



## MELA MAGIC

Belfast came alive with colour, music, laughter and life at the weekend as the annual Belfast Mela entertained large crowds in Botanic Park

# Police probe weekend deaths

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A BELFAST councillor is demanding a meeting with the organisers of a two-day South Belfast Music festival after the death of two young people over the weekend.

Mia Keevan (17) had travelled from her

home in Tipperary to attend the Emerge music festival on Boucher Road where she fell ill and died on Sunday.

In another incident, 24-year-old Trae Keenan became ill at a property in the Sandy Row area on Sunday and was taken to hospital, where he later died. Trae had

attended the Emerge festival on the Saturday. Police are investigating the death of Kia and whether Trae's death was in any way connected to his attendance at the festival.

Belfast District Commander Superintendent Allister Hagan said that police were in attendance at the Emerge Festival.

"Police remained on the event site until Monday afternoon, 25th August," she said.

"An investigation in order to establish the circumstances surrounding the tragic sudden death of this young person is ongoing, and our thoughts are with the family and friends of the deceased." See pages 2 & 10.

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