

# Dublin Rape Crisis Centre Statistics Supplement 2019





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## A note on the 2019 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 2019. 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

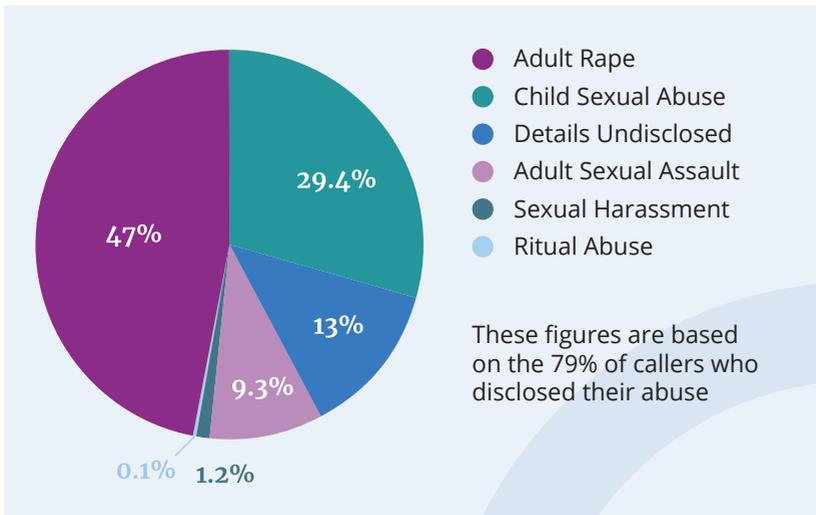
### Contacts with the National 24-hour Helpline, Jan 2019–Dec 2019



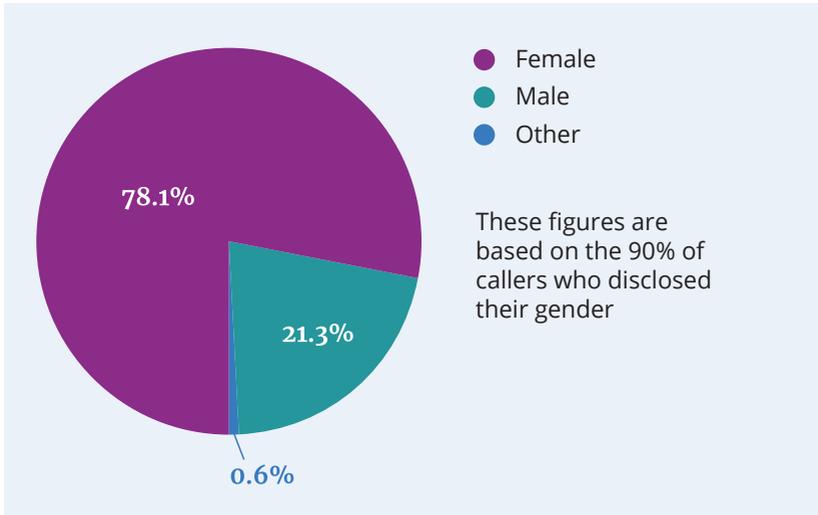
## Breakdown of counselling contacts by type

| Description          | Number |
|----------------------|--------|
| Counselling/Support  | 8121   |
| Information          | 3064   |
| Schedule Appointment | 1091   |
| Hang-up              | 1053   |
| Hoax                 | 285    |
| Silent               | 261    |
| Abusive              | 132    |
| Survivor Referral    | 66     |
| Advocacy             | 52     |
| Concern About Abuser | 34     |

