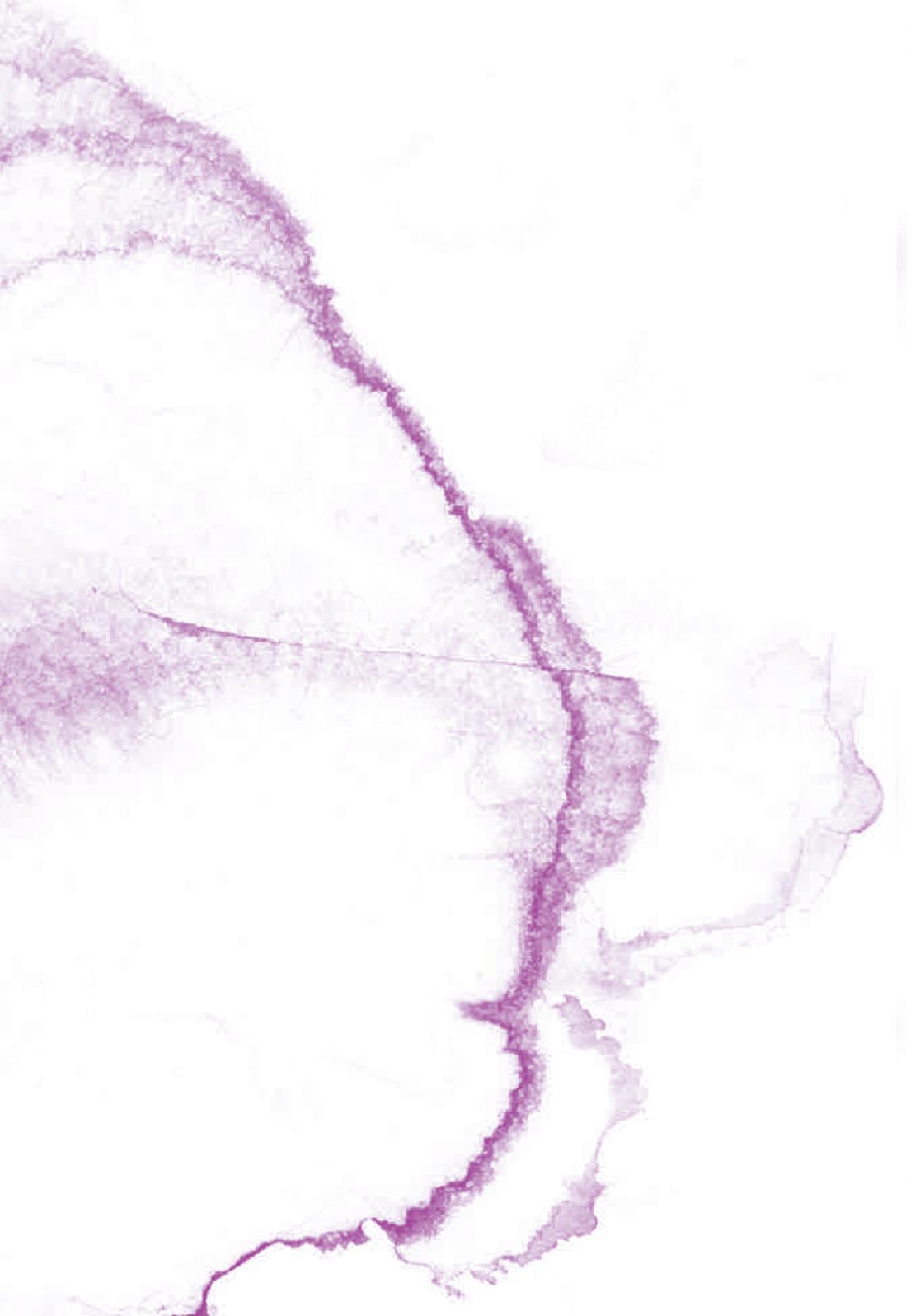


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A note on DRCC statistics for 2021

The information collected in these statistics relates to details disclosed by those callers and clients using the services of Dublin Rape Crisis Centre during 2021.

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 we present is that they tell of the experiences of the people who availed of our services.

