And Liffey Drug Project A NATIONAL ADDICTION SERVICE



Who we are

▶ 1982 –Low Threshold, Harm Reduction

Principles of our work include: active inclusion, evidence based responses, innovation, good neighbour work and interagency work

Deliver direct client services in 8 counties

Deliver online and sectoral supports nationally



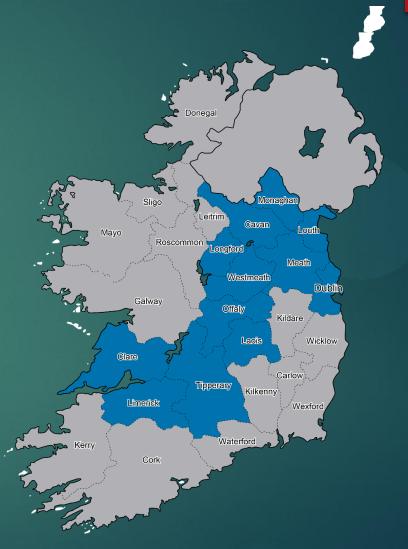


Where we work

Midwest

Midlands

- ▶ Dublin Inner City
- Nationally through sectoral work





What we do

- Engagement and trust building services
- Medical services
- Case management
- Family support work
- Under 18's case management



Who we work with



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People. Parents. Early School leavers. Children.

- ▶ Exclusion
- Discrimination
- Literacy problems
- ► Fear of authority figures
- ▶ Poor self image, low self worth
- Common experiences of trauma, violence, sexual assault, intimidation, suicide and self harm

Who we work with - Midwest

▶ 50% female

Children of care & children in care

Trauma related to criminal activity

Family trauma – being medicated by parents

Suicide and self harm as a norm



Who we work with - Dublin

- Care system
- Family history of statutory services as 'bad authority'
- Early school leaving and truancy
- ► Fear of authority and systems
- Involved in drug culture /selling as children

Who we work with – Midlands

- ▶ Truancy
- ► Little follow up from services
- Low social supports
- Geographical isolation or
- Raised in 'ghettoised' areas

What works

- Client centred approach / child centred approach
- ► Focusing on strengths
- ► Interpersonal relationships

- ▶ Respect
- No assumptions
- ► Hope and belief in change



Questions?

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