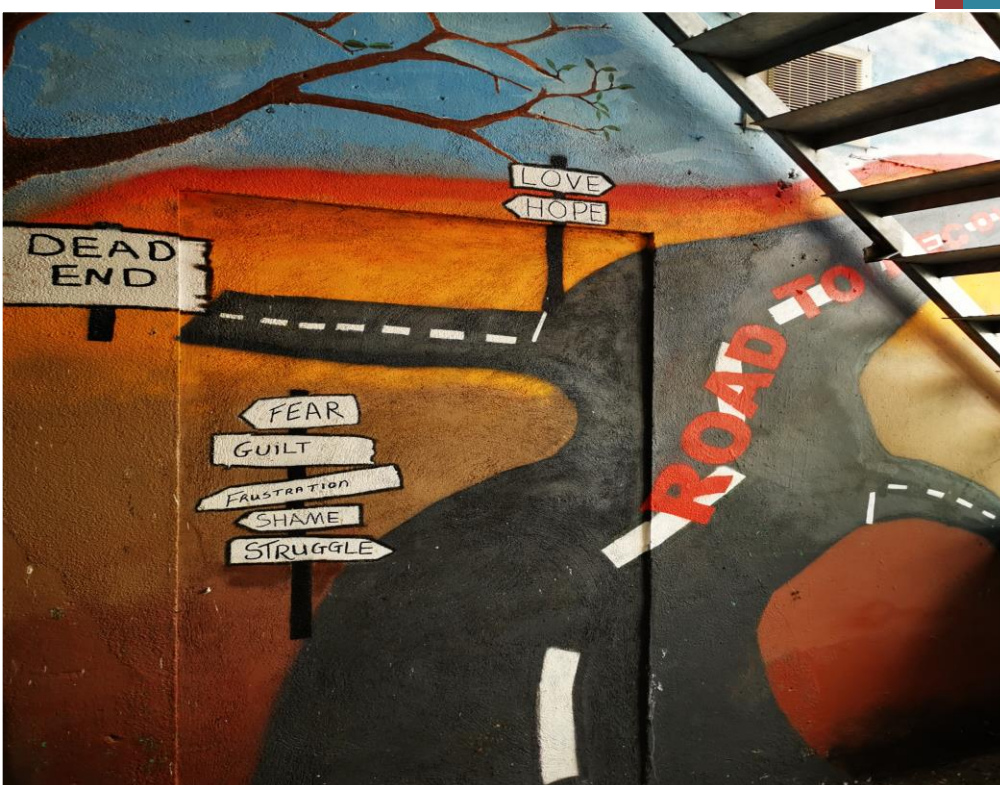


2019

Annual Report



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It brings me great pleasure to present to you our Annual Report for 2019. This document highlights the activities that DROPP has engaged in throughout the year and demonstrates the powerful benefits of community based recovery programmes.

First and foremost, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of my fellow Board Members and all the staff and volunteers in DROPP for their unwavering dedication to the vision, mission and values of DROPP. It is a privilege to have worked alongside you all.

2019 brought with it a change of membership on the Board of Directors. In February, Dr Rosemarie Keenan joined the Board as Clinical Expert, bringing a wealth of experience in the field of clinical recovery with her. December saw the resignation of Mr Donal Geoghegan from the Board. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Keenan and extend our gratitude to Mr. Geoghegan for his contributions to DROPP over the years.

DROPP were honoured to host a visit from Ministers of State, Catherine Byrne and Mary Mitchell O Connor, in March. This provided both Ministers with the opportunity to engage candidly with the service users and staff, and for DROPP to highlight to the Ministers the benefits of community based recovery programmes.

Reflecting back on the achievements of the past year, DROPPs continued implementation of the Strategic Plan, which commenced last year, has resulted in a strong strategic focus to ensure a continuum of care is provided. This has been essential to ensure stability for all service users, following a year of great change in 2018, DROPP has responded well in identifying the emerging needs of its service users. Recovery from substance misuse is a complex process, and requires a complex, robust and a highly supportive response. Throughout this complex process, DROPP has provided a constant unwavering supportive environment that has enabled over 100 individuals thread a pathway towards recovery within their own community.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express sincere gratitude for all the financial support of the funding agencies listed within. Your continued support not only funds the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project, it also provides a sense of hope for women, men and families in our beloved community affected by substance misuse.

Cian Ó Lonargáin
Chairperson

OVERVIEW

DROP is an ever evolving organisation and 2019 was an exciting year as we embarked on the first year of our 2019-2021 Strategic. This commenced with the rollout of our revised 3 tiered continuum of care programme and the implementation of a new year long Stabilisation Programme. We also planned and developed, collaboratively with our service users, a new refocused Pre Entry Programme along with plans for the implementation of the Drug Free Programme in January 2020. In our planning we focused on where our support services are aimed along an overall continuum of care and identified new referral pathways both into and out of the organisation. This allows us respond to the individual needs of those presenting to our service, and it allows us to ensure that follow up services are identified and engaged to support our service users to move on as and when appropriate.



