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On-Street Drug Dealing, Drug Related Intimidation (DRI) & Anti-Social Behaviour

In Numbers-Communities Impacted in the North East Inner City

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Introduction

On-street drug dealing, drug related intimidation (DRI) and anti-social behaviour are deeply rooted challenges faced by many communities of the inner city of Dublin, both on the north side and south side of the river Liffey.

To highlight population numbers in areas that are subject to daily on-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour the analysis that follows focuses on the **North East Inner City (NEIC)**. In due course it is planned to conduct a similar analysis on other areas of the inner city.

The figures below are based on the most up-to-date census information, Census 2016. While a new national census was conducted on April 3rd 2022 the information has not yet been processed and/or released to the public. Notwithstanding the use of data that is five years old the 2016 census figures are considered reliable, instructive and illustrative. If anything, the 2022 census figures are anticipated to reveal an increase in the population of Dublin's inner city.

The analysis in this short paper examines the population figures for 27 NEIC Local Small Areas where ongoing-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour are ongoing occurrences and for many of these areas the situation has prevailed for decades. The 27 Local Small Areas chosen for inclusion in this paper are by no means exhaustive but they reflect the areas of the NEIC where the problem is most prevalent.

Explanatory Note: Local Small Areas represent the smallest geographic area that the census provides information on. Small Areas are areas of population generally comprising between 80 and 120 dwellings created by The National Institute of Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) on behalf of the Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) in consultation with the Central Statistics Office (CSO). Small Areas were designed as the lowest level of geography for the compilation of statistics in line with data protection and generally comprise either complete or part of townlands or neighbourhoods. There is a constraint on Small Areas that they must nest within Electoral Division boundaries.

In summary, the population of the 27 Local Small Areas under consideration is:

Total: 7,510

Total female: 3,662

Total male: 3,848

The simple, straightforward and pertinent questions we wish to ask are:

Why is it that 7,510 people (at a minimum), who reside in a relatively small geographic area of the country's capital city, have to live in an environment where on-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour are endemic and have been for decades?

To put a population of 7,510 into context, Irish towns with similar population figures include:

Bandon, Buncrana, Edenderry, Fermoy, Kildare town, Nenagh, New Ross, Thurles, Tuam, Westport and Youghal.

Would it ever be deemed acceptable or even comprehensible that the entire population of these towns could be subjected to daily on-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour? Continually over a period of decades? With no end in sight?

The answer being a resounding **No** then begs the question why are the communities of the NEIC expected to live in such an environment?

Is it that these communities are viewed differently by the State and policy makers?

In more affluent communities would the State ever tolerate day-to-day on-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour?

Would the State permit such behaviour to take hold and become endemic in affluent communities?

In an affluent community would the State allow drug deaths to reach such high numbers that the traumatised and heartbroken residents erect a permanent memorial to their lost loved ones? Similar to a World War 1 or World War 2 memorial? This is exactly what happened in the NEIC.



The Home Memorial at Killarney Court, just off Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1, erected by local residents and community groups in memory of their loved ones who died and who continue to die as a result of drugs. In the background is the annual Christmas Tree & Lights. Every year since 2000 residents hang stars and mementoes on the Christmas Tree with the names of a loved one lost to drugs.

Would the problems of drugs, DRI and anti-social behaviour be allowed persist and destroy lives for years and years in an affluent community?

If these problems reared their head in affluent communities would the State commit the necessary resources? And commit them in a timely manner before the problems become embedded and intractable?

Is the allocation of resources and the political determination to resolve such problems in any way influenced by the relative affluence or non-affluence of a community?

Answers to the above questions will no doubt vary considerably. Even asking them may trigger annoyance, disquiet and irritation in some quarters. However, we need to ask them, to discuss them, to debate them, to argue them but most importantly we need to find solutions to them.

To resolve a situation where 7,510 people endure daily on-street drug dealing, DRI and anti-social behaviour will require political commitment and will at the highest level.

The North East Inner City Initiative ([North East Inner City of Dublin - NEIC](#)) and the pilot North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership ([The Local Community Safety Partnership \(LCSP\) | Dublin City Council](#)), two critically important government initiatives in the area, will only secure their legacies if the communities of the north inner city are freed from the tyranny, terror and toxicity of on-street drug dealing, drugs related intimidation and anti-social behaviour.

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A population analysis of 27 Local Small Areas in the NEIC that are heavily impacted by on-street drug dealing, drugs related intimidation (DRI) and anti-social behaviour follows:

Small Area Populations – Derived from the 2016 Census

1. Gardiner Street flats falls within Small Area: [268104004/268104005, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 327 persons living in this Small Area.

- 172 males
- 155 females



2. Courtney Place falls within Small Area: [268009009, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 212 persons living in this Small Area.

- 105 males
- 107 females



3. The Kiln and the Forge are in the same small Area [268104008, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 225 persons living in this Small Area.

- 116 males
- 109 females



4. Liberty House is in small area 268104014, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 358 persons living in this Small Area.

- 197 males
- 161 females

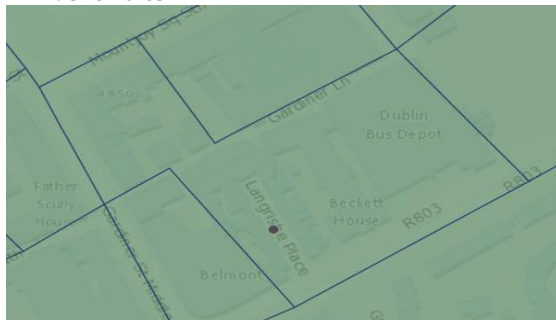


5. Langrishe Place (Summerhill) is in small area 268105011, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 205 persons living in this Small Area.

