

# **TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION NETWORK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

## **Background**

The Treatment and Rehabilitation Network Group built on the progress made in 2005 with a series of meetings culminating in a conference on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, entitled “Fifth Pillar or Fifth Column”, focusing on drug rehabilitation in the context of the new policy Pillar, centering on integration and progression. The year was noted by an effort to consolidate the group and attendees and in turn enhance the meeting mechanism. We contributed significantly to the policy development on rehabilitation at a national level. We also supported and facilitated greater interagency co-operation and dialogue locally particularly around practice issues.

## **Network Group**

It was proposed the Network Group would meet bi-monthly as usual. In total 4 meetings occurred with a conference the focal point to conclude the years work. The schedule of meetings was as follows;

- 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- 21<sup>st</sup> September
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Conference

A record of all minutes and reports can be obtained from the Task Force office.

The role, ethos and definitions for the Treatment and Rehabilitation Network Group is contained under Appendix 1. Attendees are contained under Appendix 2.

It became clear during the year that local projects were stretched and were on occasion unable to attend due to an inability to provide cover as a result of staff under provision. Also of major disappointment was the lack of statutory engagement, attendance and feed in. In future their representatives need to be briefed and supervised regarding their representation on the committee.

## **Issues**

Issues identified for 2006, addressed and advanced revolved around the following themes;

- Progression: standards of care / protocols / case management / care planning
- A voluntary Patients Rights Charter for projects and services
- Training for both project / service workers and those in the community
- Information exchanges between projects – ongoing networking
- Treatment options and possible improvements
- Resolution of funding dispute with Training and Development Project
- NWICN Action Plan Drugs Working Group

## **Meeting Structure**

The following meeting structure was agreed.

1. The Working Group will prioritise issues and set the agenda for the Network Group, in the context of an agreed annual plan and agenda.
2. The first part of the meeting will be devoted to business, the second half to a practice issue.
3. The aim is to inform all committee attendees of current issues as well as to develop a mutual overview and consensus around practice approaches and policies in the north inner city.

## **Governance**

It is a requirement that all agencies in the north inner city;

- Attend the Treatment and Rehabilitation Network Group
- Feed in information as relevant to all services
- Inform the Treatment and Rehabilitation Committee of any strategic developments or operational changes
- Act in an integrated way in service development and delivery
- Be accountable to the Local Drug Task Force
- Act as a conduit for their sector or organisation – statutory, voluntary and community.

## **Influencing**

- National Rehabilitation Policy – fed into the policy development process
- Travellers Survey – participated in
- EU Green Paper on Drugs - discussed
- UISCE – ongoing feedback and support
- ICON Conference – attended and contributed in their deliberation on social inclusion and addiction
- Conference on Rehab – hosted
- Citywide – responded to various surveys / participated in relevant fora and protest!

## **Agenda for 2007**

- Formulating the new Strategic Plan for the Task Force particularly on rehabilitation and treatment
- Hosting a conference on cocaine
- Prompting an inclusive approach to primary care for those in addiction services
- Agreeing on and adopting a voluntary Rights Charter for Services Users
- Draw together protocols / policies to facilitate local progression routes
- Through focused training, develop best practice in service delivery

## **Appendix 1**

### **Role of the Group**

In light of Treatment and Rehabilitation difficulties as previously cited, the groups role was defined primarily to achieve the following;

- Support and sharing information
- Identifying gaps in services and possible solutions
- Input around ongoing developments
- Feed into the NICLDTF
- Be a group to be reckoned with
- Develop a sense of unity
- Be a conduit from the NICLDTF back into the community
- Draw up a directory of what is offered locally and what can be accessed
- Get service users involved
- Set realistic goals
- Support / influence / other
- Secure statutory involvement in a meaningful way

### **Ethos of the Network group**

Bearing in mind the history of difficulties the group experienced around aforementioned issues the unanimous agreement was to confer an ethos which would facilitate critical discussion and development. All recognised the need to re-established the bona fides of the Network Group and develop a culture of connectivity as follows;

- Unity, action and reflection
- Commitment – stick with the process – don't flip in or out
- Be a reflective forum
- Learn from the past
- Be non threatening – inclusive
- Work collectively

### **Definitions**

The relevant definitions for our work are as follows;

#### **Treatment**

This concerns all aspects relating to the provision and accessibility of primary and secondary health care. Including; access to medical care, all clinic related interventions, harm reduction issues, needle exchange etc.

#### **Rehabilitation**

This concerns all aspects of service provision relating to re-integration of individuals into society and the provision of holistic social supports, including – counselling, education and training, care planning issues such as housing and homelessness, justice etc.

## Appendix 2

### **Groups who attended the Treatment and Rehabilitation Network 2006**

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### **Appendix 3**

#### **Treatment and Rehabilitation Network Group**

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#### **NWICN – Drugs Working Group (DWG)**

The DWG are presently acting on the requirements of the Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010. The group meets monthly.

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#### **Soilse / Rutland Partnership**

Entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the partnership in 2006 saw 12 north inner city people referred for residential treatment plus another 12 from other drug task force areas, culminating in 24 referrals who successfully concluded treatment. Key Contact – Sonya Dillon @ 872 4922 or [soilsehp@eircom.net](mailto:soilsehp@eircom.net) / [sonya.dillon@mailc.hse.ie](mailto:sonya.dillon@mailc.hse.ie)

#### **Prison Housing Project**

Key Contact

#### **Cocaine Initiative**

This interagency initiative involves piloting and producing a number of resources, including (1) CD – Relapse prevention, (2) worksheets – relapse prevention and (3) an 8 week CBT course. Also harm reduction campaign and holistic trialls  
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#### **Suicide Training**

This project involves 10 local trainers training up to 340 people locally in suicide intervention skills.

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#### **Progression Routes and NICDTF Protocols project**

This involves establishing and implementing policy responses to barriers to client progression. There is also work being done in partnership with the Homeless Agency around establishing pilot interagency protocols (based on the EQUAL initiative).

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#### **Respite Project**

This is an interagency fund to provide clients of drugs projects in the NICDTF with respite. Contact;

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