In March, we welcomed a visit from Catherine Byrne, Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy and Mary Mitchell O Connor, Minister of State for Higher Education. They generously gave their time to meet with the service users, staff team and board members. This was an opportunity for DROP stakeholders to share their real life experiences of substance misuse and the many issues that present themselves for an individual who becomes dependent on a substance. It was a humbling experience and both ministers engaged actively and openly with the conversation.



It is important to note that on writing this report we find ourselves in a pandemic which has resulted in huge changes in relation to our external and internal environment. Our services have moved from face to face interactions, in line with public health advice, to being provided over the phone and online for the safety of staff and service users. The future is less clear than it appeared to be while drafting our current Strategic Plan and our new continuum of care programme and these will need to be reviewed and amended in line with risk assessment, government guidance and the many changes that will come around as a result of Covid-19. We are now tasked with how we can safely return to physically providing our services within 45 Upper Georges Street and develop a 'new normal' way of working. We will continue to adapt regularly to changes in government protocol as the country phases back to full working in the safest possible way for everyone. There is no denying this will be a challenge. We have a duty of care to both staff and service users so each new change will be risk assessed and delivered ensuring the safety of everyone involved. I will take this opportunity to thank the Board of Management and Staff for their continued commitment to the organisation in what has been and continues to be strange and uncertain times. Together we continue to support one another in responding to an ever changing world as we continue to provide our much needed support services to those who need them.

Anthea Carry
Manager

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 TEAM

Staff Team

Manager	Anthea Carry
CE Supervisor	Cate Mc Keon
CE Supervisor	Jonathan Dunbar
Financial Administrator	Maria Murphy
Manager's Assistant	Tracy Merry
Volunteer Administrator	Dr. Louise Cleary
Project Worker	David Boyle
Project Worker	Nuala McKenna
Project Worker	Julie Grant
Project Worker	Andrew Merrigan
Support/Project Worker	Jessica Kelly
Support Worker	Debbie O Reilly
Reception	Antoinette Coffee
Reception	Madeleine Lohan
Volunteer Counsellor	Nereko Lekuona & Karen Kevany
Student Placements	Bobby Kavanagh, Darran Gormley & Saoirse Jennings

Board of Management & Sub Committee Members

Chairperson	Cian Ó Lonargáin
Treasurer	Ciaran Walsh
Secretary	Seamus Brennan
Director	Eileen Ryder
Director	Elaine Forsyth
Director	Tony Duggan
Director	Donal Geoghegan
Director	Rosemarie Keenan

Company No:	298396
Registered Charity No:	CHY17399
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Auditors:	HSM Chartered Accountants 13 Sussex Street Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin
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VISION MISSION & VALUES

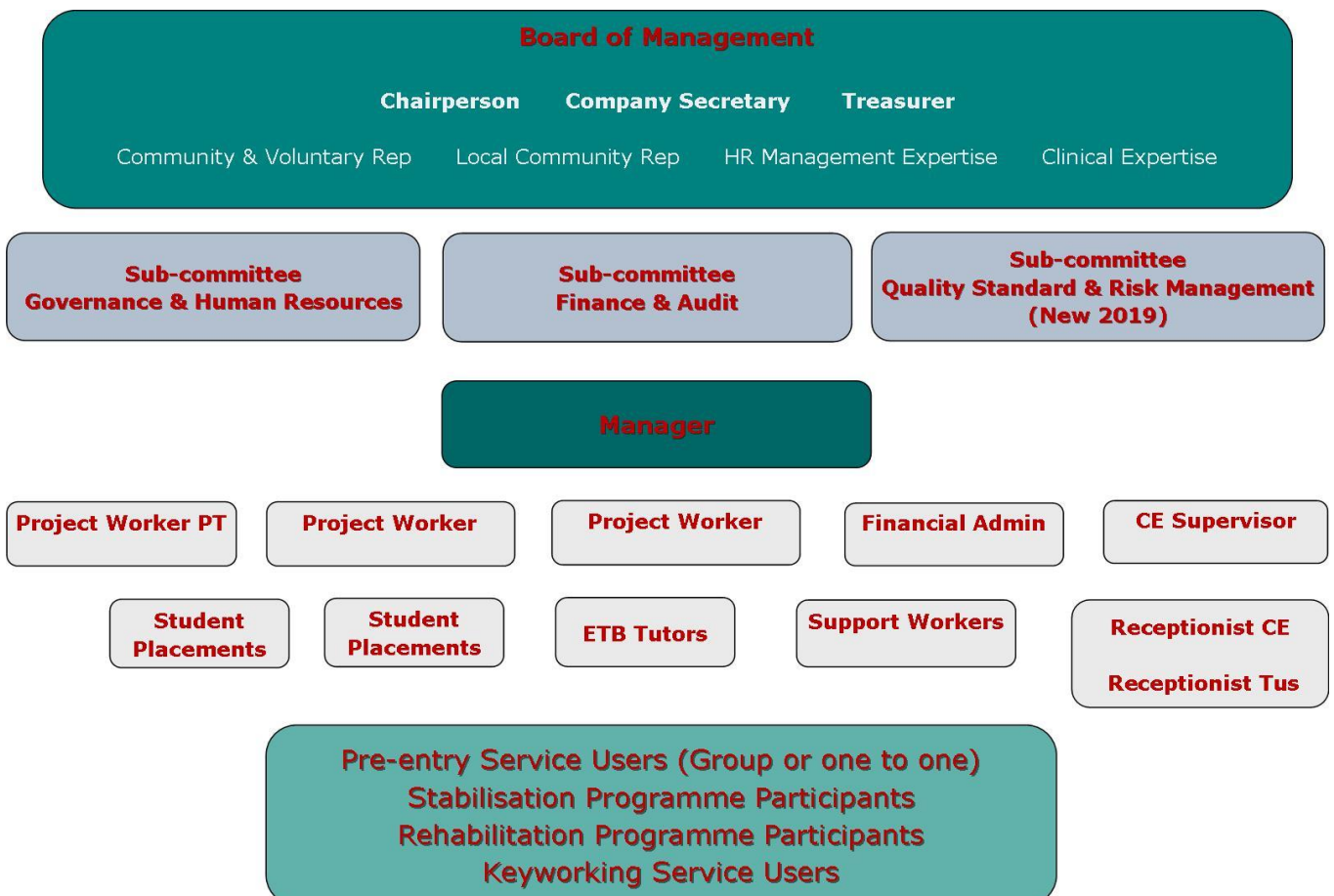
Our **Vision** is that our service users are well-informed and understand the challenges of addiction and recovery. DROP will work to ensure that our service users receive the care and support needed to address their addiction without fear of discrimination or social stigma.