Section 1

National 24-Hour Helpline

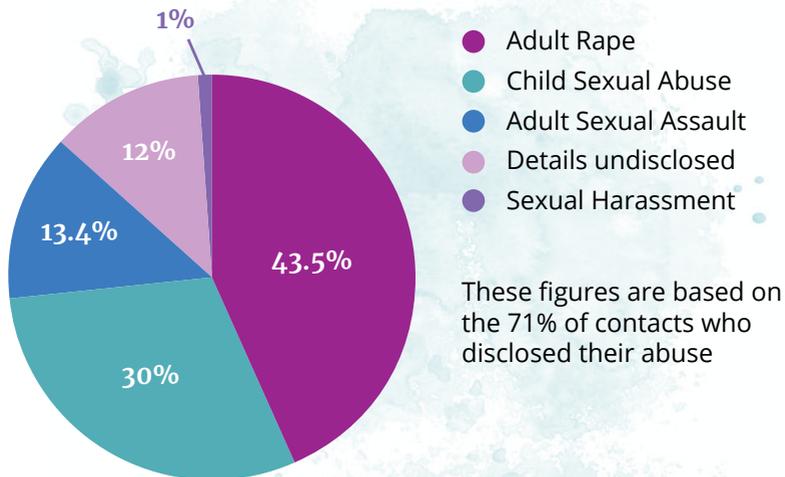
Contacts with National Helpline 2021



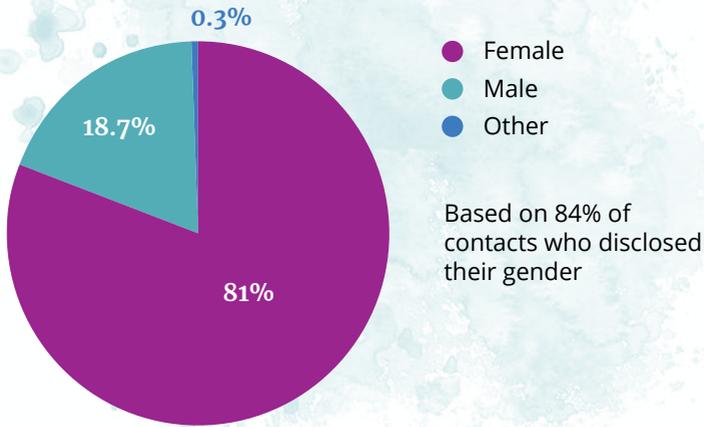
Breakdown of contacts by type

Description	Number
Counselling/Support	8331
Information	2340
Hang-up	1684
Schedule Appointment	896
Hoax	376
Silent	249
Abusive	92
Other	44

