centred, inclusive, respectful and quality based service to all. An initial branch of the service, commenced in Arklow in 2004, was moved to the shared facility on Collins Street in recent years to assist with multi-agency inputs with clients. In total, LLC provides high quality, low cost counselling to about 800 people per annum.

Funding for LLC comes from a variety of sources including Pobal, HSE, Túsla and donations. Client fees are charged based on ability to pay. This Drugs Task Force gives a small amount of funding to assist with the support of the service in Arklow in particular, although a number of clients from the East Coast Region would also access the service in the Bray location (pictured).

The funding that LLC receive from this Drugs Task Force is utilised to provide professional counselling to those who are living with addiction, stabilising and or in recovery from addiction and their immediate family and children. LLC offer one-to-one counselling, couples counselling and cognitive behaviour therapy. LLC's stated aim is *'to strive to reintegrate individuals into society and to reduce harm caused by addiction to individuals, their families and communities'*.



During 2014, the Arklow Centre alone delivered 375 counselling sessions to 94 clients. About one fifth (19%) were in active alcohol misuse and a further 9% in alcohol recovery. Family members affected by alcohol were in the majority at 32% of the clients counselled. 7% of clients were in other drug misuse and a further 7% in other drug recovery. The final 20% of cases comprised the family members affected by other drug use. However, the majority of the sessions delivered (240, 64%) were delivered to persons using drugs including alcohol and those in recovery. Each client is offered 6 months counselling with an extension granted only at the discretion of the service coordinator.

The project delivers responses across a number to NDS Actions, namely, 32, 33, 36, 41, 43, 44 and 47. There is no other agency offering the same model of services in the immediate locality and, a strong ethos of collaboration exists with agencies offering complementary services.

EC 12: Youth Outreach Worker for Drugs Education

This project funds one whole time Youth Worker working on an outreach basis across the East Coast Region to support and develop the delivery of high quality substance use education and prevention programmes with and for young people in the informal or community setting and to promote the healthy lifestyle of young people. This worker is

based in Arklow but part of a team of youth workers in a number of centres across the county who are delivering targeted programmes under a myriad of funding sources e.g. SPY, YPFSF etc. Crosscare are the managers of the centres and staff and support this Worker to deliver on the core objectives of the post.

The primary work involves delivery of non-school based drugs education and awareness programmes, personal development, diversionary programmes, after-school activities and clubs, information dissemination events all with young people as the key target group. The primary target groups are children and young people at risk, young drug users under 18 years of age and service providers.

Activities for 2014 involved Arklow youth centre activities to assist with identifying the need for specific programmes, networking with local organisations and agencies and addressing the needs of parents through programme delivery and initiatives. Summer camps in Arklow were also facilitated in conjunction with other relevant agencies. An after-school workshop in conjunction with a local college was initiated to assist young students to address poor sleep patterns and develop healthier approaches to rest. The Worker, in conjunction with a youth group from the Arklow centre, joined with the Arklow Youth Mental Health Week group to add a drugs including alcohol dimension to this work. A further young women's group has been developed (aged 15-18 years) to identify and address specific issues that have arisen through discussion and workshop.



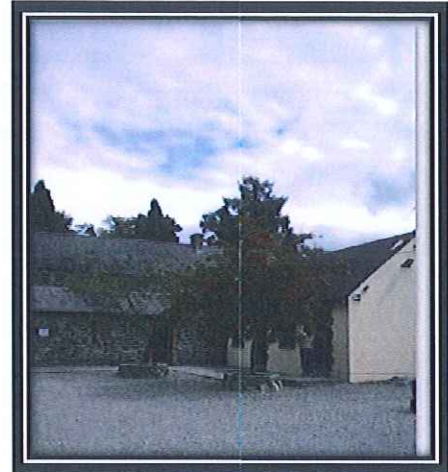
A number of parent specific programmes were delivered in Newtownmountkennedy to address a specific need identified by the local HSCL Officer. Training of CE Scheme Youth Workers based in Arklow is a component of this worker's role. This project aims to address the NDS Actions 19, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30.

EC 13: Tiglin Challenge Residential Rehabilitation Service

This project centre was set up in 2008 and is based in a former outdoor pursuit's facility in Devil's Glen in County Wicklow. Currently, there are 36 beds available for adult males. The Women's House was established in 2004 in Kildare but moved to Devil's Glen in 2011 and has an additional 12 adult beds. Although now housed in the same grounds, the two houses are run independently, each under separate coordination and staffing.