Our **Mission** is to support people to recover from substance misuse in their own community through the provision of services that are accessible, service-user focused, high-quality, non-judgemental and evidenced based.

As an organisation, our shared Values are to:

- Ensure that everyone is treated with respect, care and honesty
- Ensure our services is inclusive and accessible to people from different backgrounds and experiences
- Offer a high-quality and evidenced-based service to our service users
- Offer a safe and respectful environment for staff and service users
- Provide a confidential service
- Encourage and support service users to achieve their individual goals
- Promote healthy, well-balanced and positive life choices
- Support our service users to meet the day-to-day challenges of recovery from addiction

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



SUPPORTERS OF THE ORGANISATION

Through the collaboration and financial support of our funding agencies and stakeholders we continue to deliver our services to those in need within the community of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. Within this report we highlight the activities carried out in 2019 however the Annual Report also affords us the opportunity to give acknowledgement and thanks to those supporters who have worked with us. Our sincere thanks for their continued support is extended to the

- **Health Service Executive (HSE)**
- **Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP)**
- **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drug & Alcohol Task Force (DLRDATAF)**
- **The Court Service**
- **Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB)**
- **Southside Partnership**
- **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.**

The **Court Service** have been a supporter of the organisation for numerous years through the provision of donated income from the Court Poor Box. In 2019, DROP received €10,450 from the Court Service and would have incurred financial difficulty without these funds. This income went directly towards the purchase of educational materials, volunteer counselling expenses, provision of pro social activities, advertisement, printing of the organisation's annual report, service user graduation costs, legal expenses, repair of the gas boiler, provision of urinalysis, training and staff team building. Again in 2019, income from Court Service donations funded the shortfall in operating costs across the Community Employment Scheme.

Fundraising and Grant Support

The club members from **Cuala GAA, Dalkey** and players from the **Cuala Ultra Supporters Group** along with Ukulele players from the **UkuHooleys Dun Laoghaire Group** and volunteers from the community of Dun Laoghaire once again supported DROP in 2019. Together with staff a carol singing event was



organized outside St Michael's Church in Dun Laoghaire on Saturday 21st December. A total of €3,261.70 was raised and divided equally between DROP and the Dublin Simon Community to support people in addiction recovery and homelessness.



We also received support from the community of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown with donations from the **Methodist Church in Dun Laoghaire** of €500 to fund a music programme to groups on our Continuum of Care CE Programme.

Support comes in many forms for charitable organisations like DROP. This can include donations of expertise, time and also individual funds raised through fundraising activities. In 2019, **Ciara Stephenson** walked the Camino de Santiago with a goal to reach Santiago de Compostela in September in memory of her Dad



Vincent. Ciara selected DROP as her charity of choice raising a huge €1,525 while embarking on her personal pilgrimage. We are extremely grateful that Ciara chose us as the recipient and reading the updates on her gofundme page it further highlighted the impact of losing a loved one to addiction. What a wonderful way to mark their memory, helping others and creating memories to cherish for life.



In 2019, thanks to Google's involvement with the Gift/ Time match support programme, **Andrew Rankin** volunteered his time to assist us with google technical support and provided learning on Google Suite, along with the many other benefits associated with Google's Corporate Social Responsibility facilities. This was a hugely valuable resource to the organisation which resulted in us having access to the entire google suite at no cost to the organisation.

We were also lucky in receiving personal donations from members of the community of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown which we accept with gratitude and thanks.