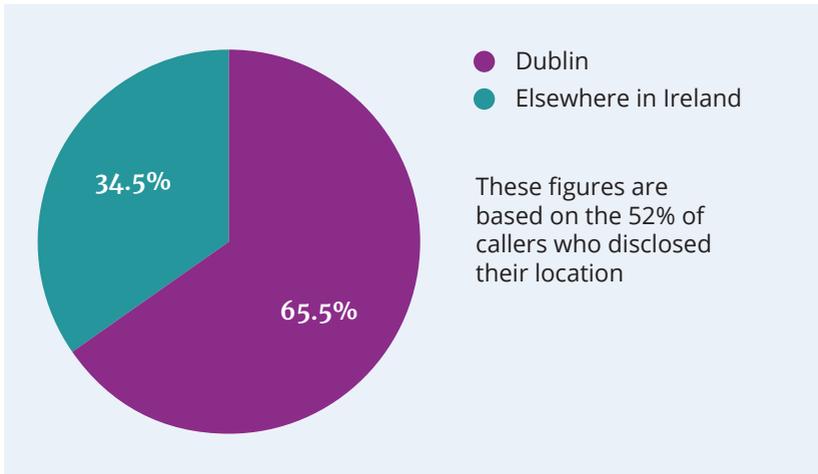
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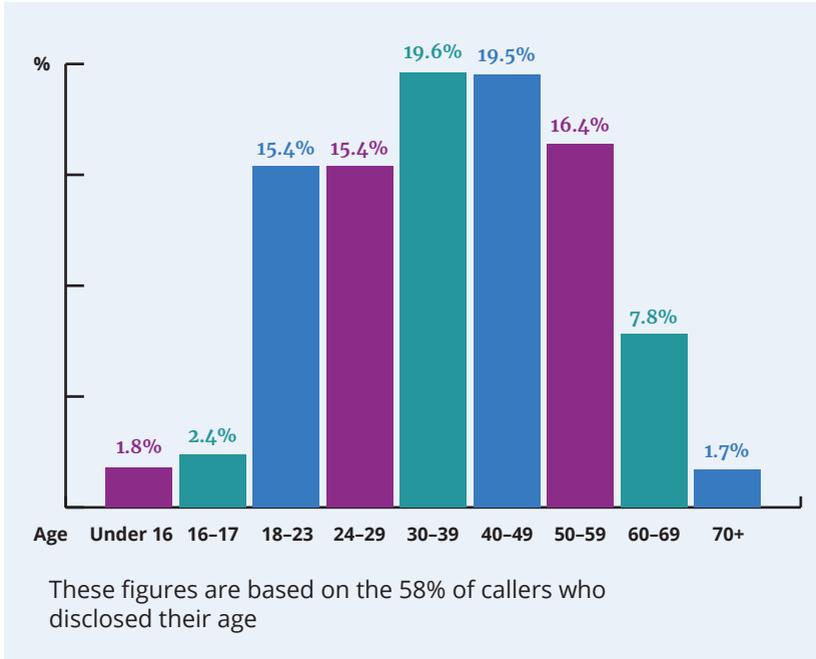
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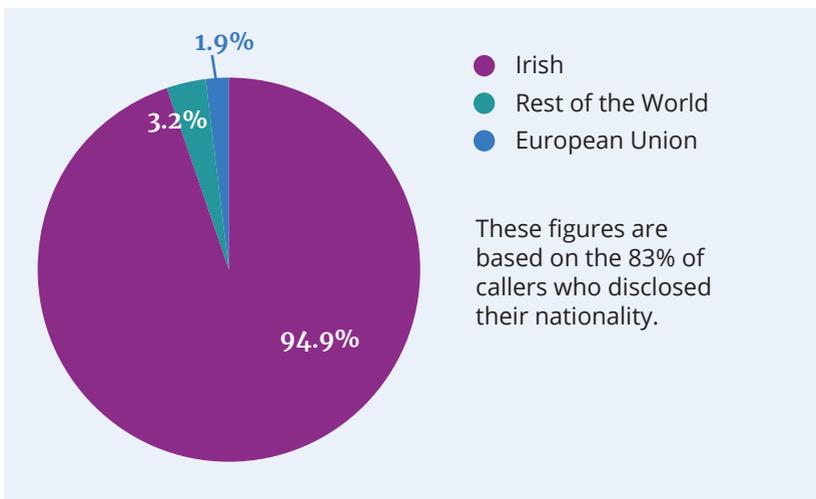
## Breakdown by geographic location



