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**South East Regional  
Drug & Alcohol  
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Dear Declan,

In the light of recent local elections and a refreshed Council, I am writing to you seeking a nomination from Waterford City and County Council to the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDATF).

The SERDATF is an inter-agency partnership, with representatives of statutory, community and voluntary sector agencies, and is part of the Government's co-ordinating and implementation structure for the National Drug Strategy, *Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery*.

The SERDATF has previously had representation from local elected representatives and is keen to re-establish links with the Local Authorities of the five Counties within the SERDATF catchment area: Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford.

We are currently in the final stages of developing our Regional Strategy to tackle drug and alcohol misuse across the region and would welcome elected member input into the consultation process which we are about to launch shortly. The strategy "Challenge and Change: Tackling Substance Misuse in the South East Region" will provide direction and accountability for actions of all partners in a more joined-up partnership approach over the next three years.

The SERDATF generally meets four times per year, with meetings taking place in Kilkenny, as a central location. Our next meeting will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at which the draft strategy will be discussed in detail.

I hope that your Council will continue to provide a link member with the partnership on what is a major issue for our communities across the region and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

On behalf of the SERDATF,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurence Wrenne".

Laurence Wrenne  
Chairperson, SERDATF