

Statistics Supplement 2020

Dublin Rape Crisis Centre



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A note on the 2020 statistics

The information collected in these statistics relates to details disclosed by those callers and clients using the services of the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre during 2020. The primary aim of the Centre is to provide confidential support and information and for this reason our statistics have varying levels of detail. The value of the statistics contained within our report is that they tell of the experiences of the people who availed of our services.

Section 1

Contacts with the National Helpline

Contacts with the National 24-hour Helpline, January 2020–December 2020

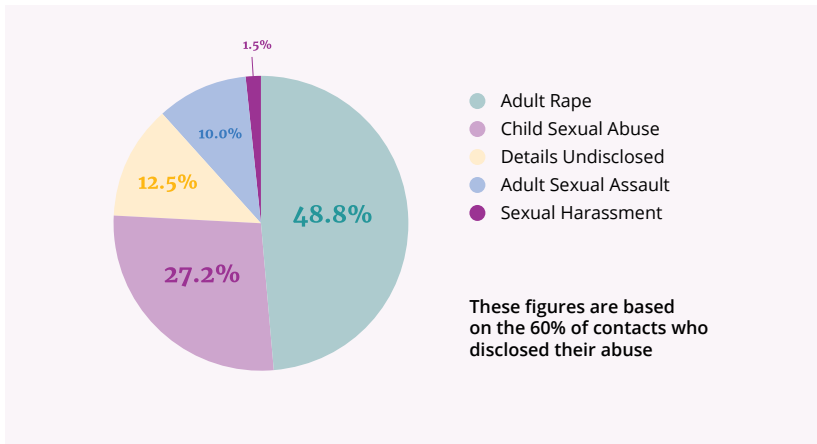


Breakdown of counselling contacts by type

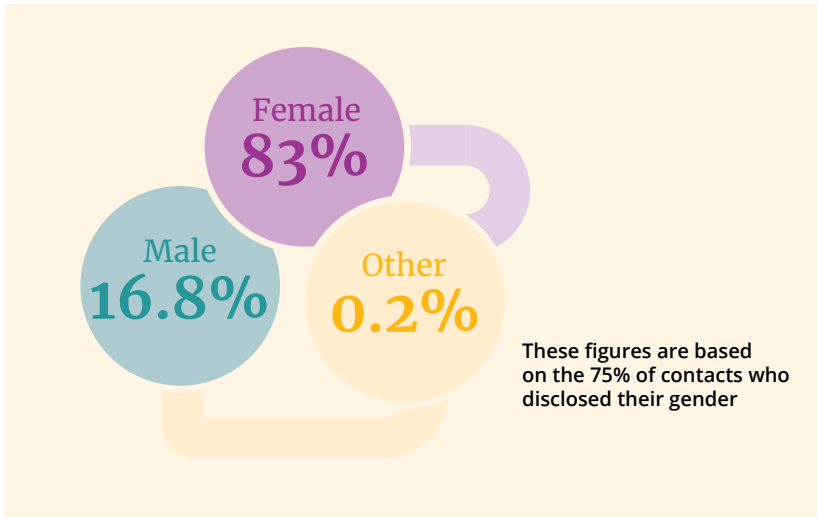
Description	Number
Counselling/Support	6,475
Client check-in/appointment*	2,687
Information	2,544
Hang-up	956
Hoax	360
Silent	253
Advocacy	75
Abusive	69
Other	19

*This figure includes direct check-in calls between therapists and clients.