Funding from a number of sources (e.g. DSP, SICDATF, fundraising etc) runs this centre and this Task Force provides specific funding for 5 dedicated beds for attendees from residents of the East Coast Region communities. A second re-entry or step down facility is used in Greystones following the earlier stages of the programme, to assist job placement, aftercare and reintegration.

The Service provides a structured rehabilitation programme after detoxification in this isolated residential centre. No on-site treatment facility is available. The centre provides an entirely drug-free approach and programme. Along with taking referrals from other agencies, Tiglin Challenge provides an outreach service in a number of locations in Wicklow and Dublin and particularly targets homeless drug users and former prisoners. The programme delivered takes approximately 16 months in total. In line with its policies, care plans are prepared and regular case management meetings are held. Aftercare groups and meetings with a dedicated support worker are key features of the programme with individual counselling and other services provided on request.



The Tiglin Challenge House for males indicate high occupancy all year round, with capacity generally available in the female house. A general breakdown of data provided show the geographical spread of clients as 22% for Dublin North City and County; 26% from the rest of Dublin ; 17% from Wicklow and 35% from all other areas. This service primarily addresses NDS Action 32.

EC 14: Rehabilitation Integration Service (hosted by Tiglin Challenge)

Further to the closure of the main project for this Region, no specific service was available to deliver initial assessment and referral for the region. Further research clearly indicated a need for such a service. After much negotiation, it was agreed that a new service would be established as the statutory agencies had no immediate plans to provide a similar service in this region. The Rehabilitation Integration Service covers the East Coast Region and has offices in Greystones, Wicklow Town and Arklow. The two key workers employed in this service provides initial and comprehensive assessment and care planning for service users with additional supports offered for a range of services including training schemes, CE Schemes, accommodation issues, support in preparation for detoxification and residential treatment and rehabilitation. This service works closely with other agencies and services to provide a range of options to meet the needs of the presenting clients. In this way, the National Drug Rehabilitation Framework is being followed and implemented in the day-to-day work of this service.

The Rehabilitation Integration Service is non-judgemental in its approach and works with individuals in any spectrum of addiction helping them achieve their goals. The Rehabilitation Integration Service offers a continuum of care and supports individuals throughout the entire rehabilitative process. Liaison with other agencies and services is essential to meet the needs of the clients accessing this service to completely implement the National Drug Rehabilitation Framework.

During 2014, 228 clients have presented to this Service. Working with clients through the year resulted in 89 positive case closures with 169 Care Plans established and worked on. Records show 44 clients have re-engaged with the service from previous encounters, although 72 clients disengaged during this period. Clients presenting are predominantly male (71%). A further breakdown of data supplied shows that three-quarters of clients are coming from the areas where the service operate e.g. Arklow (36%), Wicklow (22%) and Greystones (17%). Further, clients also come from Rathnew (7%), Newtownmountkennedy (5%) and Ashford (2%) with the remaining clients (11%) coming from other rural areas. This service primarily operates under the NDS Action 32 and the National Drug Rehabilitation Framework.



Tiglin step-down facility and RI Service delivery base in Greystones

Governance of the ECRDTF

Twelve meetings in total of the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force were held during 2014. Meetings were held on January 17, February 20, April 8 and 28, June 16, July 7 and 28, September 8 and 29, November 10 and December 3 and 19.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>No. of meetings</i>
Anthony Dunne	Community	Chair	12
Edwin Daly	Statutory	Revenue Customs & Excise	8
Louise Devlin	Statutory	HSE	7
Andrew Doyle TD	Elected	Oireachtas	8
Alison Fox	Statutory	Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board	8
Dolores Goucher¹	Community	Co. Wicklow Partnership	3
Emma Hill²	Community	Co. Wicklow Partnership	3
Eamonn McCann	Voluntary	Wicklow Travellers' Group	12
Aubrey McCarthy	Voluntary	Tiglin Challenge	10
Declan McCarthy³	Statutory	An Garda Síochána	6
Mary Millett	Community	Co Wicklow Partnership	6
Maeve Shanley		Coordinator	12
Una Reynolds		Administrator	11

In addition, a project review meeting was held on 26th May where most of the funded projects presented to the Task Force members and an opportunity was organised for Task Force members to clarify and discuss the project with the presenter. Projects were also asked to identify any new emerging issues, needs and gaps in service.

A **Governance Sub-group** met during the year with a view to reviewing the Terms of Reference. Some amendments were made and the document redistributed to the Task Force members. However, differences arose in regard to interpretation of term of nomination and the work remains unfinished at year end.

