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Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

Preventing and healing the trauma of rape and sexual abuse

**STATISTICS
SUPPLEMENT**

2017

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A NOTE ON THE 2017 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 2017. 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 I

CONTACTS WITH THE NATIONAL 24-HOUR HELPLINE, JAN 2017-DEC 2017

DESCRIPTION	CONTACTS 2017
Total Helpline Contacts	12,855
HELPLINE COUNSELLORS RESPONDED TO	
Counselling Calls	10,818
Text Messages	1,019
Emails	645
Social Media	373
FIRST TIME CONTACTS	6,573
REPEAT CONTACTS	5,004
UNKNOWN	1,278

BREAKDOWN OF COUNSELLING CONTACTS BY TYPE

TYPE OF CONTACT	NUMBER
Counselling/Support	7,333
Information	2,220
Schedule Appointment	1,493
Hang Up	785
Silent	304
Survivor Referral	241
Advocacy	217
Hoax	134
Concern About Abuser	73
Abusive	55

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE OF ABUSE

TYPE OF ABUSE	% OF CALLS
Adult Rape	47.7%
Child Sexual Abuse	34.2%
Adult Sexual Assault	9.5%
Details Undisclosed	6.3%
Sexual Harassment	2.1%
Ritual Abuse	0.2%

These figures are based on the 77.5% of callers who disclosed their abuse

GENDER OF CALLER

GENDER	% OF CALLS
Female	78.7%
Male	20.8%
Other	0.5%

These figures are based on the 91% of callers who disclosed their gender

BREAKDOWN BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	% OF CALLS
Dublin	65.8%
Elsewhere in Ireland	34.2%

These figures are based on the 62% of callers who disclosed their location

BREAKDOWN BY NATIONALITY

ORIGIN	% OF CALLS
Irish	95%
European Union	2.4%
Rest of the World	2.6%

These figures are based on the 84% of callers who disclosed their nationality

BREAKDOWN BY AGE

AGE OF VICTIM	% OF CALLS
UNDER 16	2.2%
16 – 17	2.9%
18 – 23	14.8%
24 – 29	15.7%
30 – 39	20.2%
40 – 49	19.9%
50 – 59	15.9%
60 – 69	6.6%
70+	1.8%

These figures are based on the 64% of callers who disclosed their age

NUMBER OF CONTACTS PER HOUR

TIME (24 HOUR CLOCK)	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	TIME (24 HOUR CLOCK)	NUMBER OF CONTACTS
00:00 – 01:00	237	12:00 – 13:00	1047
01:00 – 02:00	246	13:00 – 14:00	835
02:00 – 03:00	193	14:00 – 15:00	846
03:00 – 04:00	167	15:00 – 16:00	823
04:00 – 05:00	114	16:00 – 17:00	825
05:00 – 06:00	144	17:00 – 18:00	816
06:00 – 07:00	96	18:00 – 19:00	591
07:00 – 08:00	101	19:00 – 20:00	517
08:00 – 09:00	652	20:00 – 21:00	539
09:00 – 10:00	800	21:00 – 22:00	553
10:00 – 11:00	966	22:00 – 23:00	469
11:00 – 12:00	861	23:00 – 00:00	417

This table shows the number of contacts made each hour by all callers in 2017

NUMBER OF CONTACTS PER MONTH

MONTH	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	MONTH	NUMBER OF CONTACTS
January	608	July	468
February	563	August	442
March	509	September	639
April	489	October	626
May	516	November	725
June	467	December	521

This table shows the number of contacts by first-time callers each month in 2017

The table below lists the various agencies and services helpline counsellors referred callers on to.

SERVICES AND AGENCIES REFERRED TO INCLUDED

% OF CALLS

Other Rape Crisis Centres	29
Gardaí	12
Other Medical Services	9
Other Counselling Services	9
Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU)	7
Children at Risk in Ireland (CARI)	5
One in Four	5
Suicide Prevention Services	4
Women's Aid / Domestic Violence Services	4
Túsla / Child Protection Services	3
Legal Services	3
Mental Health Services	2
Addiction Services	2
LGBT+ Services	1
Children and Youth Services	1
Crisis Pregnancy Agency	1
Migrant Support Agencies	1
Services for Men	1
Ruhama	<1
Homeless Services	<1
Medical Council	<1
Intellectual Disability Support Services	<1

SECTION 2

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ACCOMPANIMENT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT TREATMENT UNIT

In this period, DRCC trained volunteers attended the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) with **251** victims. They carried out **53** days of court or Garda Station accompaniment with victims of sexual violence or abuse. In addition to the accompaniment service **5** victims were supported by phone, text and email.

OUTREACH AWARENESS TALKS

DRCC's trained outreach volunteers delivered **41** outreach awareness talks.

SECTION 3

COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

SERVICE PROVISION, JAN 2017-DEC 2017

In 2017, 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 and Dóchas Women's Prison.

CLIENT APPOINTMENTS SUMMARY

A total of **4,940** individual appointments were made available by the Therapy Team in 2017.

Of these, **3,883** individual client sessions were delivered in 2017. Allowing for cancellations and 'no-shows' deducted, this represents a take-up rate of **78.6%**.

