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Information on
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help for victims,
family members
and support workers.

What is DRIVE? DRUG RELATED INTIMIDATION & VIOLENCE ENGAGEMENT

Drug Related Intimidation and Violence is a serious and insidious problem that affects individuals, families and communities throughout Ireland.

DRIVE is an interagency project which outlines systems and structures to respond to drug related intimidation and associated violence in Ireland.

A key objective of DRIVE is to build the capacity of communities throughout Ireland to respond effectively to drug-related intimidation and violence.

The DRIVE interagency project was launched at the end of 2021 following the development of the DRIVE model which can be viewed on the DRIVE website www.driveproject.ie

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If you or someone you know is experiencing Drug Related Intimidation.

Drug Related Intimidation can take many forms. Some examples include verbal threats, physical violence, damage to home or property, sexual violence or threats of sexual violence. Being intimidated can be a very frightening experience. You may feel you have nowhere to turn or you may worry about what will happen if you look for help.

SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE. YOU DO HAVE OPTIONS.

Community based services: There are specially trained workers in community services in your area that can help you in a safe and confidential way to look at the options available to you and help reduce the stress you are experiencing.

Nominated Garda Inspectors: These are specially trained Inspectors in each division who have expertise in supporting victims of

drug related intimidation. You don't have to make a formal complaint. They can talk to you on the phone, meet you somewhere in plain clothes or whatever is safest for you. They can provide practical safety information and inform you about the drug related intimidation reporting programme.

To access your local community based service or the nominated Garda Inspector for your area visit:

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If you are supporting someone that is experiencing Drug Related Intimidation.

DRIVE is an interagency project with a whole community approach which outlines systems and structures to respond to drug related intimidation and violence in Ireland.

There is a DRIVE Liaison in each Drug & Alcohol Task Force area, that can give you information about referral pathways and resources available.

Drug & Alcohol Task Forces bring key stakeholders together to coordinate area based strategies to reduce harm caused by drugs and alcohol in a partnership approach.

To get the contact details of your local **DRIVE** liaison
And /or

Your local Drug Related Intimidation
Nominated Inspector please visit:
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