A specific **Strategic Planning** meeting was organised in October 2014 to devise a specific plan for the Region to implement for the next 3 years as per the *Local and Regional Drugs Task Forces Handbook*, [February 2011, pg. 11-13]. This identified a number of areas of concern for the Task Force to address and also a number of instances where members were unclear of their role vis-à-vis the Task Force. With this in mind, it was decided to formalise the planning process and the members voted to bring in an outside facilitator to produce this plan.

¹ Dolores Goucher was nominated to the Task Force from September 2014.

² Emma Hill was nominated to the Task Force from November 2014

³ Insp. Declan McCarthy was appointed to the Task Force from February 2014

A Finance Subgroup was established comprising the Chair, HSE Representative, Treasurer and one Community Representative who is also a cheque signatory. Meetings of this group were also attended by the Coordinator and Administrator. This group monitored spending on all projects and in particular on the Task Force Operational Budget which was regularly reviewed. Three meetings in total were convened during 2014. Initial recommendations from this group were presented to the Task Force for a decision.

The Treatment and Rehabilitation Committee of the ECRDTF held six meetings during 2014 on January 29, March 26, May 21, July 16, September 17 and November 19. Attendance at meetings was as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>No. of meetings</i>
Aubrey McCarthy	Voluntary	Chair/ Task Force member	4
John Craven ⁴	Statutory	HSE	0
Martina Deasy	Voluntary	Arklow Springboard	4
Christine Keegan	Voluntary	Wicklow Child & Family Project	5
Kirsty Kirkwood	Voluntary	Living Life Counselling	4
Brian Lambe ⁵	Voluntary	Dublin Simon Homeless Services	4
Francis Monds ⁶	Voluntary	Dublin Simon Homeless Services	1
Mary O'Carolan	Voluntary	Employment Services Bray	3
Cathal O'Sullivan ⁷	Statutory	HSE	0
Phil Thompson	Voluntary	Tiglin Challenge	5
Angela Tierney ⁸	Statutory	HSE Rehabilitation Manager	1
Maeve Shanley		Coordinator	6
Una Reynolds		Administrator	6

Prevention and Education

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>No. of meetings</i>
Mary Millett	Community	Chair/ Task Force member	2
Dolores Goucher	Community	Co. Wicklow Partnership	2
Rhona McGinn	Voluntary	ISPCC	3
Peter O'Reilly	Voluntary	Wicklow Travellers' Group	6
Síobhan Quinn	Voluntary	The WAY Project, Foróige	4
Rosemary Yeates	Voluntary	Crosscare Youth Service	4
Maeve Shanley		Coordinator	6
Una Reynolds		Administrator	5

⁴ John Craven was removed as member after failure to respond to communication as per Terms of Reference
Brian Lambe was reassigned in his work and resigned after July 2014

⁶ Francis Monds replaced Brian Lambe from November 2014

⁷ Cathal O'Sullivan was removed as member after failure to respond to communication as per Terms of Reference

⁸ Angela Tierney was nominated onto the committee from November 2014

The **Prevention and Education Committee** of the ECRDTF held six meetings during 2014 on January 30, March 27, May 29, July 7, September 25 and November 27. Attendance at meetings was as previous page.

A special additional longer meeting was held in October to develop a plan for this group and identify a clear mission, vision and workplan for future development. This work remains ongoing into 2015. The progress made should clearly assist with the Task Force planning of the sharing of €1.2 million Dormant Accounts Fund which Minister Alex White had announced (December 2013) for alcohol related prevention activity.



Staff of the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force

There were no changes in support staff available to the ECRDTF during 2014.

ECRDTF Coordinator	Maeve Shanley
ECRDTF Administrator	Una Reynolds [part time position]
ECRDTF Education Worker	no post in place
ECRDTF Development Worker	no post in place
ECRDTF Rehabilitation Coordinator	no post in place

The Administrator position is funded through the Operational Budget of the ECRDTF [Project Code EC 4] and was hosted by the Bray Community Addiction Team (BCAT). However, early in the year the BCAT Manager informed the Coordinator that BCAT did not want to proceed with this hosting arrangement as they no longer had the capacity to assist. A long search ensued where it was eventually arranged that the Dún Laoghaire Community Addiction Team (DLRCAT) would host this position. The changeover occurred at the end of April so, from May DLRCAT became the host for this position. The Administrator position is to provide 19.5 hours support per week to the Task Force and is paid at the rate of the first point of the Grade IV pay scale.

The Coordinator position is funded by the HSE by a permanent staff member who is under the line management of Ms. Vivienne Fay, Area Operations Manager, HSE Addiction Services, Bridge House, Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin 10. The HSE Addiction Service remains a regional service straddling across the new Community Healthcare Organisation

(CHO) areas now denoted CHO-6 and CHO-7. Thus, at this time, the Coordinator is line managed through CHO-7 but is situated within the geographical area of CHO-6.