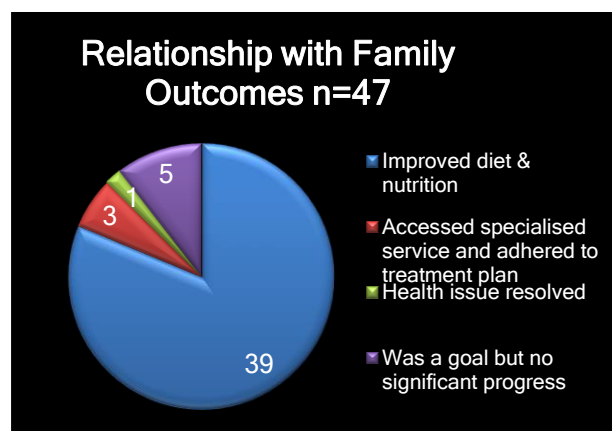
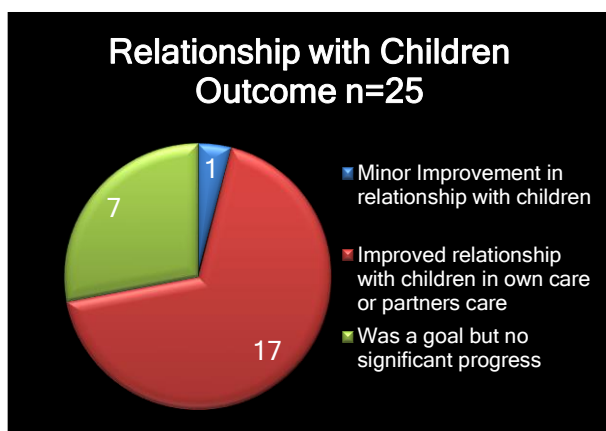
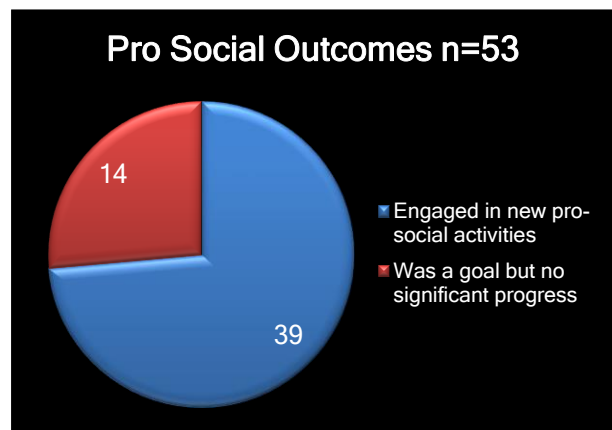
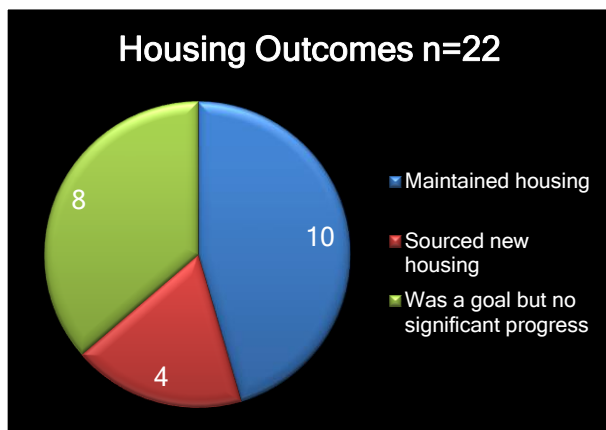
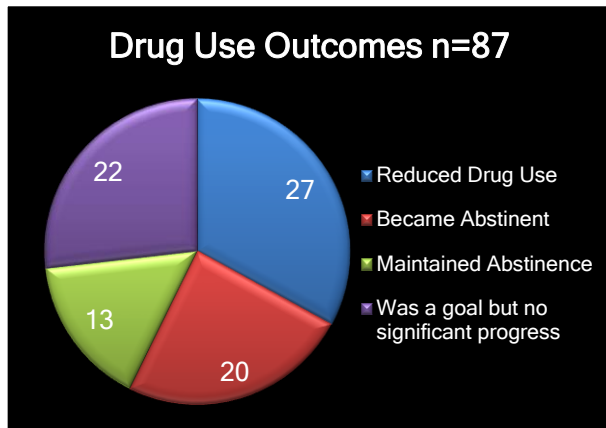
DROP is a small community based organisation with big dreams for our service users and knowing that we have such support within the community we serve is both motivating and inspiring.

