

DRIVE

Drug Related Intimidation & Violence Engagement

An interagency response in Ireland



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DRUG MOB HELL I was forced to pay gang €39,000 to settle my son's debt – we were living in absolute terror, says Dublin mum

Drug-debt intimidation 'not like owing a bank manager money'

Drug-debt intimidation has proliferated since Ireland's cocaine use exploded, with users forced to work as dealers to clear debts

Crime & Law

How drug debts are used to control Irish communities: 'Men are forced to go to jail on someone's behalf'

A distressing new criminal trend is spreading misery throughout the State, and anyone could be targeted

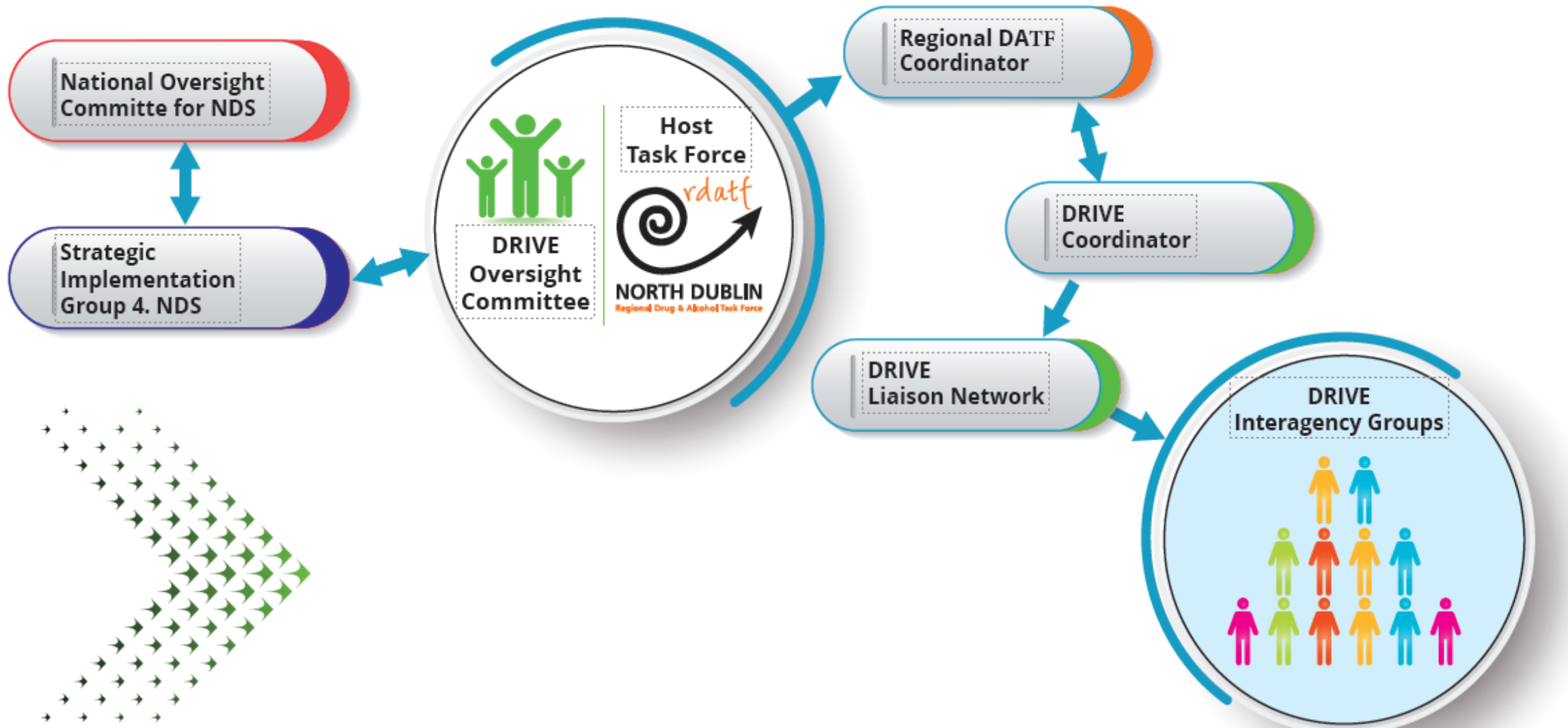
Drug-debt enforcers 'terrorising families in every county'

What is the DRIVE project?