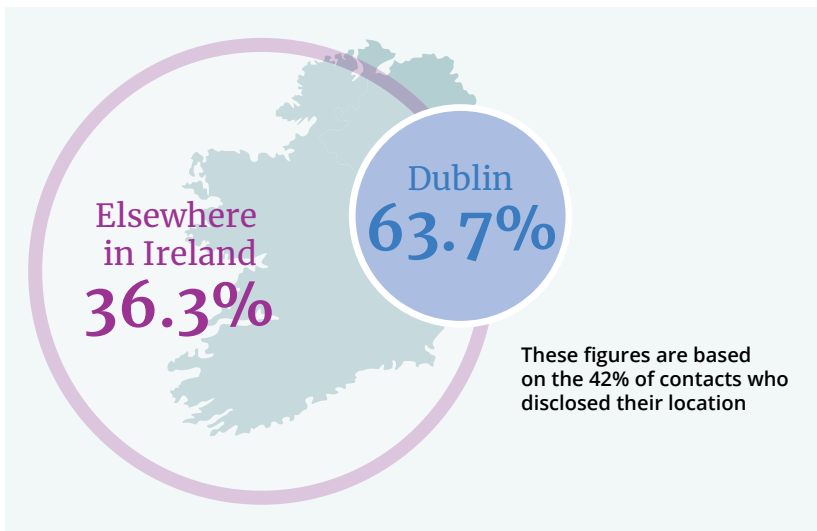
Breakdown by type of abuse



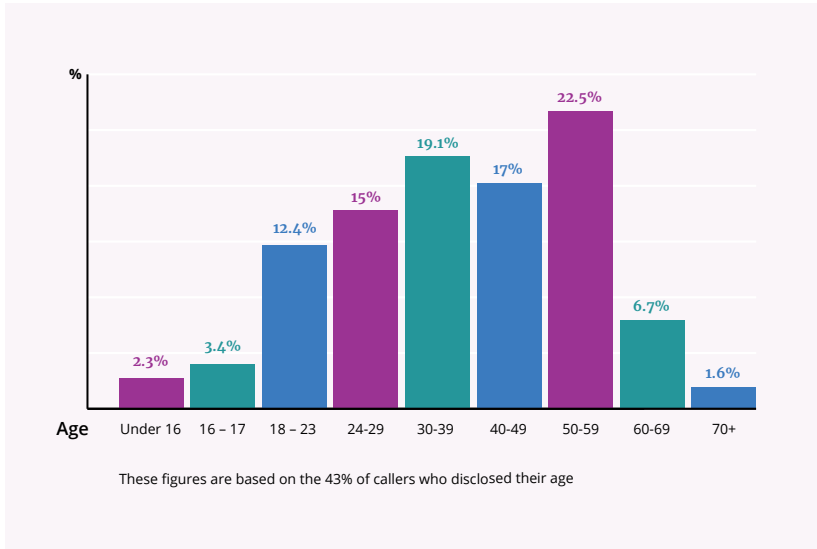
Gender of contact



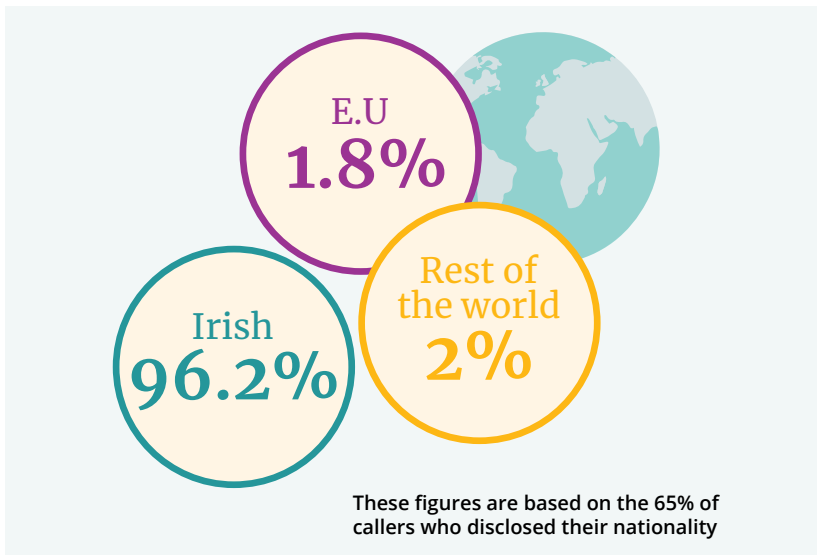
Breakdown by geographic location



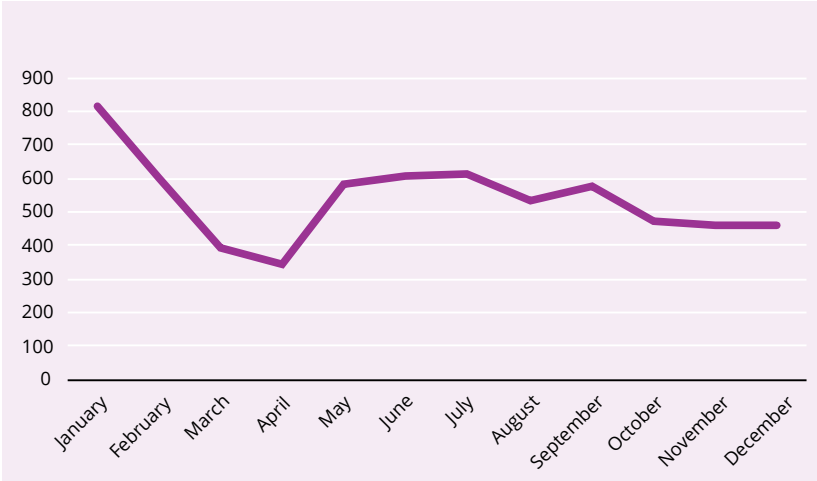
Breakdown by age



Breakdown by Nationality



Number of contacts per month



Referred agencies

The table below lists the various agencies and services to which helpline counsellors referred contacts

Services and agencies referred to included	% of Calls
Other Rape Crisis Centres	33
Other Counselling Services	11
Other Medical Services	10
Gardaí / GNPSU / GVSO	10
SATU	7
CARI	5
Mental Health Services	4
Women's Aid / Domestic Violence Services	4
Túsla / Child Protection Services	4
One in Four	3
Suicide Prevention Services	3
Legal Services	2
Services for Men	1
Addiction Services	1
LGBT Services	<1
Children and Youth Services	<1
Disability Services	<1
Ruhama	<1
Medical Council	<1
Homeless Services	<1
Crisis Pregnancy Agency	<1

Section 2

Volunteer Services

Accompaniment to Sexual Assault Treatment Unit

- In this period, DRCC trained volunteers provided support to **85** victims/survivors attending the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) as well as **47** of their family and friends.

Accompaniment in justice system

	An Garda Siochána	Court	Total
Accompaniment	21	18	39
Support/ information	85	26	111