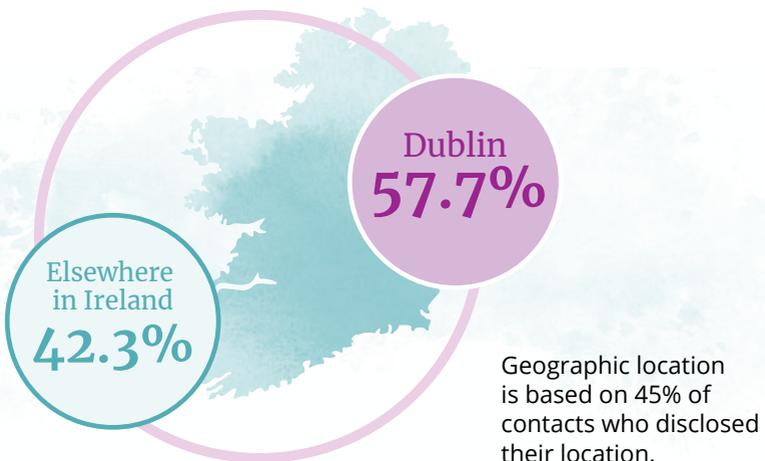
Breakdown by type of abuse



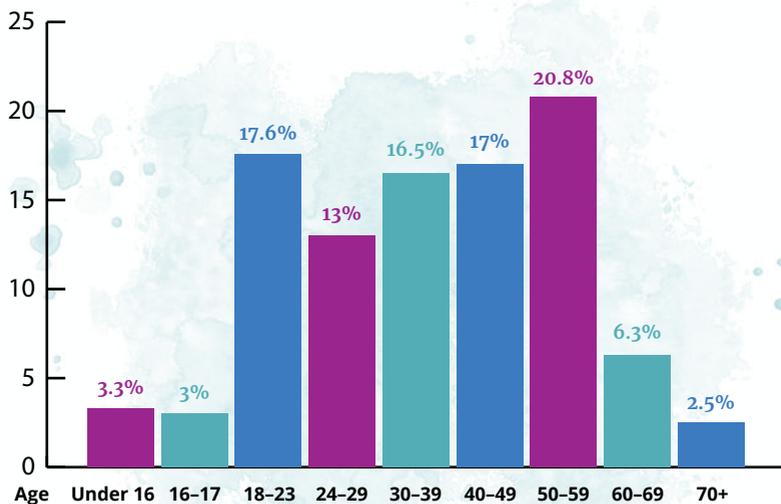
Gender of contact



Breakdown by geographic location

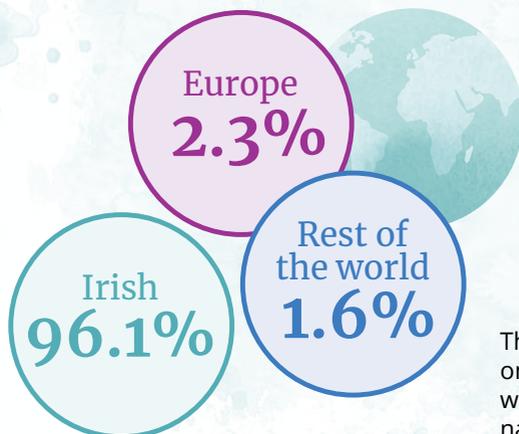


Breakdown by age



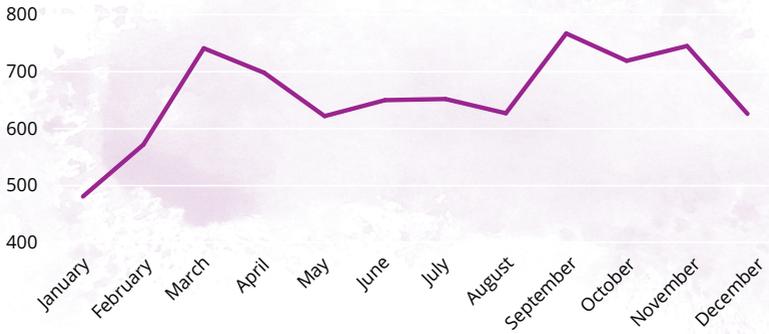
These figures are based on the 50% of contacts who disclosed their age

Breakdown by nationality



These figures are based on the 70% of contacts who disclosed their nationality

Number of first-time contacts per month



This table shows the number of **first-time contacts** made to DRCC by month in 2021.

Onwards referrals	% of contacts
Other Rape Crisis Centres	37
Other Counselling Services	11
Gardaí / Garda National Protective Services Unit / Garda Victim Service Offices	10
Other Medical Services	9
CARI	7
SATU	6
Suicide Prevention Services	4
One in Four	3
Women's Aid / Domestic Violence Services	3
Mental Health Services	3
Túsla / Child Protection Services	2
Legal Services	1
Addiction Services	1
Children and Youth Services	<1
Homeless Services	<1
Services for Men	<1
LGBTQI+ Services	<1
Medical Council	<1
Migrant Support Agencies	<1
Ruhama	<1
Crisis Pregnancy Agency	<1

The table above lists agencies and services to which helpline counsellors referred contacts

Section 2

Accompaniment Support services

Accompaniment to Sexual Assault Treatment Unit

- In 2021, DRCC accompaniment support workers attended the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) with **115** victim/survivors and provided support to **56** of their family and friends, amounting to **235** hours in the SATU unit.

Accompaniment in the Justice System

- In this period, DRCC accompaniment support workers carried out 94 days of court or Garda Station accompaniment with 56 victim/survivors of sexual violence or abuse. In addition to accompaniment, 199 victim/survivors were supported by phone, text and email.
- Some 210 victims/survivors were supported in garda stations and other such settings, almost double the 106 people supported in 2020. Of these, 192 were female and 18 were male. The time devoted to such support also rose from 241 hours in 2020 to 367 hours in 2021.
- In court settings, we supported 45 victims/survivors, a similar number to 2020. Most were female (42). Notably, the amount of time this involved dramatically increased to 348 hours, up 80% from 2020 when we provided 193 hours of support. Venues included the Criminal Courts of Justice, Civil Courts, the Family Courts and the Workplace Relations Commission.