## Breakdown by age



## Breakdown by nationality



## Number of contacts per hour

| Time (24 hour clock) | Number of contacts |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 00:00 – 01:00        | 410                |
| 01:00 – 02:00        | 330                |
| 02:00 – 03:00        | 271                |
| 03:00 – 04:00        | 233                |
| 04:00 – 05:00        | 200                |
| 05:00 – 06:00        | 176                |
| 06:00 – 07:00        | 144                |
| 07:00 – 08:00        | 196                |
| 08:00 – 09:00        | 929                |
| 09:00 – 10:00        | 860                |
| 10:00 – 11:00        | 907                |
| 11:00 – 12:00        | 985                |
| 12:00 – 13:00        | 1112               |
| 13:00 – 14:00        | 908                |
| 14:00 – 15:00        | 932                |
| 15:00 – 16:00        | 941                |
| 16:00 – 17:00        | 821                |
| 17:00 – 18:00        | 745                |
| 18:00 – 19:00        | 569                |
| 19:00 – 20:00        | 514                |
| 20:00 – 21:00        | 562                |

| Time (24 hour clock) | Number of contacts |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 21:00 – 22:00        | 505                |
| 22:00 – 23:00        | 488                |
| 23:00 – 00:00        | 421                |

This table shows the number of contacts made each hour by **all callers** in 2019

### Number of contacts per month

| Month     | Number of contacts |
|-----------|--------------------|
| January   | 587                |
| February  | 510                |
| March     | 616                |
| April     | 594                |
| May       | 711                |
| June      | 644                |
| July      | 632                |
| August    | 685                |
| September | 796                |
| October   | 692                |
| November  | 677                |
| December  | 560                |

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

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

| Services and agencies referred to included | % of Calls |
|--|------------|
| Other Rape Crisis Centres                  | 39         |
| Other Counselling Services                 | 13         |
| Other Medical Services                     | 9          |
| Gardaí / GNPSU / GVSO                      | 8          |
| SATU                                       | 8          |
| CARI                                       | 4          |
| One in Four                                | 3          |
| Suicide Prevention Services                | 3          |
| Túsla / Child Protection Services          | 2          |
| Women's Aid / Domestic Violence Services   | 2          |
| Mental Health Services                     | 2          |
| Legal Services                             | 1          |
| Addiction Services                         | 1          |
| LGBT Services                              | 1          |
| Crisis Pregnancy Agency                    | <1         |
| Services for Men                           | <1         |
| Homeless Services                          | <1         |
| Children and Youth Services                | <1         |
| Ruhama                                     | <1         |
| Migrant Support Agencies                   | <1         |
| Disability Services                        | <1         |
| Medical Council                            | <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 **300** victims and provided support to **240** of their family and friends.

#### Accompaniment in justice system

- Our accompaniment service supported **45** victim/survivors in 2019 over 161 days of court or Garda station accompaniment.
- In addition to the accompaniment service, some **49** victims were supported by phone, text and email.

#### Outreach awareness talks

- DRCC volunteers delivered **69** talks in secondary schools and colleges.

## Section 3

### Counselling and Psychotherapy Service Provision, Jan 2019–Dec 2019

In 2019, our therapists provided counselling from Monday to Saturday in the DRCC on Leeson Street. In addition, outreach services were provided in Coolock, Tallaght, North County Dublin and Dóchas Women's Prison.