- In this period, DRCC's trained volunteers carried out **64** days of court or Garda Station accompaniment with **39** victims of sexual violence or abuse.
- In addition to the accompaniment service, **111** victims were supported by phone, text and email.

Section 3

Counselling and Psychotherapy Service Provision

In 2020, our therapists provided a six-day counselling service from Monday to Saturday, in the DRCC on Leeson Street. In addition to the services offered in the main office in Leeson Street, outreach services were provided in Coolock, Tallaght, Balbriggan and Dóchas Women's Prison. The COVID-19 restrictions introduced in March 2020 meant a complete change to how face-to-face therapy services could be provided.

Client appointments summary

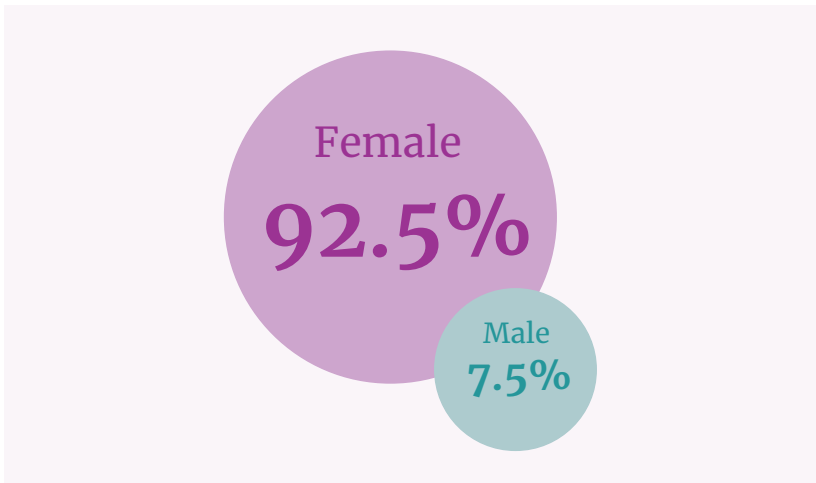
- A total of 7,375 individual appointments were made available by the Therapy Team in 2020.
- Of these, 6,010 individual client sessions were delivered in 2020. Allowing for cancellations and 'no-shows' deducted, this represents a take-up rate of 81%.
- Of the 6,010 completed sessions, 53% (N=3,203) were crisis appointments for men and women who had experienced a recent rape or sexual assault (recent refers to sexual violence experienced in the past six months).
- 47% (N=2,807) were assessment appointments for past rape, sexual assault and past child sexual abuse.
- Of the clients attending our service in 2020, 18 disclosed a disability.