	An Garda Siochána	Court	Total
Accompaniment	31	25	56
Support /Information	179	20	199
Totals	210	45	

Section 3

Counselling and Psychotherapy service

As COVID-19 restrictions continued throughout 2021, our therapists provided a six-day counselling service from Monday to Saturday, online, over the phone and face-to-face in DRCC main offices on Leeson Street. In addition to the services offered in the main office, outreach services were offered in Coolock, Tallaght and Dóchas Women's Prison.

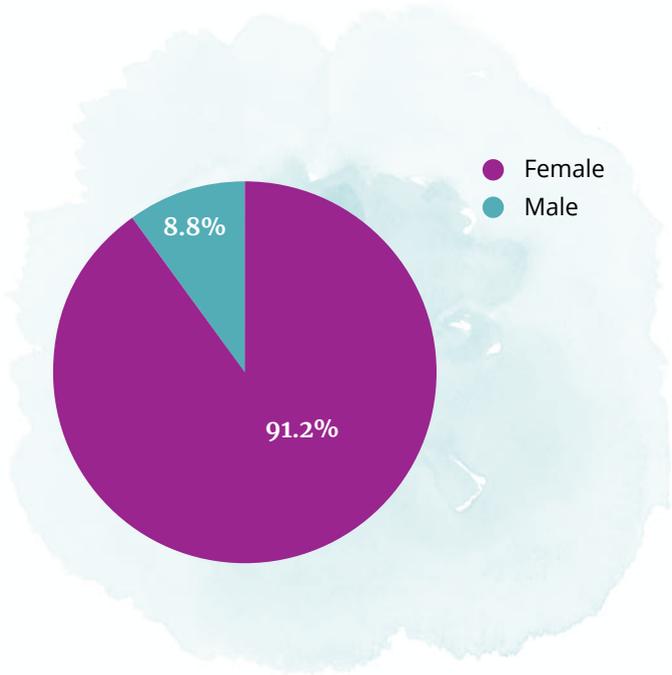
Client appointments summary

- A total of 6,455 individual appointments were made available by the Therapy Team in 2021.
- Of these, 5,314 individual client sessions were delivered in 2021. Allowing for cancellations and 'no-shows' deducted, this represents a take-up rate of 82%.
- Of the 5,314 completed sessions, 54% (N=2,854) were crisis appointments for people who had experienced a recent rape or sexual assault (recent refers to sexual violence experienced in the past six months).
- 46% (N=2,460) were appointments for past rape, sexual assault and past child sexual abuse.
- Among clients attending our service in 2021, 20 disclosed a disability.

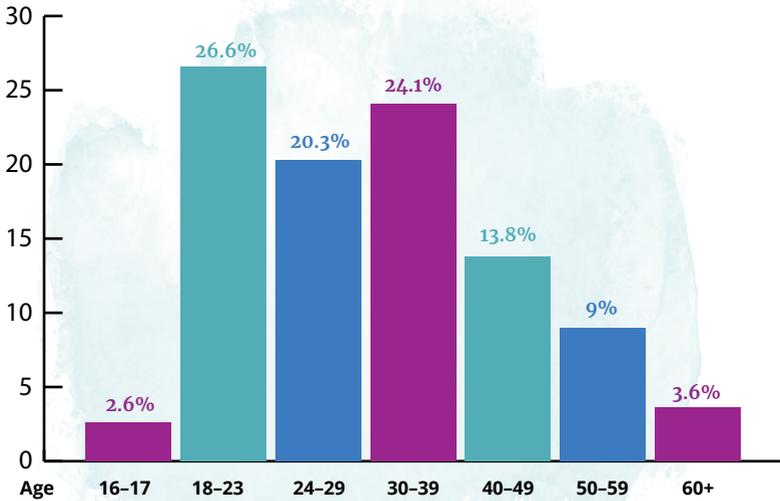
Clients seen in DRCC

Description	Number
Number of clients seen	580

Gender of therapy clients



Age of therapy clients



Breakdown by type of abuse

Types of abuse experienced by our therapy clients

62.44%

Adult Sexual Violence

- 35% Rape
- 13% Marital/Intimate Partner Rape
- 13% Sexual Assault
- 1.2% Sexual Harassment
- 0.1% Aggravated Sexual Assault
- 0.1% Suspected Drug Rape

37.6%

Child Sexual Violence

- 37.6% Child Sexual Abuse

6% of clients disclosed that they experienced both adult rape and past child sexual abuse.