#### Client appointments summary

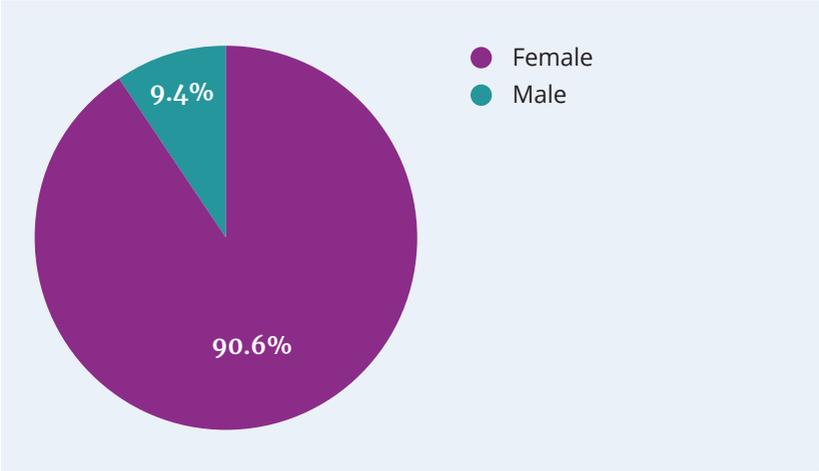
- A total of 5,942 individual appointments were made available by the Therapy Team in 2019.
- Of these, 4,619 individual client sessions were delivered in 2019. Allowing for cancellations and 'no-shows' deducted, this represents a take-up rate of 78%.
- Of the 4,619 completed sessions, 55% (N=2,523) 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).
- Some 45% (N=2,096) were assessment appointments for past rape, sexual assault and past child sexual abuse.
- A one-day art therapy workshop and a 6-week rape recovery group were facilitated by therapists during the year. The 138 group hours combined with the 4,619 individual hours gave a total of **4,757** therapy hours completed in 2019.
- Of the clients attending our service in 2019, 11 had a disability.

## Clients seen in the DRCC

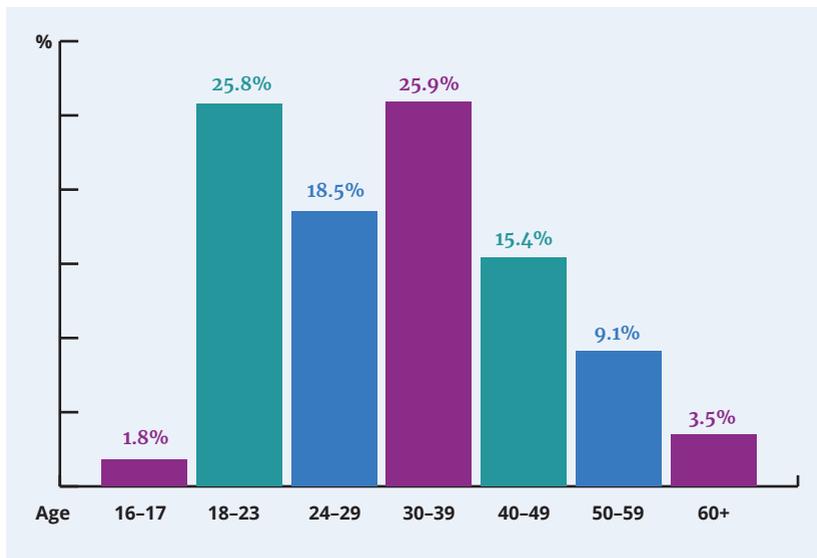
(including crisis and long-term service)

| Description            | Number |
|------------------------|--------|
| Number of clients seen | 617    |