- 112 males
- 93 females



6. Bella Place is in Small area 268104010, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 271 persons living in this Small Area.

- 138 males
- 133 females



7. Buckingham village is in small area [268104009, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 254 persons living in this Small Area.

- 148 males
- 106 females



8. Bailey's Row is in Small area [268104012, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 338 persons living in this Small Area.

- 181 males
- 157 females



9. Patrick Heaney is in Small area [268104015, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 288 persons living in this Small Area.

- 137 males
- 151 females



10. Sean O'Casey Avenue is in small area [268105013, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 328 persons living in this Small Area.

- 163 males
- 165 females



11. Charles Street Great is in Small Area [268105007, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 356 persons living in this Small Area.

- 198 males
- 158 females



12. Summer Street North is in small area [268105008, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 226 persons living in this Small Area.

- 140 males
- 86 females



13. Simmon's Place is in small area [268105001, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 342 persons living in this Small Area.

- 195 males
- 147 females



14. Sean Treacy House – small area [268104011/02, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 235 persons living in this Small Area.

- 96 males
- 139 females



15. James Larkin House – small area [268109015, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 173 persons living in this Small Area.

- 83 males
- 90 females



16. Island Key 1 is in small area [268108008/02, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 334 persons living in this Small Area.

- 169 males
- 165 females



17. Island Key 2 is in small area [268108008/03, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 134 persons living in this Small Area.

- 72 males
- 62 females



18. Hardwick Street Flats is in small area [268138011, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 485 persons living in this Small Area.

- 283 males
- 202 females

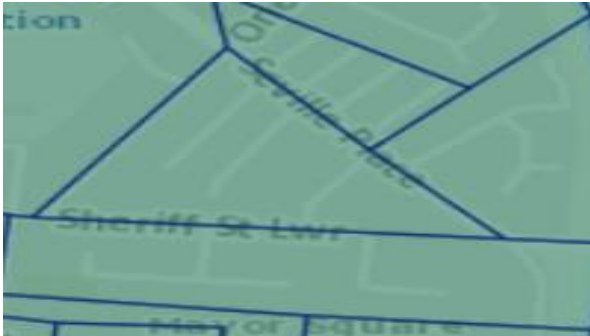


19. Sheriff Street 1 is in small area - [268109004, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 228 persons living in this Small Area.

- 113 males
- 115 females



20. Sheriff Street 2 is in small area [268109017, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 182 persons living in this Small Area.

- 85 males
- 97 females



21. Fitzgibbon Court is in small area [268105002, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 231 persons living in this Small Area.

- 110 males
- 121 females



22. Mariners Port is in small area [268109005, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 333 persons living in this Small Area.

- 156 males
- 177 females

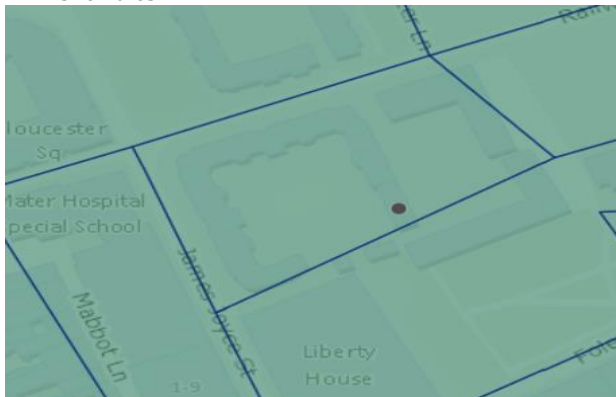


23. Peadar Kearney is in small area [268104007, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 150 persons living in this Small Area.

- 77 males
- 73 females



24. Ballybough House - [268009006, Dublin City](#)

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 128 persons living in this Small Area.

- 70 males
- 58 females

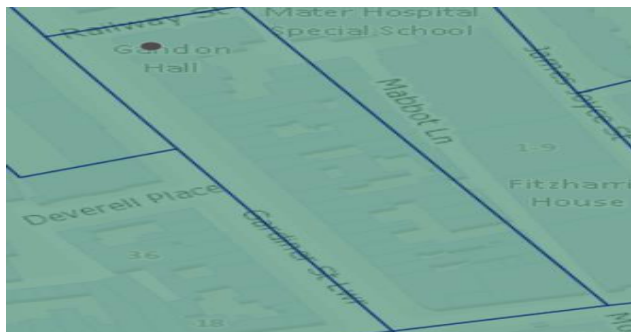


25. Gandon Hall - 268104017, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 794 persons living in this Small Area.

- 372 males
- 422 females



26. O'Brien Hall – small area 268138004, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 200 persons living in this Small Area.

- 77 males
- 123 females



27. Shamrock Terrace – small area 268109015, Dublin City

Population Summary:

In 2016, there were 173 persons living in this Small Area.

- 83 males
- 90 females



Total Female Population in the 27 small areas: 3,662

Total Male Population in the 27 small areas: 3,848

Total overall Population in the 27 small areas: 7,510