The Task Force membership comprise community, voluntary, statutory and elected representatives who give freely of their time and expertise to the ongoing support and development of a range of local plans and strategies to best address the problem of drugs including alcohol in the Dublin South, Dublin Southeast and Wicklow areas within the resources available.



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Form A

DRUGS TASK FORCE:		East Coast Regional
Pillar * :	Supply Reduction	
DATF objective : [NDS 3, 4]	<p>To access all information sources possible indicating the availability of illicit drugs in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To seek to be informed on the availability and volume of illicit drugs in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To liaise with the appropriate authorities to assist, where possible, in the reduction of the supply of all illicit drugs in the East Coast Region.</p>	
Outcomes :	<p>To be considered to resume membership of the Region JPC structure once the new Municipal areas are developed.</p> <p>To ensure drug-related intimidation is raised and responded to in the East Coast Region</p> <p>To engage with and support networks within the area to add a drug focus to the overall work of new and existing groups and networks in this region.</p>	
Category **	Project Code	Project Name
Family Support	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project
Education & Prevention	EC 3	Wicklow Travellers' Group Prevention and Education Outreach Project
Organisation facilitation	EC 4	Operational Budget
Education & Prevention	EC 6	ISPCC Teen Focus
Family Support	EC 6	ISPCC Teen Focus
Family Support	EC 7	Living Life Counselling
Education & Prevention	EC 12	Crosscare Youth Services
Project changes/ terminations in 2014		
Category **	Project Code	Project Name & Reason

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DRUGS TASK FORCE:		East Coast Regional
Pillar * :	Prevention	
DATF objective : [NDS 19, 28, 29, 30]	<p>To develop a framework for the future design of targeted prevention and education interventions in relation to drugs and alcohol, using a tiered or graduated approach in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>Develop a sustained range of awareness campaigns coordinated and targeted that are suitable for the East Coast Region.</p> <p>Develop a series of prevention measures that focus on the family, particularly those experiencing difficulties due to drug/alcohol use in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To specifically address underage and binge drinking in the East Coast Region.</p>	
Outcomes :	<p>To pilot a large interagency project across 5 identified towns within the area providing a sports and recreation approach to drug prevention over 12 weeks.</p> <p>To target the needs of a specific group of early teenage girls living in families with addiction problems in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To specifically target areas in the Region who have not previously received direct resources but where drug issues have been identified with innovative prevention programmes.</p> <p>To grant aid specific specialist projects which address the key DATF objectives</p>	
Category **	Project Code	Project Name
Education & Prevention	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project
Education & Prevention	EC 3	Wicklow Travellers' Group Prevention and Education Outreach Project
Organisation facilitation	EC 4	Operational Budget
Education & Prevention	EC 4	Operational Budget
Education & Prevention	EC 6	ISPCC Teen Focus
Family Support	EC 6	ISPCC Teen Focus
Family Support	EC 7	Living Life Counselling
Education & Prevention	EC 12	Youth Outreach Worker – Drugs Education
Education & Training of Drugs Workers	EC 12	Youth Outreach Worker – Drugs Education

Project changes/ terminations in 2014		
Category **	Project Code	Project Name & Reason
Education & Prevention	EC 12	Youth Outreach Worker – Drugs Education Change in project promoter as Catholic Youth Care merged and came under the management of Crosscare Services

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DRUGS TASK FORCE:		East Coast Regional	
Pillar * :	Treatment		
DATF objective :	<p>To link up all local treatment services to provide as comprehensive as possible a range of treatment services within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide direct resources to treatment services to provide for gaps within the existing services within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To assist with developing connections and pathways with other services not available within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To assess for the needs of the Service User and meet those needs in a comprehensive Care Plan developed with the Service User at the forefront.</p>		
Outcomes :	<p>To provide an assessment service to link in with people with drug misuse problems and discuss their needs and the options available to them.</p> <p>To provide an initial Brief Intervention Counselling service to identify and address drug misuse issues in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide specific counselling services to adults affected by their own or another's addiction in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide a whole family approach to drug misuse issues in conjunction with existing family projects and services in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To refer for specific treatment options both out and in-patient as agreed in the Care Plan with the Service User.</p> <p>To support an inter-agency use of premises in the Region to link together a number of smaller services and assist with inter-agency working.</p>		
Category **	Project Code	Project Name	
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project	
Family Support	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project	
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 7	Living Life Counselling	
Family Support	EC 7	Living Life Counselling	
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 13	Tiglin Challenge	
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 14	Tiglin Rehabilitation Integration Service	
Project changes/ terminations in 2014			
Category **	Project Code	Project Name & Reason	