Clients seen in the DRCC

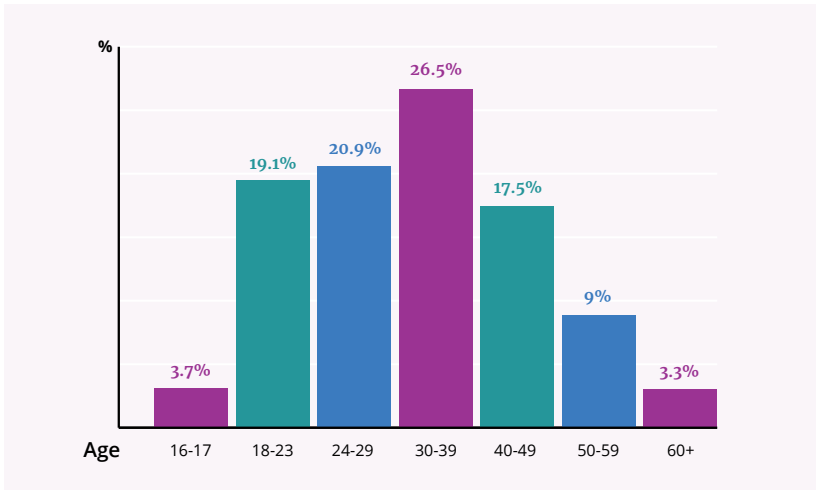
(including crisis and long-term service)

Description	Number
Number of clients seen	570

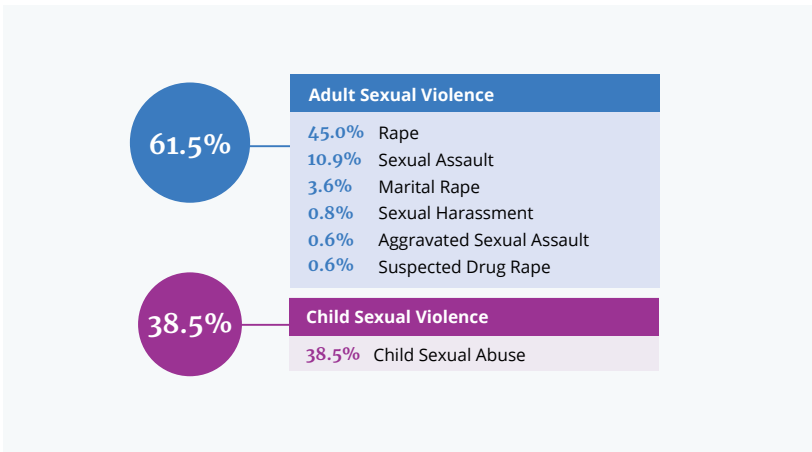
Gender of clients using counselling & therapy service



Age of clients using the service



Breakdown by type of abuse



5% of clients disclosed that they experienced both adult rape and past child sexual abuse.

