

Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery - National Oversight Committee (NOC)

Actions from 4th December 2020 meeting

Agenda Item	Action	Responsible	Status
1 Minutes & Matters Arising	<p>All presentations and revised minutes of 18th September 2020 to be circulated electronically to members of the NOC after the meeting.</p> <p>Action – circulate electronic copies.</p>	DPU – G Treacy	Circulated 16/12/2020 – GT. HRB presentation not circulated as data in it has yet to be published.
2 Results of the Rapid Assessment and the SSC stakeholder engagement	<p>Jim Walsh said that user data published by the IGees required some work to be done on the case studies and analysis by HRB. Enda Kelly asked if it was too late to include the Prison Service in the case study. Jim said it was too late but he would discuss the matter with Enda.</p> <p>Action – Jim Walsh to discuss the above matter with Enda Kelly, Irish Prison Service.</p>	DPU – J Walsh	JW to discuss this matter with Enda Kelly, Irish Prison Service.
2 Results of the Rapid Assessment and the SSC stakeholder engagement	<p>Enda Kelly, IPS suggested that the NOC Group write to NPHET in support of drug users and their future use of the Covid-19 vaccine. The Minister said this was a very useful and informative proposal.</p> <p>Action – DPU will take responsibility for this.</p>	DPU – J Walsh	To be confirmed
3 Drug-Related Deaths Index	<p>Jim Walsh said that the HRB has been asked to develop a Homeless Deaths Index.</p> <p>Action – DPU to follow-up with HRB.</p>	DPU – J Walsh	DPU to follow-up with HRB.
4 Mid-term review	<p>Daírearcá Ní Néill said there will be a presentation to the NOC in March 2021 on how well the Strategy is delivering on its goals and the entire meeting will be dedicated to a discussion on the outcomes of the review process.</p> <p>Action – DPU will take responsibility for this.</p>	DPU- D Ní Néill	Update NOC at next meeting.
5 Updates	<p>Brian Dowling said they are currently planning their work programme for 2021 and would welcome ideas for next year's Standing Sub-Committee meetings.</p> <p>Action – Brian Dowling to coordinate any responses sent to him.</p>	DPU – B Dowling	BD to coordinate any responses sent to him.
5 Updates	<p>Randall Plunkett said when the EWET minutes are finalised from their previous meeting, they will be circulated to NOC members.</p>	DPU – G Treacy	Circulated 16/12/2020 - GT

	Action – Circulate final EWET minutes to NOC – GT.		
5 Updates	<p>Under Budget 2021 measures, Jim Walsh said that €25m was secured for Drugs and Alcohol and Homelessness Expenditure in 2021. This would be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Continued treatment of additional OSD clients, (b) To meet the needs of people who are homeless, (c) New developments in drug and alcohol services and Inclusion Health, (d) €1m to target drug and alcohol initiatives through Task Forces. <p>Jim said that these measures will be outlined in the HSE’s National Service Plan and we may have a presentation from them at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action – Jim Walsh to follow-up on this matter.</p>	DOH – J Walsh	JW to follow-up on this matter.