## Gender of clients using the service

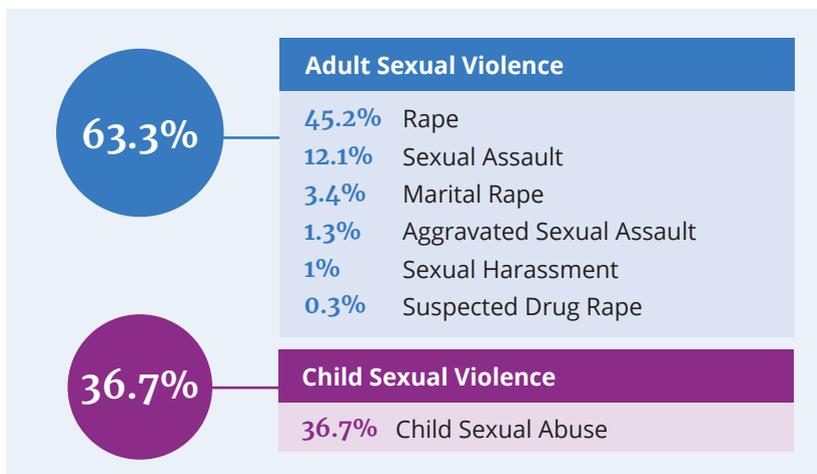


## Age of clients using the service



## Breakdown by type of abuse

Types of abuse experienced by our clients



**5.7%** of clients disclosed that they experienced both adult rape and past child sexual abuse.

Statistics provided in the following sections relate to the 365 clients (out of a total client number of 617) who entered our services in 2019. 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 2019 or in previous years.

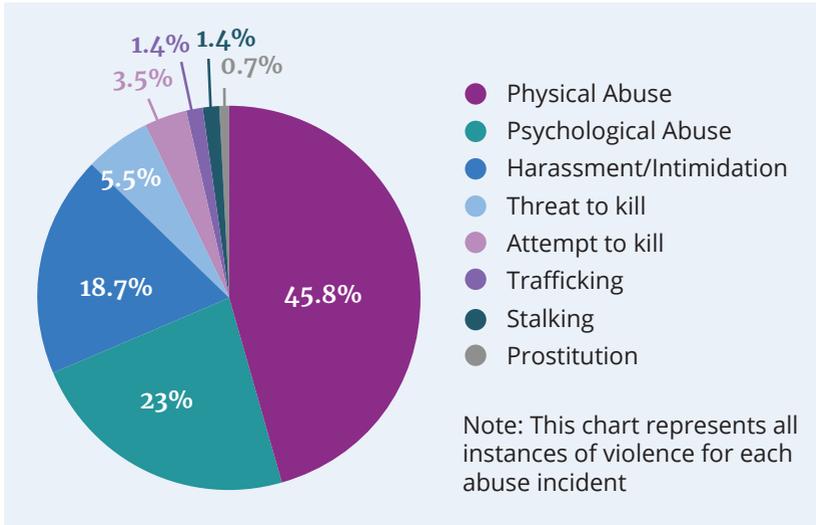
### Analysis of additional types of violence and abuse experienced by clients, along with rape, sexual assault or child sexual abuse

The 365 clients who commenced therapy in 2019 disclosed 393 abuse incidents. Some 164 of them reported experiencing other forms of violence in addition to the main abuse. Collectively, these 164 clients reported 241 incidents (61%) which included other forms of violence.

| Category                  | % of all incidents with additional violence |
|---------------------------|---|
| Adult Rape/Sexual Assault | 36%   |
| Child Sexual Abuse        | 25%   |

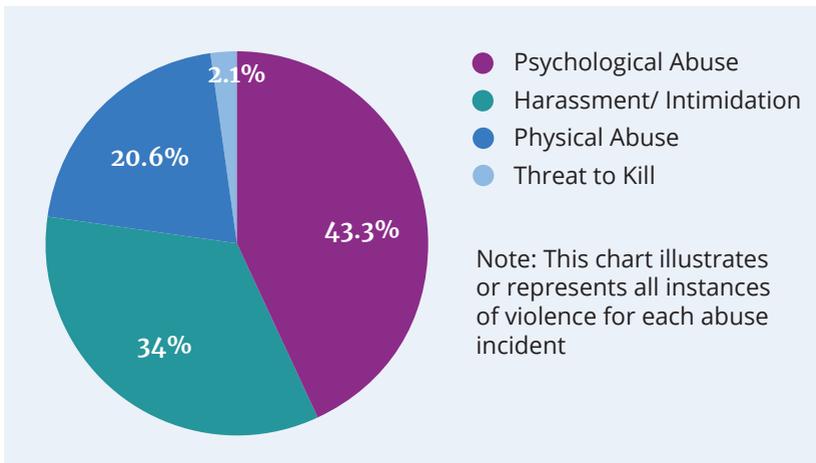
## Violent incidents reported by clients who also experienced adult rape/sexual assault