Statistics on new clients in 2020

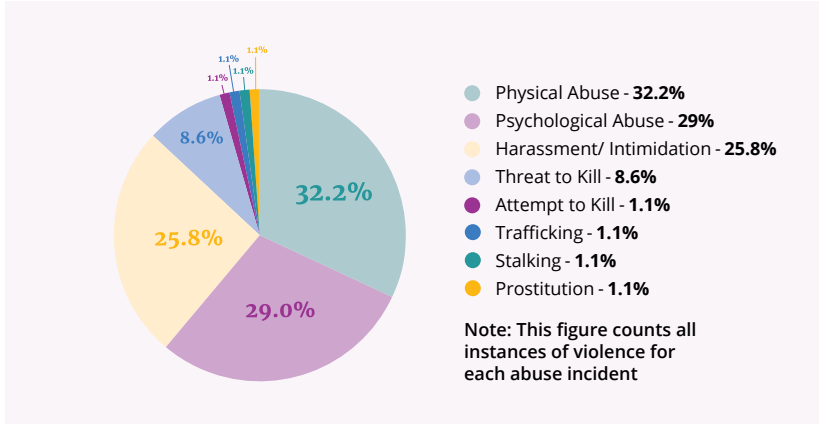
Statistics provided in the following sections relate to the 268 clients (out of a total client number of 570) who entered our services in 2020. It covers incidents of additional violence disclosed by those clients, as well as information disclosed on the outcome of pregnancies (recent or historic) as a result of rape and on those who had reported the sexual violence to the Gardaí at any time, either in 2020 or in previous years.

The 268 clients who commenced therapy in 2020 disclosed 285 abuse incidents. 115 of them reported experiencing other forms of violence in addition to the main abuse. Collectively these 115 clients reported 159 incidents (56%) which included other forms of violence.

Category	% of all incidents with additional violence
Adult Rape/Sexual Assault	33%
Child Sexual Abuse	23%

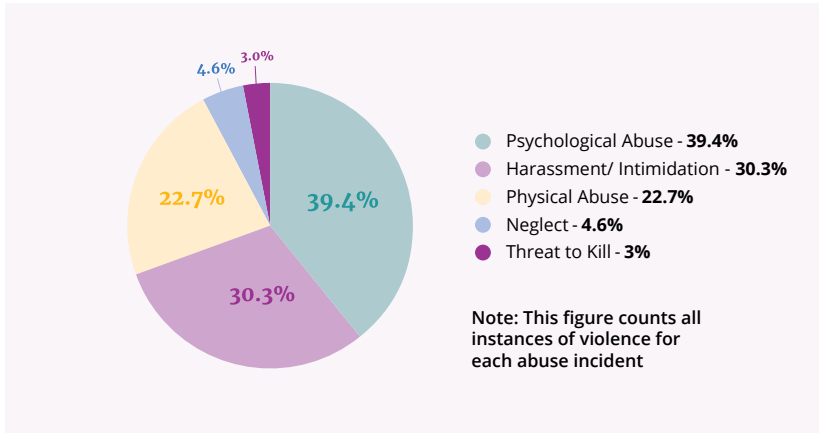
Violent incidents reported by clients who also experienced adult rape/sexual assault

The types of violence experienced were:



Violent incidents reported by clients who also experienced child sexual abuse

The types of violence experienced were:



Relationship between the victim and the offender

Relationship	Child sexual abuse	Adult rape/ sexual assault
Parent	9.2%	0.5%
Sibling	6.1%	0%
Partner	0%	17.2%
Other Relative	24.5%	2.1%
Other Known Person	48.0%	54.0%
Person in Authority	3.0%	1.1%
Stranger	9.2%	24.6%
Sex Purchaser	0%	0.5%

Pregnancy

Female clients disclosed 7 pregnancies.

Outcome of pregnancies	Number
Became Pregnant, Termination	5
Became Pregnant, Miscarried	1
Became Pregnant, Adopted	1

Reporting to Gardaí

Of the 268 cases where the reporting status was known, 96 cases were reported to the Gardaí, a reporting rate of 36%.

Cases reported	% of total cases reported
Recent rape cases	56.3%
Past rape cases	13.5%
Past Child Sexual Abuse cases	19.8%
Recent Child Sexual Abuse cases	10.4%

Outcome of cases reported

Outcome information was known for 50 (52%) of the 96 cases reported.

Outcome	Number of cases reported
Under Garda investigation	43
Dropped by DPP / client	5
Went to trial	2
Outcome not disclosed	46

Of the 2 cases that were tried, there was a conviction/guilty plea in both cases.

