

# CDATF and Drug Prevention

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# Introduction

- Citizens Assembly ToFR

*best practice and practical case studies in relation to reducing supply, demand and harm, and **increasing resilience, health and well-being***

What prevention is

- *Prevention can be defined broadly as policies, programmes and practices designed to reduce the incidence and prevalence of drug and associated health, behavioural and social problems.  
UK ACMD 2015*

# CDATF Prevention Work

- Local Strategy- Local consultation
- National Drugs Strategy- National Mandate
- Schools & Prevalence- Need

# The EPI Model

- Interagency Approach
- Evidence Based Practice
- Education
- Prevention
- Intervention

# Interagency Approach



The EPI team is overseen by a management group from CDATF, Crosscare and Clondalkin YDAP.

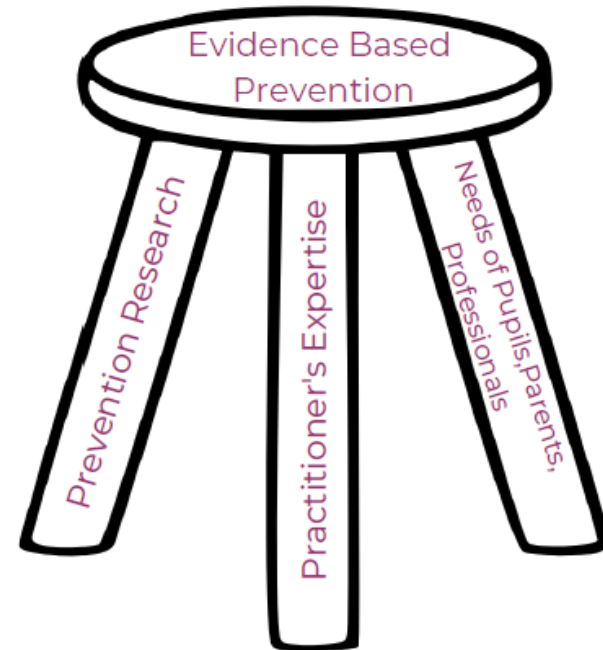
# EPI Team

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| Position  | Role and Responsibility  |
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| <b>Prevention Officer</b>                                   | Parents, Policy and Professionals. Overall coordination of the EPI response in formal and informal school settings in the area. Provide policy guidance to schools, work with parent's groups as required and train teachers/other professionals.<br><br>Facilitate meetings, ensure communication between team. |
| <b>Prevention Worker</b><br><b>(Ronanstown)</b>             | Provide evidence based universal programmes to identified school classes. Refer on/introduce to YDAP as required.  |
| <b>Prevention Worker</b><br><b>SW Clondalkin</b>            | Provide evidence based universal programmes to identified school classes. Refer on/introduce to YDAP as required.  |
| <b>Substance Use Intervention Worker (North Clondalkin)</b> | Screen, assess and provide under 18's (21's) appropriate substance use interventions to indicated groups. Refer on as appropriate.   |
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| <b>YDAP Coordinator</b>                                     | Triage referrals through schools. Support Prevention officer on policy matters and delivery. Will mentor prevention workers on delivery of in class programmes.  |

# Evidence Based Practice

Evidence-based practice involves a commitment to balancing the expertise of the worker with the needs of the client and the best available research



# Education

- Unplugged
- Evaluated using RCT methods
- Rated beneficial by EMCCDA Xchange Registry
- EBP in action



# Prevention

- Parents
- Policy
- Professional Development

# Intervention

- Early Intervention
- Mobile
- Keep Connection  
(protective factor)

A young person's  
experience

End

- Young people are using drugs
- Drug prevention can lead to improved health outcomes
- Prevention needs be at the heart of the response