

## **ADDICTION SERVICE TENDER – EAST COAST REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE**

### **Background:**

The East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force (ECRDTF) was set up in 2005 to facilitate a more effective response to the drug problems in areas experiencing the highest levels of substance misuse. The overall aim of the Task Force is to significantly reduce the harm caused to individuals and society by the misuse of drugs in the East Coast Area. A recent strategic review was commissioned by the Task Force to ensure that work is current and in keeping with the 2008-2016 National Drug Strategy. The Task Force recognised the need to further develop and manage a client-based addiction service within the region.

**The ECRDTF would like to invite an addiction service to tender for the development and management of a new ECRDTF addiction service.**

### **Terms of Reference:**

- a. The addiction service proposal will include the following key elements:
  - how the service will operate including, management, staff, location, and other operational elements
  - how the service will interact and communicate with the client group, their families, and the wider community
  - how the service will be promoted within the region as well as with other agencies
  - what are the key elements / advantages / difference of your particular service
  - what are the key actions / timelines of your service
  - what is the proposed costing and breakdown of putting the new service in place – within the TF budget made available for 2011 is €180,000
  - what are the challenges and issues envisaged in rolling out the service
  - outline target group definition
  - outline appropriate governance and financial arrangements
  - outline a detailed implementation plan for developing the service and putting all operational elements in place.
  - outline experience in rolling out similar initiatives, including an ability to plan to meet the presenting needs and priorities of the East Coast region.
  
- b. The new service provider must:
  - o reflect the needs of the East Coast Area in terms of addiction services
  - o be in keeping with the actions of the National Drugs Strategy regarding treatment / rehabilitation and harm reduction services
  - o build on and compliment the mainstream work of the HSE and
  - o build on best practice in other TF areas
  
- c. A representative of the new addiction service will be required to work closely with the Task Force and to meet with them monthly to review and monitor progress of the service delivery. This involvement will include representation on the Treatment & Rehabilitation Sub committee and Task Force Committee.

### **Tender Selection Process:**

The selection process will involve a project plan presentation to the ECRDTF interview board. (Further tender guidelines at [www.etender.gov.ie](http://www.etender.gov.ie))

**Closing date of tender: 25 June 2011 – addressed to**

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A copy of the Strategic Review carried out by Monalee Training Consultants can be obtained by contacting the ECRDTF Co-ordinator above.