



# North Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force

Trends & Behaviours Survey  
**Violence, intimidation and threats**  
2018

# Background and Context

- Regular NICDATF Trends and Behaviours Surveys since 2009 with drugs projects in the NICDATF area
- Key issues, trends and behaviours related to drug related activities, and in response to issues raised by projects and at our forums
- Majority of these surveys carried out with a core group of 20 projects

# Background and Context

- Drug-related violence and intimidation was raised seven years ago. In response, NICDATF initiated a local survey on Violence, intimidation and threats in late 2013
- NICDATF participated in forums by national bodies on drug-related intimidation – Citywide and National Family Support Network
- As part of this Conference process, NICDATF repeated the Violence and Intimidation Survey with the same projects asking the same questions as in 2013.

# Violence, intimidation and threats

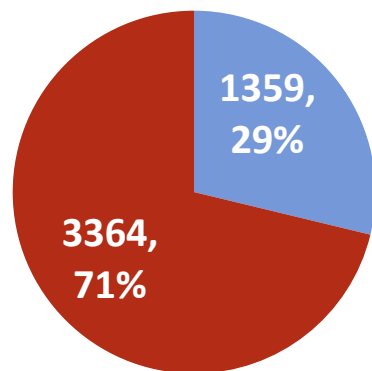
## Trends and Behaviours Survey

Violence, intimidation and threats survey	2018	2013
Surveys issued	20	20
Respondents (local projects)	17	13
Number of individuals/groups who engaged with the projects	4723	2753
Of these, the number of individuals/groups who expressed concern about violence, intimidation and threats	1359	501
Percentage of individuals/groups who expressed concern about violence, intimidation and threats	29%	18%

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## Key Findings of 2018 Survey

- There is an increased level of engagement with NICDATF projects overall
- There is increased engagement around the issues of violence, intimidation and threats:



Total: 4723

**1359 (29%) of the 4723 individuals / groups** who engaged with 17 projects over the last 12 months expressed concern about violence, intimidation and threats.

**In 2013, 501 (18%) of the 2753 individuals / groups** who engaged with 13 projects expressed concern.

# Violence, intimidation and threats

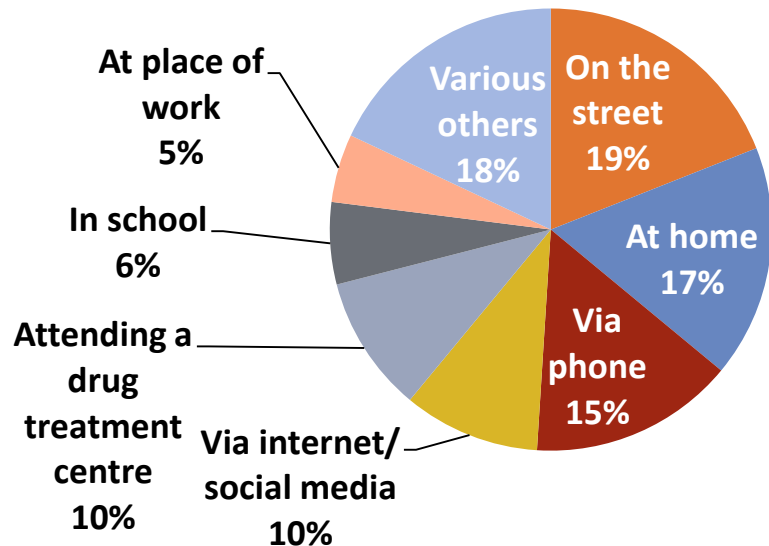
## Key Findings of 2018 Survey

- The violence, intimidation and threats are most often directed at **the individual raising concern (28%)** or a **family member (48%)**. This response is similar to the 2013 survey.
- Those most commonly affected by violence, threats and intimidation are **aged between 21 and 25 years (23%)**.
- The **age group affected has lowered since 2013** when the most commonly affected individuals were aged between 26 and 44 years.

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## Key Findings of 2018 Survey

- The violence, intimidation and threats take place in a wide variety of settings, most frequently **on the street (19%)** or at **home (17%)**. This is broadly similar to 2013.



More than one-third of respondents added that these issues occur at **homeless hostels or other homeless accommodation settings.**

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## Key Findings of 2018 Survey

- Violence, intimidation and threats affect the individual in a wide variety of ways. **Mental health (13%)** was the most significant impact cited.
- Respondents added that services users were experiencing **high levels of anxiety, stress and fear.**

	2018	2013
1	Mental health issues (13%)	Money problems (12%)
2	Money problems (12%)	Mental health issues (12%)
3	Increased substance dependency (11%), Family / Relationship breakdown (11%)	Social isolation (11%), Family / Relationship breakdown (11%)



# Violence, intimidation and threats

## Key Findings of 2018 Survey

- We asked about the type of violence, intimidation or threats. A range of 16 different types of issues were reported to occur ranging in intensity from verbal abuse to fatalities. Verbal abuse was most frequently cited (11%) and threats of injury (10%).
- According to the individuals expressing concern about violence, intimidation and threats **52%** of those affected would sometimes/often/always report it confidentially to the Gardaí, an increase on 2013 (50%).

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## NEIC area: Key points of 2018 survey

	Projects based in:	NICDATF area (includes NEIC area)	NEIC area
Number of projects		17	8
Percentage of total surveys		100%	50%
Number of individuals /groups engaged with over last 12 months		4723	2561
Percentage of the total individuals /groups engaged with over last 12 months		100%	54%
Of these, the number of individuals /groups engaged with over last 12 months who expressed concern about violence, intimidation and threats		1359 (29% of above)	706 (28% of above)

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## NEIC area: Key points of 2018 survey

- Over half of the individuals (54% - 706 of 1359) expressing concern about violence, intimidation and threats are engaging with projects based in the NEIC.
- Those most commonly affected by violence, intimidation and threats are **aged between 16 and 21 years (21%)**. This is younger than the NICDATF as a whole.
- A greater percentage (**16%**) of individuals aged over 55 are affected by violence, intimidation and threats are in the NEIC area, compared with 7% in the individuals in the NICDATF.

# Violence, intimidation and threats

## NEIC area: Key points of 2018 survey

- Individuals/groups engaging with projects in the NEIC are significantly less likely to contact the Gardaí about violence, intimidation and threats.

