

CCCHLA TENDER 2025



The SICDATF is seeking proposals to deliver the actions of the Cocaine and Crack Cocaine a Health-led Approach Project (CCCHLA).

1. Introduction

The Drug and Alcohol Task Forces are committed to implementing the goals of government policy on drug and alcohol use as outlined in the National Drugs Strategy (NDS), Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery 2017–2025. The foundation for the strategy is the Healthy Ireland Framework. The strategy aims to promote healthier lifestyles within society and encourage people to make healthier choices around drug and alcohol use.

2. Project Background

HSE-led Initiatives to Reduce the Health-related Harms from Cocaine and 'Crack' Cocaine

In January 2022, the National Social Inclusion Office (NSIO) invited all Community Health Organisations (CHOs) to submit proposals for initiatives to reduce the health-related harms of cocaine and 'crack' use. With cocaine prevalence in Ireland increasing in recent years, the demand for cocaine treatment services continues to rise. To meet this demand, the Minister for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy announced additional funding for cocaine and 'crack' cocaine initiatives.

The initiatives were to

- Ensure evidence-informed policies and practice
- Provide an integrated model of care based on population need
- Develop coordinated service delivery at the regional level
- Contribute to strategic actions on emerging trends and complex needs
- Strengthen the performance of the strategy
- Reflect good corporate governance
- Ensure service user involvement.

The SICDATF project aims to reduce the health-related harms from powder cocaine and 'crack' Cocaine for individuals, families and communities. It will provide a model of best practice compatible with Sláintecare and the goals of 'Reducing Harm Supporting Recovery' and the National Drug Rehabilitation Framework.

The SICDATF will work with individuals, services and communities impacted by powder cocaine and crack cocaine use and offer community engagement activities, such as training, learning events, family members and the community and treatment programmes workshops to support people using cocaine and crack cocaine.

3. Objectives of Consultancy

Service required	<p>The SICDATF seeks proposals from individuals or companies to implement key objectives of the Cocaine and Crack Cocaine A Health-led Approach Project (CCCHLA). The tender is designed to bring together SICDATF communities, individuals, and partner projects to co-develop resources and strengthen programme delivery. The work scope will consider the recommendations from the community consultation research and the CCCHLA evaluations.</p> <p>Co-design governing policies to support implementation, and produce a resource manual for both service providers and service users.. This will inform the development of a programme template, programme resources, and the promotional materials that can be used and adapted by a range of services in</p>
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	<p>different settings. It will identify the required policies to inform and support the work.</p> <p>Identify relevant training and workshops for service staff, communities and statutory agencies.</p>
Budget and payment	Inclusive of VAT, circa €12,000 – the SICDATF does not pay travel or auxiliary costs .
Location	South Inner City Dublin
Context	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Five strategic goals have been identified under the strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and protect health and well-being 2. Minimise the harms caused by the use and misuse of substances and promote rehabilitation and recovery 3. Address the harms of drug markets and reduce access to drugs for harmful use 4. Support the participation of individuals, families and communities 5. Develop sound and comprehensive evidence-informed policies and actions <p>Project Background</p> <p>The SICDATF partnered with services in the south inner city to design and deliver programmes within each service to respond to the specific needs of people using their services, employing recognised HSE-led initiatives to reduce the health-related harms from cocaine and ‘Crack’ cocaine. To date, it has targeted people in the workforce, those experiencing homelessness, and individuals in prison who were using powder cocaine and crack cocaine. Evidence-based interventions have been utilised for one-to-one work and group programmes, and we aim to build on this by co-producing programme content and materials.</p>
Objectives	<p>Desktop review: To conduct a desktop review of national and international research, including SICDATF research and CCCHLA programme evaluations, and apply key learnings to inform the tender deliverables.</p> <p>Service support</p>

- Work alongside service and programme providers to ensure that quality standards policies, the NDRF, a rights approach, and trauma-informed practices underpin all programmes; create or develop relevant documents where they are lacking.
- Co-design uniform information, referral and assessment forms that can be shared with GPs, Primary Care and Homeless Services.

Communications :

Develop a messaging strategy and information about the programmes that

- Encourage individuals to seek support without fear or shame.
- Raise awareness of available addiction services and how to access them.
- Reduce stigma by normalising conversations around addiction and recovery.
- Build trust with marginalised communities.
- Promote services as safe, inclusive, and person-centred.