Of the **3,883** completed sessions, **48.5%** (N=1,883) 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).

51.5% (N=2,000) were assessment appointments for past rape, sexual assault and past child sexual abuse.

3 therapists facilitated two one-day art therapy workshops, for a mixed group of clients.

The **83** group hours combined with the **3,883** individual hours gave a total of **3,966** therapy hours completed in 2017.

Of the clients attending our service in 2017, **18** had a disability.

CLIENTS SEEN IN THE DRCC (INCLUDING CRISIS AND LONG TERM SERVICE)

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER
Number of Clients seen	548

GENDER OF CLIENTS USING THE SERVICE

GENDER	% OF CALLS
Female	90.5%
Male	9.5%

AGE OF CLIENT USING THE SERVICE

AGE OF CLIENT	%
16 – 17	3%
18 – 23	24.5%
24 – 29	19.5%
30 – 39	25.9%
40 – 49	14.4%
50 – 59	9.7%
60+	3%

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE OF ABUSE

ADULT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

TYPE OF ABUSE EXPERIENCED BY OUR CLIENTS AS ADULTS	%
Rape	42.5%
Sexual Assault	10.9%
Marital Rape	2.1%
Aggravated Sexual Assault	1.1%
Sexual Harassment	1.1%
Suspected Drug Rape	1%
TOTAL	58.7%

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

TYPE OF ABUSE EXPERIENCED BY OUR CLIENTS AS CHILDREN	%
Rape	41.3%
TOTAL	41.3%

Note: 5.3% of clients disclosed that they experienced both adult rape and past child sexual abuse.

ANALYSIS OF ADDITIONAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE EXPERIENCED BY CLIENTS, ALONG WITH RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT OR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The 340 clients who commenced therapy in 2017 disclosed 374 abuse incidents. 184 of them reported experiencing other forms of violence in addition to the main abuse. Collectively these 184 clients reported 254 incidents (68%) which included other forms of violence.

CATEGORY	% OF ALL INCIDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE
Adult Rape/Sexual Assault	41%
Child Sexual Abuse	27%

VIOLENT INCIDENTS REPORTED BY CLIENTS WHO ALSO EXPERIENCED ADULT RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

The types of violence experienced were:

TYPE OF VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY CLIENTS AS ADULTS	%
Physical Abuse	46.7%
Harassment/ Intimidation	28.5%
Psychological Abuse	19.5%
Threat to Kill	2.6%
Attempt to Kill	1.3%
Prostitution	0.7%
Trafficking	0.7%

Note: This table counts all instances of violence for each abuse incident

VIOLENT INCIDENTS REPORTED BY CLIENTS WHO ALSO EXPERIENCED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The types of violence experienced were:

TYPE OF VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY CLIENTS AS CHILDREN	%
Psychological Abuse	42%
Harassment/ Intimidation	32%
Physical Abuse	24%
Stalking	1%
Threat to Kill	1%

Note: This table counts all instances of violence for each abuse incident

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VICTIM AND THE OFFENDER

RELATIONSHIP CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ADULT RAPE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT	CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE	ADULT RAPE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT
Parent	10.4%	0.8%
Sibling	10.4%	0.4%
Boyfriend/Partner	5.6%	17.3%
Other Relative	24%	1.6%
Other Known Person	36%	43.8%
Person in Authority	7.2%	4%
Stranger	6.4%	32.1%

PREGNANCY - FEMALE CLIENTS DISCLOSED 10 PREGNANCIES

OUTCOME OF PREGNANCIES	NUMBER
Became Pregnant, Parenting	4
Became Pregnant, Termination	3
Became Pregnant, Unknown	2
Became Pregnant, Miscarried	1

Statistics provided in this section relate to 340 clients, who commenced therapy in the DRCC in 2017, where the reporting status was disclosed. It is worth noting that reporting and convictions in this context refer to clients seen by our service in the year 2017, although the reports and convictions may have occurred in the previous years. >>

REPORTING TO GARDAÍ

Of the 340 cases where the reporting status was known, 111 cases were reported to the Gardaí, a reporting rate of 32.65%

CASES REPORTED	% OF TOTAL CASES REPORTED
Recent Rape Cases	58.6%
Past Rape Cases	4.5%
Past CSA Cases	29.7%
Recent CSA Cases	7.2%

OUTCOME OF CASES REPORTED

Outcome information was known for 43 (38.74%) of the 111 cases reported.

OUTCOME	TOTAL
Under Garda Investigation	35
Dropped by DPP / Client	4
Went to Trial	4
Outcome Not Disclosed	68

Note: Of the 4 cases that were tried, there was a conviction / guilty plea in all 4 cases.

VICTIM / OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP IN REPORTED RAPE / SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

RECENT RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

32.8% of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger

60% of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

PAST RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT

1.5% of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger

5.7% of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

RELATIONSHIP	CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE	ADULT RAPE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT
Parent	12.2%	1.4%
Sibling	7.3%	0%
Boyfriend/Partner	12.2%	11.4%
Other Relative	14.6%	3%
Other Known Person	44%	48.6%
Person in Authority	7.3%	2.8%
Stranger	2.4%	32.8%

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