Victim/offender relationship in reported rape/sexual assault cases

Recent rape/sexual assault



of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger



of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

Past rape/sexual assault



of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger



of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

Relationship between the victim and the offender

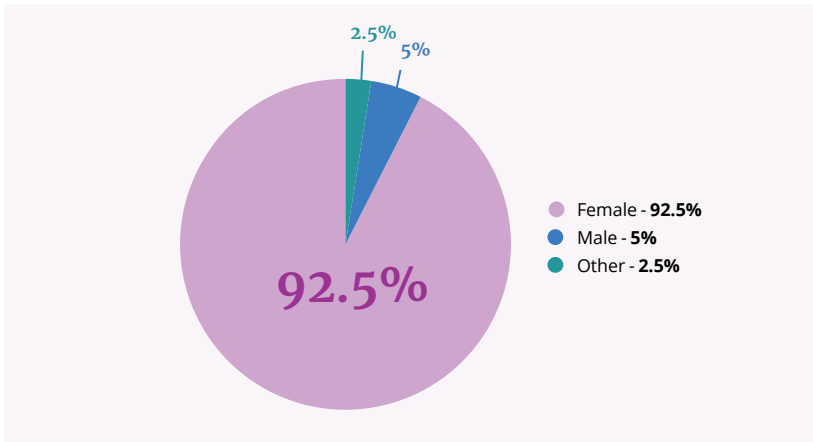
Relationship	Child sexual abuse	Adult rape/sexual assault
Parent	15.6%	1.5%
Sibling	6.3%	0%
Partner	0%	15.5%
Other Relative	6.3%	3.0%
Other Known Person	56.2%	53.0%
Person in Authority	3.1%	0%
Stranger	12.5%	27.0%

Client Support Service

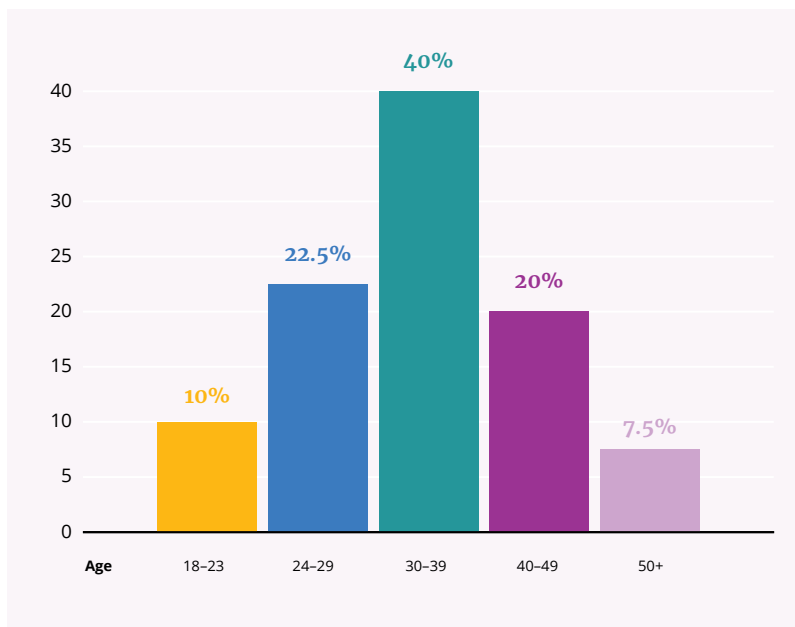
In 2020, DRCC piloted a Client Support Service to empower and help our clients access their rights and entitlements, find relevant information and seek referral to other services as appropriate.

40 Number of clients supported

Gender of client supported by CSS



Age of clients supported by CSS



Interventions

- 442 interventions on behalf of clients took place during 2020
- 298 contacts with external agencies
- Interventions may address a singular issue or may cover multiple issues in the one meeting. Where an intervention covers multiple issues, one intervention is recorded, detailing all the issues involved.