- DRIVE is a national Interagency project
- Developed to respond effectively to Drug Related Intimidation & Violence throughout Ireland



National Communication Structures



Community Structures



DRIVE LIAISON



**DRIVE LIAISON
NETWORK**



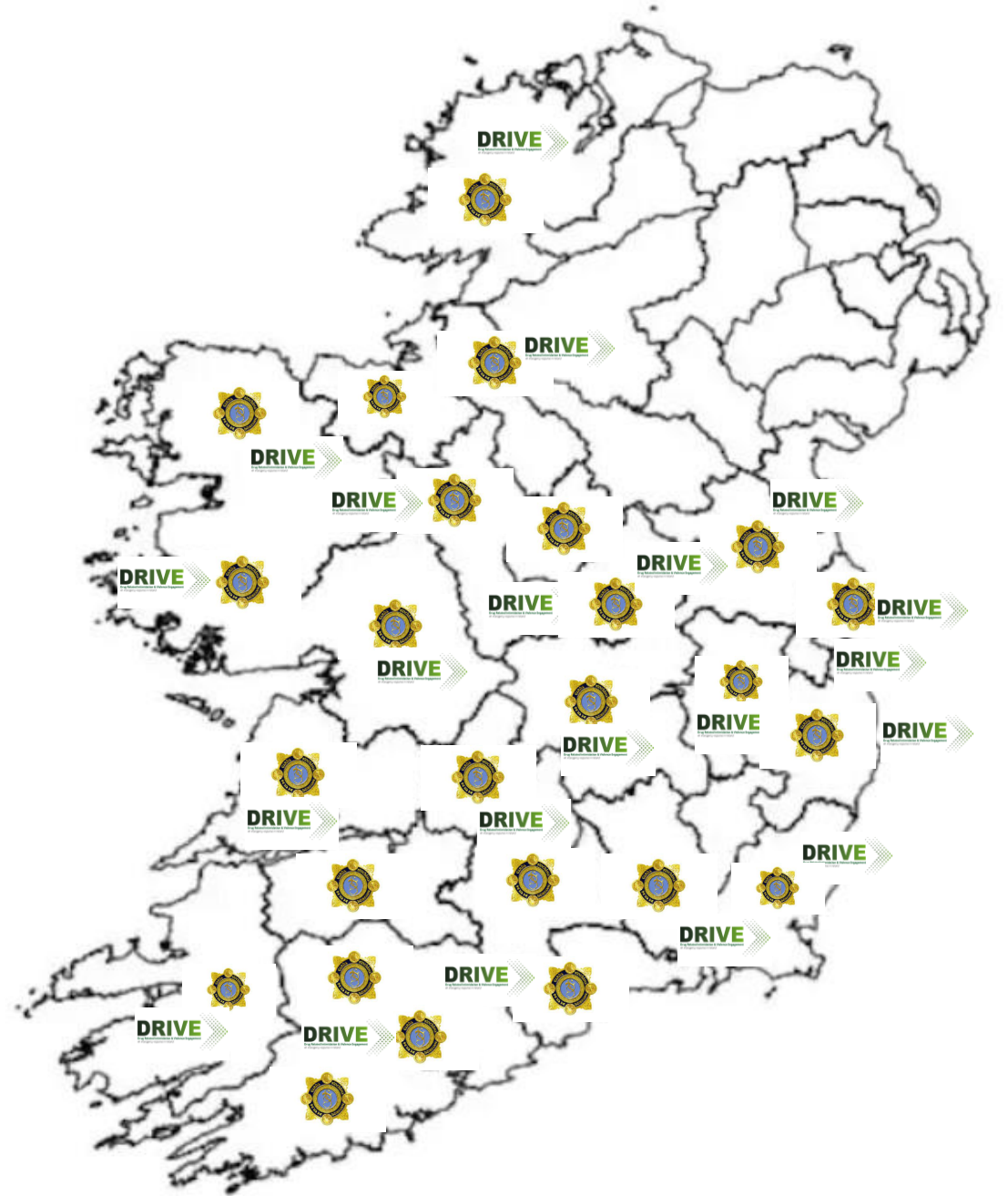
**DRIVE INTERAGENCY
GROUP**



DRIVE liaison



Nominated DRI Inspector



Training



Train the trainer



DRIRP, trauma informed care, risk management, referral options



Disseminated by DRIVE liaisons



Available to all community partners

Challenges



**Inconsistent
approach and
messaging across the
country**



**High levels of fear in
communities**



**Stigma/Trust issues
within communities**



**Achieving
widespread
dissemination**

Recommendations

Sustained budget for DRIVE project



Nominated Drug Related Intimidation Inspectors, mandated and supported



Eliminate geographic inequity for addiction and family support services



Resources made available for National DRIVE Campaign



Resource structures across all 24 Task Forces