CCCHLA materials and learning tools.

- Coordinate the development of the guidance manual for practitioners.
- Develop in conjunction with service users the CCCHLA learning tool, which can be availed by individuals who cannot attend one-to-one support or aftercare and relevant stakeholders.
- Coordinate the development of the materials & translation of resource information.
- Design an information page for the website.

Implementing and monitoring best practices across services

- To advise/provide relevant policy templates to underpin the work of the programmes.
- To generate a simple recording tool per the department's requirements.
- Co-design post-programme/ workshop reviews.
- Identify training for professional development, to build competencies and upskill staff.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer an evidence-based programme that can be adapted and reviewed. <p>Building partnerships and sustainability through resource management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To work with the partner projects to develop information forums ○ Liaise with external designers and communications professionals to co-create materials with service providers and people using the services. <p>Partnerships and managing blocks and gaps in service provision.</p> <p>Increasing access for women, LGBTQIA+, people leaving prison and ethnic minorities. To ensure equity in addiction treatment, targeted efforts must be made to improve access for women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people transitioning from prison, and ethnic minority communities. These groups often face unique barriers, including stigma, discrimination, lack of culturally competent care, and structural inequalities. Key strategies include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve communication and referral systems via prison and probation services and the Gardai (Community Garda). 2. Culturally sensitive outreach tailored to specific community needs 3. Trauma-informed care approaches, especially for women and LGBTQIA+ individuals 4. Partnerships with community organisations that have established trust with people seeking support. 5. Supportive reentry programs for formerly imprisoned individuals 6. Identify training for service providers on unconscious bias and inclusive practices
Deliverables	<p>Develop a comprehensive project plan with timelines.</p> <p>Engage relevant stakeholders in the SICDATF and partner TF areas. Consult with service users to identify effective engagement strategies, pre-assessment practices, and co-design programme content.</p> <p>Create a communications plan for service-wide implementation, co-producing the messaging.</p> <p>Base engagement approaches on current research to involve women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, ethnic minorities, and those leaving prison, and</p>

	<p>recommend suitable interventions and practices.</p> <p>Prepare a guidance manual and learning resources.</p> <p>Compile a final consolidated report of findings, including conclusions to guide the future direction of the SICDATF global budget and work plan.</p> <p>Advise the Task Force on providing appropriate support to enhance the existing projects' capacity to respond to service users.</p>
Term of Contract	<p>The appointed Contractor must be able to commence work with SICDATF Management Liaison Group in August 2025 a completion date no later than October 25th, 2025.</p> <p>Applicants will need access to transport. A guarantee must be provided about the provision of all relevant insurance, including professional indemnity, employers' liability and public liability insurance.</p>
Conflict of Interest	<p>Any interest involving the contractor and SICDATF or its staff or their relative must be fully disclosed in response to this Invitation to Tender. It should be communicated to the Chairperson immediately upon such information becoming known to the contractor or in the event of this information only coming to their notice after the submission of a bid and before the awarding of the contract.</p>
Reporting Arrangements	<p>Day-to-day management of the contract will be led by the SICDATF coordinator, and the Management Liaison Group will support and oversee the work. The successful tenderer will be required to engage with the relevant SICDATF governance and oversight structure for the duration of the project. Progress updates to the SICDATF Management Liaison Group will be required at intervals agreed upon once the project is commenced. Deliver the final report considering corrections and requests.</p>
Requirements	<p>Please submit a statement of suitability and experience to carry out this work. Send links to work. The Organisation/Contractor must have an editing service or a second person to execute the work.</p> <p>Key requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level written and oral communication skills and a second-person editor. • Must be results-oriented, exhibiting a high level of tact and diplomacy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder engagement skills. • Experience in conducting similar work in the Addiction and Social Care Sector.
Application Process	<p>Interested and qualified individuals/organisations should send all documents to the SICDATF coordinator. An assessment panel will examine all tenders received. The panel must be satisfied that the contracted consultant is suitably qualified and possesses the necessary knowledge, experience, and skills required for the project within the specified timeframe and budget.</p> <p>Please include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tender with a methodology and a breakdown of costs. 2. CV and biography /statement of suitability 3. At least three references to support previous work and samples or links to work and websites. <p>Please forward an application before 12 pm on August 15th</p> <p>Further information is available upon request from sicdatf1@gmail.com</p>