Housing, including access to Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), priority housing lists and housing transfers	185
Homelessness: securing of emergency accommodation	47
Social Welfare including access to exceptional needs payments	77
Employment Issues	23
Education including access to college courses and fee exemptions	42
Access to the Health System	42
Access to Mental Health Supports	31
Immigration Issues	5
Asylum Process Issues	93
Referrals to Other Agencies	21
Other	25
Total	591

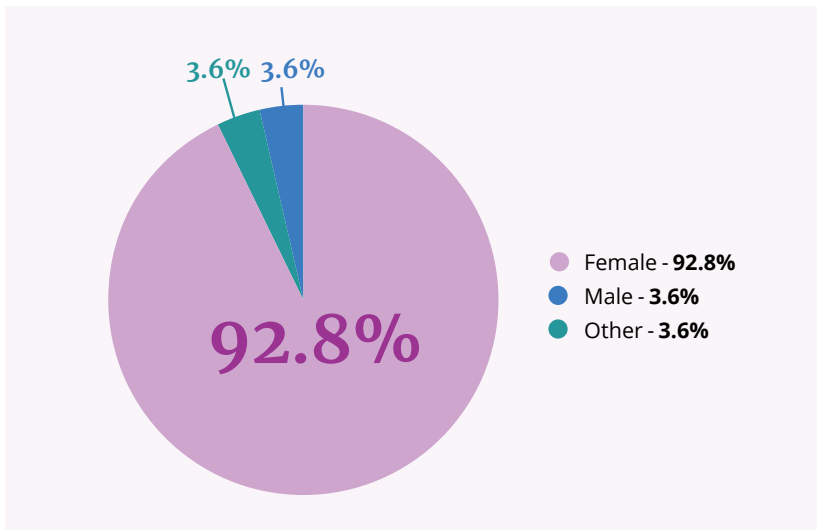
Moving Forward from Sexual Violence programme

Moving Forward, piloted in 2020, is a blended online & coach-supported programme.