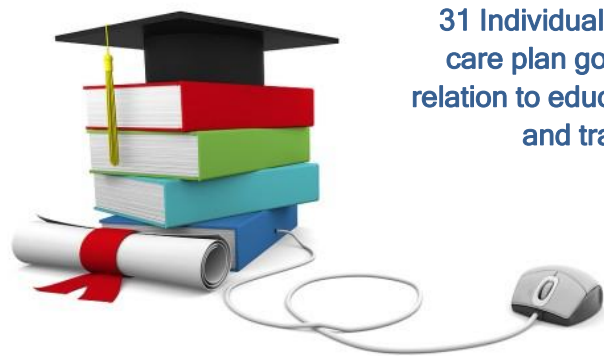
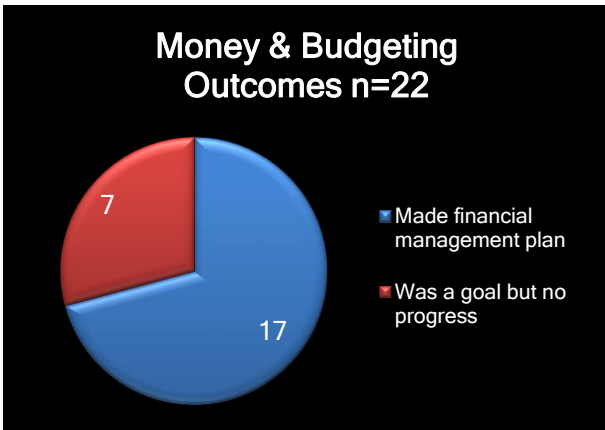
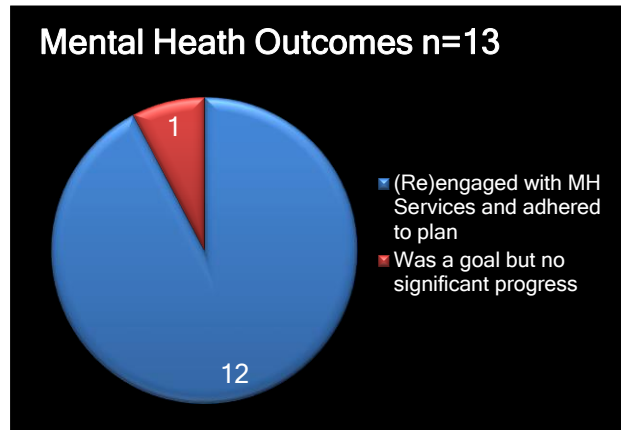
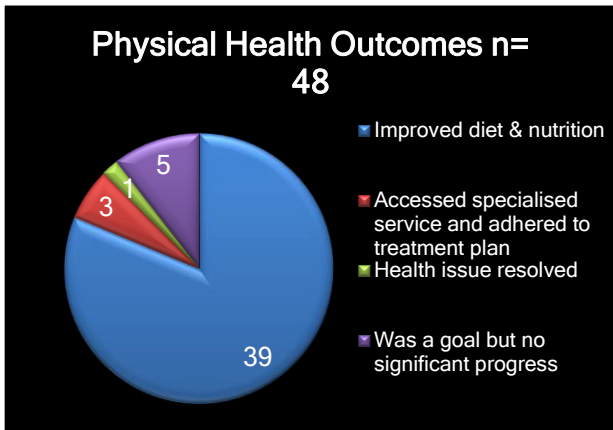


SERVICE PROVISION

Service User Outcomes

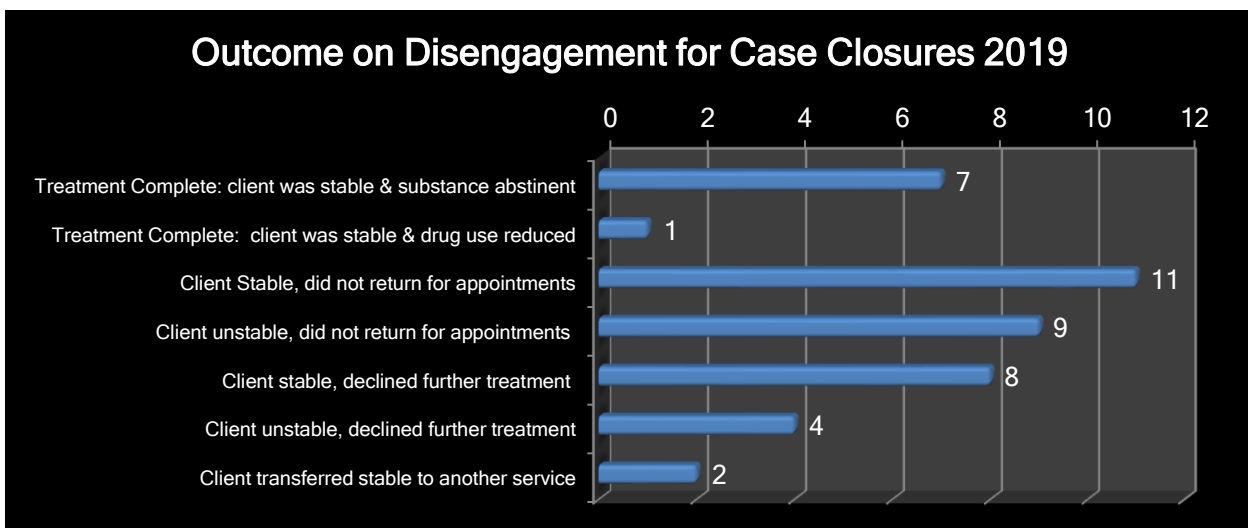
In 2019, 112 individuals accessed DROP for support services which was a small decrease on the previous year. Of the 112 individuals, 27 referred for initial assessment but did not complete the assessment and a further 13 completed the assessment but did not avail of a service. 72 individuals completed the assessment and having been appointed a keyworker developed individualized care plans. The following graphs display the outcomes across 10 areas where the area was identified by the service user as an area they wished to make changes to.