Note on statistics on new therapy clients in 2021:

Statistics provided in the following sections relate **only to the 289 clients (out of a total client number of 580) who entered our therapy services in 2021**. 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 2021 or in previous years.

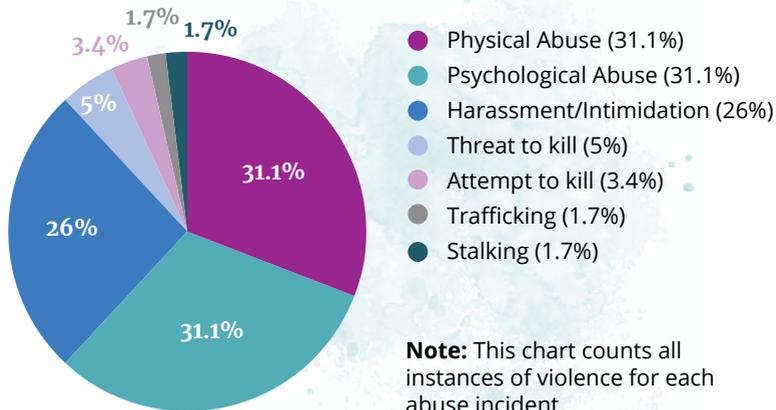
The 289 clients who commenced therapy in 2021 disclosed 331 abuse incidents. Some 130 clients reported experiencing other forms of violence in addition to the main abuse. Collectively, these 130 clients reported 169 incidents (51%) which included other forms of violence

Analysis of incidents with additional violence

Category	% of all incidents with additional violence
Adult Rape/Sexual Assault	36%
Child Sexual Abuse	15%

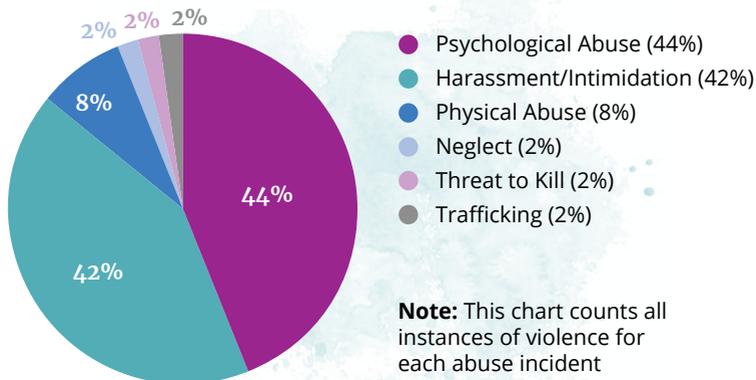
Violent incidents reported by clients who also experienced adult rape/sexual assault

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	12%	0%
Sibling	2%	1%
Partner	11%	21.2%
Other relative	20%	1.7%
Other known person	45%	55.8%
Person in authority	4%	4.3%
Stranger	6%	16%

Pregnancy

Clients disclosed 5 pregnancies

Outcome of pregnancies	Number
Became pregnant, Parenting	3
Became pregnant, Termination	1
Became pregnant, Adopted	1

Reporting to Gardaí

Of the 289 cases where the reporting status was known, 113 cases were reported to the Gardaí, a reporting rate of 39%.

Cases reported	% of total cases reported
Recent rape cases	61.1%
Past rape cases	15%
Past Child Sexual Abuse cases	18.6%
Recent Child Sexual Abuse Cases	5.3%

Outcome of cases reported

Outcome information was known for 57 (50%) of the 113 cases reported.

Outcome	Number of cases
Under Garda investigation	53
Dropped by DPP/Client	2
Went to trial	2
Outcome not disclosed	56

Of the 2 cases that were tried, there was an acquittal in both cases.