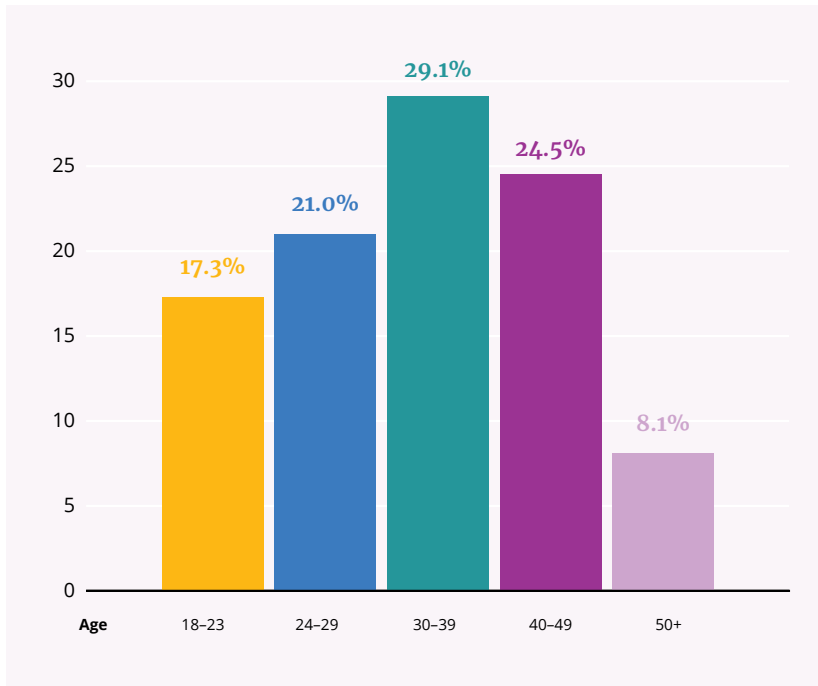
300 Number of information calls

110 Number of participants

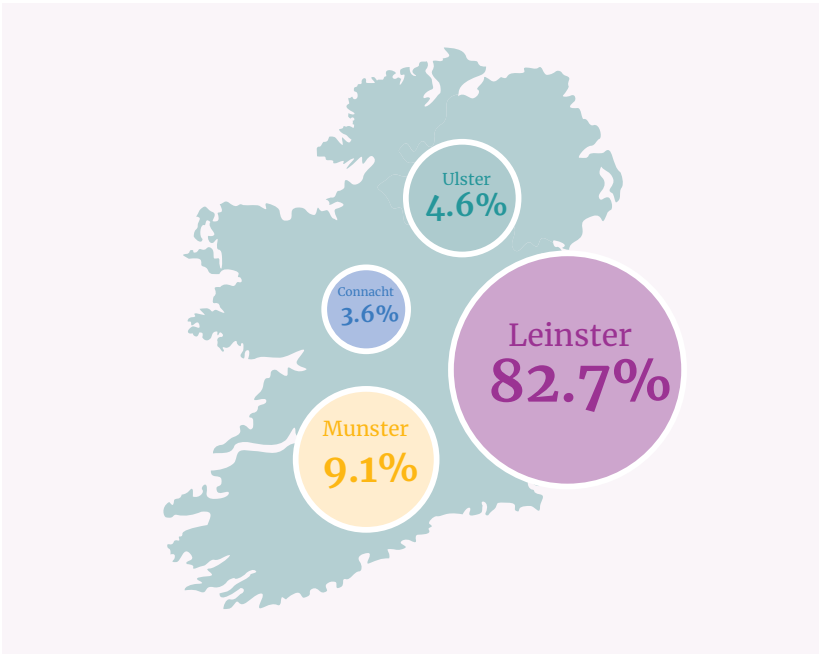
Gender of participants in Moving Forward programme



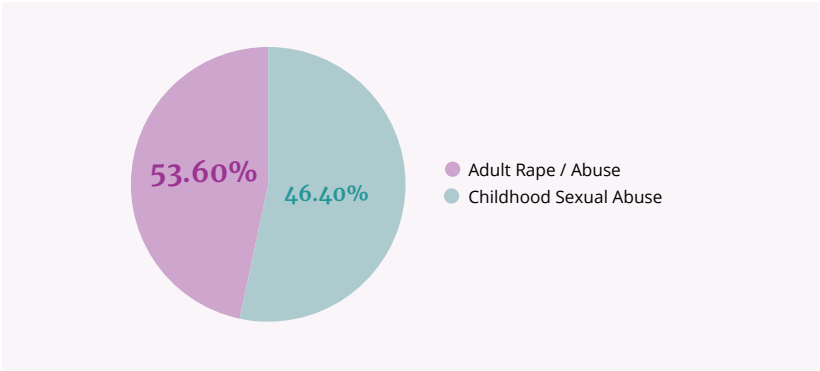
Age of participants in Moving Forward programme



Location of participants in Moving Forward programme



Breakdown by abuse type in Moving Forward programme



Section 4

Other work

Quarter 1	1. Submission on gender-based violence to the Advisory Group of the Citizen's Assembly on Gender Equality
	2. Submission to the UN Committee against Torture on reliable data, training of law enforcement personnel and effective right to redress (as part of List of Issues in advance of Ireland's forthcoming examination)
Quarter 2	3. Briefing paper on sexual violence and prevention for party leaders in response to the Framework Document for Government Formation
	4. Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women in advance of her report to the UN General Assembly on rape as a grave and systematic human rights violation
Quarter 3	5. Submission to the Garda National Protective Services Bureau on training material for Gardai & Garda Staff engaging with victims of sexual violence
	6. Submission to the Department of Justice & Equality's Strategy for the Criminal Justice System
	7. Written commentary on Review of the Child Care Act 1991 as part of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's consultation
	8. Submission on review of Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017
Quarter 4	9. Submission to Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) towards its proposed strategic priorities in new Statement of Strategy
	10. As part of the Irish Observatory on Violence Against Women, submission of amendments to the Harassment, Harmful Communications, and Related Offences Bill

Education & training in 2020



- DRCC provided training to 653 people over 69 days in 2020.
- This includes 79 attendees working with minority and vulnerable groups. We gave 6 days of free training to those in services working with homeless people or with refugees or asylum-seekers.

Youth programmes & outreach:

- 69 Bodyright facilitators trained
- 16 outreach awareness talks.

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