31 Individuals had care plan goals in relation to education and training

During 2019 there were a total of 42 case closures; 23 were male and 19 were female. For some it was their first time to engage with DROIP while others re-engaged with the services for subsequent treatment episodes. Below is a record of the outcome on disengagement for the 42 case closures during 2019. This data is captured within our returns for the National Drug Treatment Reporting System¹.



¹ The NDTRS is an epidemiological database on treated problem drug and alcohol use in Ireland. Compliance with the NDTRS requires that a form be completed for each new client coming for first treatment and each previously treated client returning to treatment for problem drug or alcohol use in a calendar year.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

2019 saw many changes which included the loss of two Community Employment Supervisors and ended the year with a vacant position. The Community Employment Scheme allows for 17 Drug Rehabilitation Participant places and 4 support workers and this scheme requires a full time skilled professional to be in place to co-ordinate and manage. In their absence this responsibility has to be shared across an already small and tightly resourced team. In 2019, 13 participants availed of CE Rehabilitation programme places.

DROP developed a new Continuum of Care Programme and in 2019 successfully implemented a non-CE Pre-Entry programme. The aim of the programme is to assist individuals to become group ready with the view of meeting the expectations of the 19.5 hour community employment programme. On completion of the Pre-Entry programme, those who wish to progress go on to the Stabilisation 12 month CE Programme where they will develop comprehensive care plans. The care plans focus on stabilization of drug use and identification of changes that they wish to make across a variety of areas including relationships, finances, education and wellbeing, to name a few. On completion of the Stabilisation Programme, those who have become drug free can graduate onto the Drug Free CE Programme where they will develop their individual learner plans with a focus on full reintegration into training and employment.

DROP's Continuum of Care programme allows service users develop trusting relationships with peers and staff and to feel supported throughout their recovery journey within one organisation. 2019 has been a very exciting time for the organisation with the successful rollout of the new Stabilisation Programme from January and we hope 2020 will be equally as exciting when the Drug Free Programme launches in January and all 3 tiers of the continuum are fully operational. Providing successive programmes enhances motivation to move on and supports participants in developing short, medium and long term goals. Within the care plans, service users develop goals for change in relation to drug use, relationships, housing, finances, legal issues and across all social aspects of their lives.

The Stabilisation Programme is a combination of modules that work to respond to the biopsychosocial needs of the service users. There are four thematic areas delivered through group activities across a week long programme. These four areas are Recovery focused; education/training; health & Wellbeing & social and personal development. In the past, it has proven difficult for service users to attain the overall attendance rate for QQI accreditation, so it was agreed that for 2018 we would run non accredited modules. The aim being that providing access to the education materials would motivate service users to continue within particular areas of education and training as they progress their care plan goals. While this was a success in 2018, it is hoped that QQI accredited modules can be reintroduced as the Drug Free Programme develops in the future.

In 2019, modules included the delivery of a tailor made programme on **Stigma, Assertiveness and Self Advocacy** delivered by Dee McCrossan, an external facilitator, and funded by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drug & Alcohol Task Force (DLRDATF). This programme came about as a result of research commissioned by the DLRDATF which can be reviewed in greater detail in their report "Just Maintaining the Status Quo" The Experience of Long-term Participants in Methadone Maintenance Treatment (Mayock, Butler & Hoey, 2018). The goal was to provide service users with an understanding of stigma that would allow them identify if, and when, they

were subjected to stigmatization as a result of their being a drug user and help develop good communication skills so that they could self-advocate for inclusion in the decision making process around their healthcare. On conclusion of the programme the evaluation reported outcomes of a much deeper understanding of stigmatisation and its' impacts, improvement in communication skills, increased knowledge in how to be more assertive in a positive way and increased realization of the importance of self-advocacy in situations that may have proved difficult in the past.

Throughout the year we encouraged pro social activities through weekly bowling and pool in the Leisureplex, a visit to Kilmainham Gaol and a visit to Collins Barracks. Pro Socials are important in recovery as they provide alternative experiences to using drugs, time to have fun and laugh at yourself and an opportunity to build in new ways of utilizing your free time.

ProSocial Activities: Visit to Wicklow Gaol; Visit to Epic Museum; Killiney Hill Walks, James Joyce Tower. Finishing the year with a team outing to Go Quest, this saw both the group and staff compete in challenges of the body and mind.

Health & Fitness Activities: this programme with Lee Moroney through ETB incorporated the gym; outdoor games including rounder's, basketball and tennis; exercise classes. Swimming at the local leisure centre was included in the programme to offer skills in both health and wellbeing and personal development.

The service users really enjoyed the **Drama** with Thomas O Reilly. They ended the course with a very emotive and thought provoking performance to staff and service users which was filmed. This gave us the opportunity to invite the Board of Management to come to a viewing at a later stage which was met with extremely positive feedback. Drama was funded by the DLR Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

Art & Design is a regular fixture on the programme plan as it allows time to be creative, reflect, develop new skills, engage in team work and enhances communication. This module is facilitated through the support of the Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) and delivered by Caroline Lynch. In 2019, one of the projects was to enhance and be creative in our outdoor spaces and together with Caroline the group developed a theme focused on moving from active drug use into a space of rehabilitation and recovery. Here are some images from the artwork that is displayed across the walls in our yard space.



