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Community Forum (GCCF) Reps attending  
meetings.**

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<b>Cruinniú /Name of Meeting</b>	Western Region Drugs Task Force Meeting
<b>Ionadaí FPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)</b>	Imelda Gormally
<b>Dáta &amp; Suite Date &amp; Location of Meeting:</b>	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2016
<b>I láthair/ Attendance</b>	Fiona Walsh (HSE), Martin O' Connor (Voluntary Rep), John Mannion (Probation Service), Joe Mc Donagh (Aids West), Det. Insp Michael Coppinger, (An Garda Siochana), Dan Dowling Interim Comm Rep, Cllr Christy Hyland (Mayo Co Co), Linda Sice Roscommon Leader Partnership), Liam Hanrahan (Galway City Council), Angela Toolis (Tusla), Noel Cronin (Foroige), Michael Durcan (WRDATF Co Ordinator), Deirdre Hurney (WRDATF Chairperson), Imelda Gormally (GCCN).

## Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

- Deirdre Hurney was welcomed as the new Chairperson of the Task Force. Michael Durcan was introduced as the new Acting Task Force Co-Ordinator. Fiona Walsh has now reverted to her original role on the Task Force as HSE rep.
- Debbie Mc Donagh, Family Support Worker gave a presentation on her work on the new Family Support Strategy.
- The Task Force has received monies under the Dormant Accounts fund. Tenders have been developed, advertised and applications received for two tenders under the Putting the Pieces Together Programme and the New Regional Strategy. The projects must be completed by Dec 2016.
- An update was given on this year's Training Calendar. The calendar is available on the website. Naloxone and Overdose Training took place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This was aimed at frontline services working with opiate drug users (homeless services, pharmacies, methadone clinic, GP's).
- SAOR (Screening & Brief Intervention for Alcohol Use) Training was also carried out. Train the Trainer Programme almost complete with all ten trainers completing the programme.
- **Task Force work priorities for 2016;**
  - Development of New Strategy
  - Family Support Strategy
  - Putting the Pieces Together Redevelopment
  - Training/Capacity Building
  - Awareness Week 2016( Nov 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - RDATF National Alcohol Conference
  - Rebranding of the Task Force
  - SAOR: Screening & Brief Intervention
  - Drug Litter
  - Homeless Substance Misuse Working Group
  - Task Force Membership- review and update
- Treatment Rehab Sub Group was reconvened. Increased heroin problem. Lack of alcohol treatment services in the region.

## Socruithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

### **Family Support Strategy:**

Overview of Hidden Harm to be sought or presentation to be requested for a future meeting

### **Dormant Accounts Update:**

Fiona Walsh to circulate the names of the successful applicants once all applicants have been written to.

### **Treatment Rehab Sub Group:**

Develop a briefing paper on increased heroin problem and the lack of alcohol treatment services.

Carry out a risk register with all task force representatives.

Lobby senior HSE Managers and TD's.

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**Action(s) required from Community Forum:**

Lobby senior HSE Managers and TD's on increased heroin problem and the lack of alcohol treatment services, once briefing papers have been received.

**Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile**

**Date of next meeting : 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:**

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