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DRUGS TASK FORCE:		East Coast Regional
Pillar * :	Rehabilitation	
DATF objective :	<p>To link up all local rehabilitation services to provide as comprehensive as possible a range of options within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide direct resources to rehabilitation services to provide for gaps within the existing services within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To assist with developing connections and pathways with other services not available within the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To assess for the needs of the Service User and meet those needs in a comprehensive Care Plan developed with the Service User at the forefront.</p>	
Outcomes :	<p>To provide an assessment service to link in with people with drug misuse problems and discuss their needs and the options available to them.</p> <p>To provide an initial Brief Intervention Counselling service to identify and address drug misuse issues in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide specific counselling services to adults affected by their own or another's addiction in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To provide a whole family approach to drug misuse issues in conjunction with existing family projects and services in the East Coast Region.</p> <p>To refer for specific rehabilitation options both out and in-patient as agreed in the Care Plan with the Service User.</p> <p>To support an inter-agency use of premises in the Region to link together a number of smaller services and assist with inter-agency working.</p>	
Category **	Project Code	Project Name
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 2	Wicklow Child & Family Project
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 7	Living Life Counselling
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 13	Tiglin Challenge
Treatment & Rehabilitation	EC 14	Tiglin Rehabilitation Integration Service
Project changes/ terminations in 2014		
Category **	Project Code	Project Name & Reason

DRUGS TASK FORCE:		East Coast Regional	
Pillar * :	Research		
DATF objective : [NDS 49-56]	<p>To assess and monitor relevant data and statistics released from national and international database collection mechanisms</p> <p>To monitor and contribute information to the NACDA Early Warning and Emerging Trends and other similar groups</p> <p>To review the work of the Task Force and identify a 3-year Strategy for the East Coast Region</p>		
Outcomes :	<p>To contribute to and disseminate the 2 Research Reviews conducted through the HRB</p> <p>To monitor the client assessments for trends such as Pregabalin usage and forward specific data to NACDA EWET, PCRS and HSE drugs and therapeutics groups</p> <p>To progress a 3-year Strategy concerned directly with the needs and changing issues of the East Coast Region</p>		
Category **	Project Code	Project Name	
Research	EC 4	Operational Budget	
Project changes/ terminations in 2014			
Category **	Project Code	Project Name & Reason	

EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

**COLLIGAN O'CEARBHAILL & CO., CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS,
BRI CHUALANN COURT, ADELAIDE ROAD, BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.**

EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 6 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the financial statements that have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the task force at 31st December 2014 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

We have obtained all the information, which we considered necessary. Proper books have been kept and the balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts are in agreement therewith.

COLLIGAN O'CEARBHAILL & CO.,
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EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted by the union are as follows: -

a) Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with financial reporting standards promulgated in Ireland by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

b) Grant Income

Grants towards revenue and expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
INCOME	€	€
HSE grants received	56,686	66,383
EXPENDITURE		
Direct costs	29,052	39,330
Travelling	385	671
Staff training	709	1,643
Strategic Plan	2,400	-
Rent payable	-	621
Printing, postage & stationery	233	1,158
Telephone	20	-
Legal & professional fees	-	4,339
Administration support charges	19,723	13,412
Audit fees	984	984
Bank charges	83	65
General expenses	55	-
Computer costs	<u>640</u>	<u>3,684</u>
	<u>54,284</u>	<u>65,907</u>
Excess of income over expenditure for year	2,402	476
Surplus from previous year repaid to DPU	-	(4,534)
Accumulated reserves at beginning of year	<u>2,944</u>	<u>7,002</u>
Accumulated reserves at end of year	<u>5,346</u>	<u>2,944</u>

EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2013

			2014		2013
	Notes	€	€	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	1	1,233		45	
Cash at bank		<u>5,097</u>		<u>3,883</u>	
			6,330		3,928
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accruals & Creditors	2		<u>(984)</u>		<u>(984)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>5,346</u>		<u>2,944</u>
Represented by:					
Accumulated reserves			<u>5,346</u>		<u>2,944</u>

EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2013

1	DEBTORS	2014	2013
		€	€
	Grant under-spend	1,233	45
	Sundry debtor	-	-
		<u>82</u>	<u>45</u>
2	CREDITORS	2014	2013
		€	€
	Accruals & creditors	<u>984</u>	<u>984</u>

3 CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Task Force Committee believe they may incur further costs in relation to project EC1 which has now ceased. They believe these costs will be in the region of €500.

4 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved by East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force on