Electronics Andrew Rankin from Google came to work with the group to give the participants the basic skills, knowledge and ability to work on small electronics. Each participant made their own project and learned how to solder while learning the concepts of basic circuitry in Parallel.

Personal development funded by the DDLETB. Personal development gave an insight into perception and communication skills. Participants developed lifelong skills in effective communication and the ability to advocate for themselves.

Basic computer skills funded by the DDLETB. The basic computer skills training gave the participants the skills to use a computer with some confidence. Basic computer skills looked at using the internet, setting up an email address, developing a power point presentation and typing. The training gave the participant the opportunity to explore new skills to aid them into further training or potentially employment.

Annual Recovery Walk 2019

Staff and participants across the various DROP programmes attended the 8th Annual Recovery Walk Ireland which took place on Saturday 14th of September. The event is held annually to celebrate the achievements of people in recovery from addiction and to highlight that recovery is possible! September is International Recovery Month and thousands of people from all around the world take part in recovery walks and other events that give focus to recovery and make it visible. The Recovery Walk shows society that addiction is not an endpoint and that recovery from all addictions can and does happen. Year on year the Irish



Recovery Walk grows and is a real opportunity to give a voice to recovery and it is a welcome sight to bring Recovery right into the heart of the city. 2019 was the second year where the walk went down Dublin's main street and brought traffic to a standstill. The walk began at the historic Garden of Remembrance and travelled down through the heart Dublin city, O'Connell Street, and on to Merrion Square.

The recovery village in Merrion Square gave everyone an opportunity to meet new and old friends and to share in celebrating recovery together. There was a recovery wall where people from all over Ireland brought something that represented recovery to them, and it was a display of their thoughts and feelings on recovery. There was a stage to showcase talented musicians, poets, dancers



and actors with our very own drama tutor Thomas O Reilly hosting the event. It further highlighted the strong community that has been established in recovery circles across Ireland. Some were even brave enough to stand publically in front of friends, families and peers telling their stories of recovery which is great motivation for those in early recovery. We look forward to taking part in this event annually.

'NEVER GIVE UP'

I am in my late 30's and for years I have struggled with drug addiction. In 2019 I completed DROP, drug free and happy. It was the end of a long hard battle with drug addiction, myself and my surroundings. Participating in DROP wasn't my first experience with drug services. On many occasions I had tried to get drug free, gotten drug free and relapsed back into full blown active addiction. My story is not unique, millions of people globally find themselves stuck in this soul destroying cycle of devastation and hope, the complexities of which are a minefield to navigate. My only difference is I was fortunate enough to break that cycle. Knowing that you don't want to take any more drugs coupled with an overriding inability to stop and stay stopped cripples your self-esteem, self-worth and hope. It also causes a lot of pain in anyone's life that tries to help, as they don't understand why you are slowly killing yourself.

From a young age I would throw any substance into my body. At first it was the thing to do, fun, sometimes scary, then it became a need, a want, a desire. The thoughts of waking up, or even going to sleep without drugs would bring on panic and fear. It would feel like the walls were closing in and this was before I got strung out on heroin. I would do anything to get what I needed because the alternative was to face up to my reality that life wasn't a good place to be. This sounds sad, indeed it was sad. Drugs did take some of this pain away. They allowed me to function, cured my loneliness, gave me a purpose, comforted me and were always there for me. I was running from myself, the reality of who I was and who I had become. You see I knew I could do better, I just didn't know how, I was lost. Until I got help I never understood how much drugs actually did for me. I blamed them on all the negative things that happened in my life, the list of which is long. They destroyed me physically, mentally, emotionally. They brought me to courts, cells, hospitals and near death on many occasions. I hurt everyone around me. I robbed people, sometimes the wrong people. Soon where I lived became a place I couldn't go. I lived in a constant state of fear and dread. I felt at the time my only option to cope with all this was to take more drugs. You see when you're on drugs they come first over everything. I walked over anyone I could as long as I got my drugs. They were my safety blanket, without them I felt raw and vulnerable and due to the drugs I was taking, physically sick. To even try to change was a daunting prospect that my fragile brain couldn't handle. This is why I believe overcoming addiction is so hard. Getting drug free and rehabilitating forces you to look at all the negative aspects of your life. Where you went wrong, what harms you caused yourself and those around you and why you took drugs in the first place. You see, when you're taking drugs you have the privilege of not having to be responsible, but when the reality of life becomes more painful than the reality of shoving drugs into your body you know you're in trouble.

Rewriting your personal history is a process, it doesn't just happen. That's why places like DROP are so important. When you cause so much pain and damage in your life and hurt those that try to help you, you find yourself alone, well I did! Before getting drug free this time I wanted to die, and not for the first time in my life either. Not because I didn't want to live but because I didn't know how to live. The consequences of my actions became so unbearable that I couldn't even look myself in the mirror, any act of kindness churned my stomach and I just wanted to not wake up. I found myself entertaining the idea of suicide. I ended up being sectioned by the police and had several psychological evaluations done as my mental health was in a really bad place. I had been arrested for robbery and drug dealing as funding a severe habit is no easy task. I had given up. There was no food in my home and some of the windows were smashed, I was living like an animal. No matter how many drugs I took, I couldn't escape this reality, in fact they made it worse. This would often end in overdose as my

body couldn't cope with the amount of drugs I was taking. I would be upset that I woke back up. Wondering why oh why am I here? Recalling these events is very sobering. My life today is so far removed from these events you would not have a clue it was the same person. That's the thing I learned about addiction, it doesn't discriminate. It will take over anyone's life at any time if the circumstances are right. I used to think of myself as a dirty riddled junkie with no hope. Now I believe anything is possible and I have a motto I live by 'NEVER GIVE UP'.

