CLONDALKIN TUS NUA STATEMENT

The ‘Clondalkin Echo’ report published on November 6th regarding the death of a 49 year old man who was homeless made a number of references to Clondalkin Tus Nua and included quotes which we would like to clarify did not come from this service.

Clondalkin Tus Nua regards client confidentiality as of the utmost importance and would never disclose any personal details or the names of people using our service under any circumstances.

Nonetheless, the impression was given in the report published on the front page of the ‘Clondalkin Echo’ (and on page 20) that Clondalkin Tus Nua co-operated with the newspaper in helping it to gather details about the unfortunate death.

The newspaper used unattributed quotes in relation to the deceased that could be read as having come from Clondalkin Tus Nua. This was absolutely not the case. We refused to

co-operate, given the client confidentiality aspect of our work: We refused to divulge the deceased person’s name or any other details and had no role in informing the family about the death, contrary to the claim made in the article.

Clondalkin Tus Nua’s services were described in the report based largely it seems on general information taken from our website, While Clondalkin Tus Nua has no objection to spreading awareness of our services, the focus and slant of reporting was unwelcome and (inadvertently) served to undermine our work in this sensitive area with vulnerable people.

Naturally, Clondalkin Tus Nua would strongly support any call for more investment by the State as a matter of urgency in resourcing services for people who find themselves homeless in the Clondalkin area.

While we generally welcome any media or political focus on homelessness, on this occasion however the reporting was not fair to the deceased, his family or our service.

While you cannot libel the dead, mis-reporting can add immensely to a bereaved family’s trauma and undermine the work of those seeking to provide support.