Ana 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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- 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?

- Thank you!
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