I have finally become the person I always believed I could be. I have just completed a degree, had my first child with the woman I love and have been offered a job helping young people going down the same road I did. I am part of my family now and really enjoy the time I spend with them. I believe anything is possible now. This is a complete 360 from having no friends and family and wanting to die. DROP was the place that this wonderful process happened. They never gave up on me, they always told me to come back and most of all they let me be myself, they didn't try to change me. They helped me to change me. Through hard work and determination, making some mistakes on the way I started to look at myself and the reasons why I took drugs. This was challenging, fearful, embarrassing at times but also very rewarding. I started to take the power back and control my own life. Right now I am over 2 years off everything and continuing to push myself. I am forever grateful that I had DROP in my most dire need. It was like a family and a home to me when I needed it most. If anyone reading this is struggling or lost, that's ok, just know there is a way out.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The excellent service delivery would not have been possible without the continued support from our State funders and periodic support from the Dun Laoghaire District Court and other donors, we are very thankful to all involved.

Income decreased in 2019 to €422k from €451k in 2018, a decrease of €29k arising from reduced Community Employment Scheme (CES) participation and a slight decrease in donations and grant income. 97% of Income is provided by the two principal funders, the Health Service Executive & the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection and we'd like to thank them again for their continued support.

Operating expenditure decreased in 2019 to €427k from €448k, an increase of €21k. The reduction in operating costs reflects slightly lower participant levels and CES flow through funding. Included in the operating expenditure for 2018 are a few outlays that we don't expect to recur of a frequent basis.

DROP generated a financial deficit in 2019 in the amount of €5,274 and this result compares with a surplus generated in 2018 of €2,772. It is the company's ongoing intention and management ethos to minimise the financial deficit and to try to generate a small financial surplus if possible. As a result of the deficit in 2019, the net worth of the Company consequently reduced from €45,528 at the end of 2018 to €40,254 at the end of 2019.

Finances continued to be very constrained but it is hoped that the generation of a small financial surplus will continue for financial year 2020 as we seek to return to financial stabilisation of the Company and to continue to provide a platform for fundraising activities for the future.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on the Company, staff, clients & programme participants. Financially, the company has incurred additional unplanned expenditure to implement the necessary health and safety measures to manage the workplace. These are different and difficult times for many people that are associated with DROP in one way or another and the Board of Management will continue to work with all stakeholders to provide a stable base for recovery.

Ciaran Walsh
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our financial statements are contained in summary format within our annual report. The full accounts can be downloaded from the Companies Registration Office or our Website www.drop.ie in the Board & Governance Section

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Eileen Ryder Elaine Forsyth Tony Duggan Donal Geoghegan Ciaran Walsh Seamus Brennan Cian Ó Lonargáin Rosemarie Keenan	(Resigned 12 th December 2019) (Appointed 16 March 2018) (Appointed 21 February 2019)
Secretary	Seamus Brennan	
Company Number	298396	
Registered Office	45 Upper Georges Street Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	
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Business Address	45 Upper Georges Street Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	
Bankers	Bank of Ireland Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED
BY GUARANTEE

We have audited the financial statements of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project Company Limited by Guarantee (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Company's Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs Ireland) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 10 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that in our opinion:

- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matter on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of our obligation under the Companies Act 2014 to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of director's remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made.

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/publications/auditing-standards/international-standards-on-auditing-for-use-in-ire/International-standards-on-auditing-\(ireland\)/ISA-700-\(Ireland\)](http://www.iaasa.ie/publications/auditing-standards/international-standards-on-auditing-for-use-in-ire/International-standards-on-auditing-(ireland)/ISA-700-(Ireland)). This description forms part of our auditors report

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's member as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Eoin Hodkinson (Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of HSM

27th May 2020

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

13 Sussex Street
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY
GUARANTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Income		421,691	451,010
Administrative expenses		(426,965)	(448,238)
(Deficit)/Surplus before taxation		<u>(5,274)</u>	<u>2,772</u>
Tax on (deficit)/surplus		-	-
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		<u><u>(5,274)</u></u>	<u><u>2,772</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN OUTREACH PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 €	€	2018 €	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		923		-
Current assets					
Debtors	5	26,039		6,079	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,106		71,051	
		<u>74,145</u>		<u>77,130</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(34,814)		(31,602)	
Net current assets			39,331		45,528
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>40,254</u>		<u>45,528</u>
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account	8		40,254		45,528
			<u>40,254</u>		<u>45,528</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Financial Reporting Statement 102 'The Financial Statement Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 27 May 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Ciaran Walsh
Director

Cian Ó Lonargáin
Director

Full set of accounts can be found at <http://www.drop.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Financial-statements-2019-Dunl130.pdf>

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