Victim / offender relationship in reported rape/sexual assault cases

Recent rape/sexual assault

20% 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

4% of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger

16% of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

Relationship between the victim and the offender

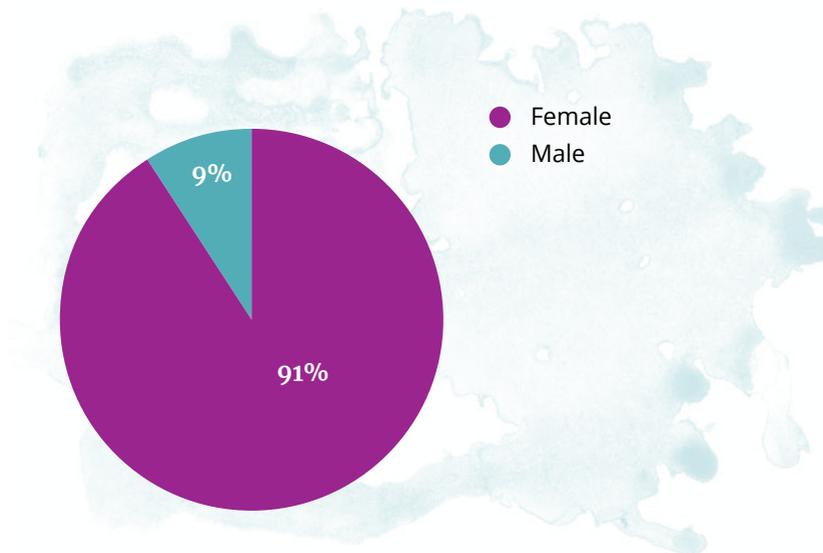
Relationship	Child sexual abuse	Adult rape/sexual assault
Parent	22.2%	0%
Partner	11.1%	23.2%
Other relative	26%	1.2%
Other known person	33.3%	55.8%
Person in authority	0%	3.5%
Stranger	7.4%	16.3%

Client Support Service

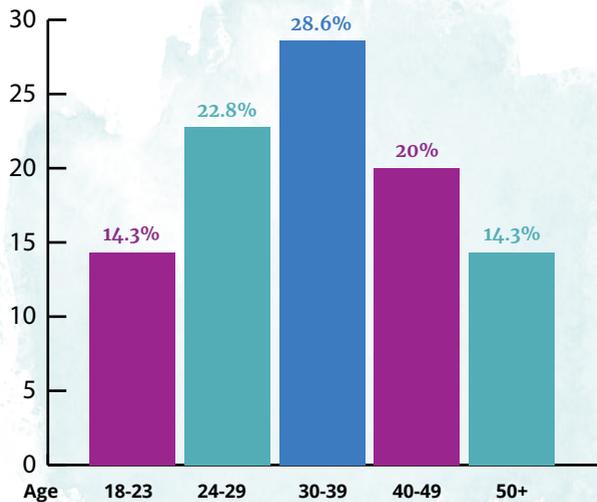
DRCC's Client Support Service aims to empower and help our clients to access their rights and entitlements, find relevant information and seek referral to other services as appropriate. Due to a change of personnel, the service was paused temporarily between September and December 2021, therefore the figures below relate to the period January to August 2021.

Description	Number
Number of clients seen	35

Gender of client supported



Age of client supported



Interventions

- 199 interventions on behalf of clients covering 304 issues (Jan to Aug 2021).
 - **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.
- 80 contacts were made with external agencies.

Description	Number
Housing including access to Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), priority housing lists and housing transfers	77
Homelessness, including securing of emergency accommodation	47
Social Welfare including access to exceptional needs payments	3
Employment Issues	2
Education including access to college courses and fee exemptions	4
Access to the Health System	26
Access to Mental Health Supports	56
Immigration Issues	22
Asylum Process Issues	41
Referrals to Other Agencies	18
Other	8
Total	304

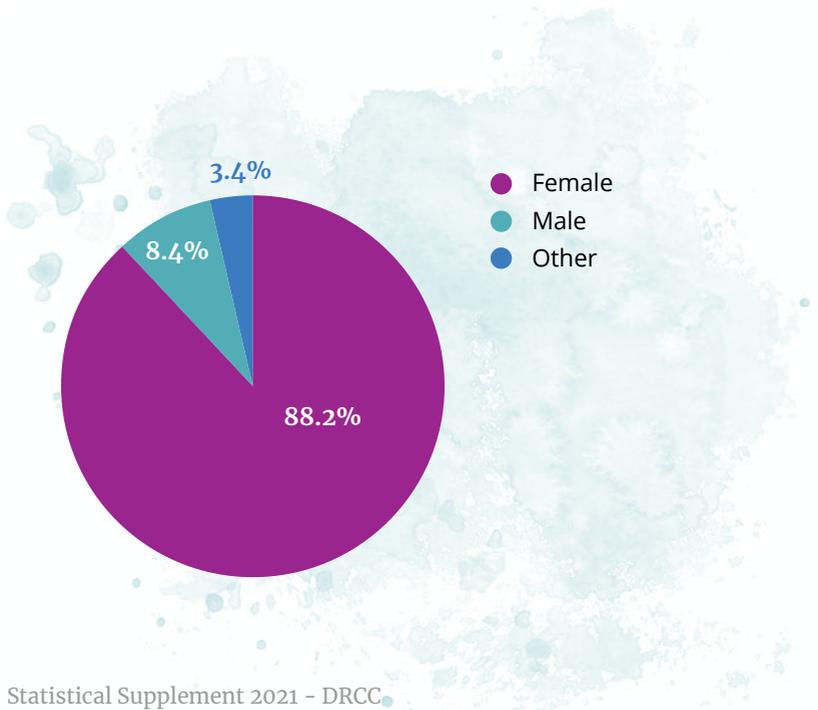
Moving Forward from Sexual Violence

This is a blended online & coach-supported programme to help victims/survivors learn how to understand and manage trauma symptoms.

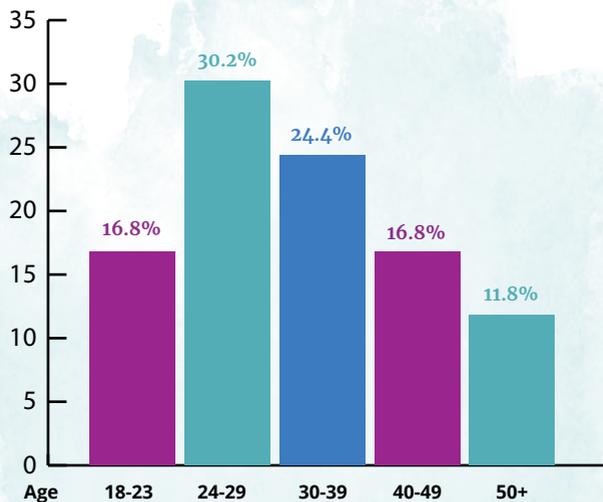
Description	Number
Number of participants	119

Description	Number
Number of information calls made	219
Number of information emails sent	610
Number of participant/coach engagement calls made	585
Number of participant/coach engagement emails sent	660

Gender of participants



Age of participants



Location of participants

Location	%
Leinster	91.6%
Munster	5%
Ulster	1.7%
Connacht	1.7%

Breakdown by abuse type

Abuse experienced as an adult	%
Adult rape/abuse	34.5%

Abuse experienced in childhood	%
Child Sexual Abuse	65.5%

Section 4 Other work

Policy work in 2021

1. Submission to National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) on its Draft Primary Curriculum Framework
2. Submission to the Joint Committee on Justice in relation to *Victim's testimony in cases of rape and sexual assault*
3. Revised submission on Gender-Based Violence to the Citizen's Assembly on Gender Equality
4. Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht on the General Scheme of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill
5. Online commentary to the Policing Authority's Strategic Themes 2022-2024
6. Submission in response to Minister Roderic O'Gorman's public consultation on the review of the Equality Acts (Equal Status Acts 2000-2018 and the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015)
7. Submission to Judicial Planning Working Group on efficient administration of justice, development of judicial skills and other themes
8. Submission to the Department of Justice on the 3rd National Strategy on DSGBV

Education & training in 2021

- DRCC provided training to almost 500 people in 48 training sessions in 2021.
- This includes 43 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.
- Those we trained included nurses, mental health service workers, prison staff, counsellors, non-specialist psychotherapists, comedy sector performers and staff, interpreters, and students' union officers. We trained consular staff to equip them to deal appropriately with people presenting at embassies and consulates in the aftermath of sexual violence. We also provided training on vicarious or secondary traumatisation to help those frontline workers to maintain their own well-being while working with trauma

Youth programmes & outreach

- Our flagship BodyRight programme, which aims to raise awareness among young people on respect & healthy relationships and to prevent sexual violence, ran on seven occasions, training 78 staff to act as facilitators.
- Our #LetsGetReal programme on critical consumption of popular culture, advertising and pornography also ran seven times and trained 82 people free of charge, thanks to statutory funding.



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