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              | 12.6%              | 0%                         |
| Sibling             | 7.6%               | 1.1%                       |
| Boyfriend/Partner   | 7.6%               | 20.8%                      |
| Other Relative      | 26.9%              | 3.6%                       |
| Other Known Person  | 31%                | 40.5%                      |
| Person in Authority | 5.9%               | 3.3%                       |
| Stranger            | 8.4%               | 29.6%                      |
| Sex Purchaser       | 0%                 | 1.1%                       |

## Pregnancy

Female clients disclosed 13 pregnancies (recent or historic) as a result of rape

| Outcome of pregnancies                 | Number |
|--|--------|
| Became Pregnant, Parenting             | 5      |
| Became Pregnant, Miscarried            | 3      |
| Became Pregnant, Termination           | 3      |
| Became Pregnant, Outcome Not Disclosed | 2      |

Statistics provided in this section relate to 365 clients, who commenced therapy in the DRCC in 2019, 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 2019, although the reports and convictions may have occurred in previous years.

## Reporting to Gardaí

Of the 365 cases where the reporting status was known, 123 cases were reported to the Gardaí, a reporting rate of 33.7%

| Cases reported                  | % of total cases reported |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Recent Rape Cases               | 52%                       |
| Past Rape Cases                 | 13.8%                     |
| Past Child Sexual Abuse Cases   | 28.5%                     |
| Recent Child Sexual Abuse Cases | 5.7%                      |

## Outcome of cases reported

Outcome information was known for 63 (51%) of the 123 cases reported.

| Outcome                   | % of total cases reported |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Under Garda Investigation | 50                        |
| Went to trial             | 7                         |
| Dropped by DPP / Client   | 6                         |
| Outcome not disclosed     | 60                        |

Of the 7 cases that were tried, there was a conviction / guilty plea in 5 cases and acquittals in 2 cases.

## Victim/offender relationship in reported rape/sexual assault cases

### Recent Rape/Sexual Assault

- 40% of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger
- 40% of cases were reported where the client knew the assailant

### Past Rape/Sexual Assault

- 2% of cases were reported where the assailant was a stranger
- 18% 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              | 14.3%              | 0%                        |
| Sibling             | 9.5%               | 0%                        |
| Boyfriend/Partner   | 4.8%               | 14.8%                     |
| Other Relative      | 21.4%              | 3.7%                      |
| Other Known Person  | 38.1%              | 35.8%                     |
| Person in Authority | 4.8%               | 3.7%                      |
| Stranger            | 7.1%               | 42%                       |
| Sex Purchaser       | 0%                 | 0%                        |

## Section 4 Other Work

### Policy work in 2019

| Month          | Submission   | Theme                               |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| February 2019  | Development of Long Term Strategy for the Courts Service   | Criminal Justice / Courts           |
| June 2019      | Engaged in the online public consultation on the Regulation of Harmful Online Content and the Implementation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive | Online harmful communications       |
| July 2019      | Familicide and Domestic Homicide Reviews   | Criminal Justice/ An Garda Síochána |
| August 2019    | Engaged in the civil society report for the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)   | UN Bodies                           |
| September 2019 | Pre-Budget Submission  | Funding                             |
| September 2019 | Response to the Committee on Justice and Equality concerning the issues of Online Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences                | Online harmful communications       |

| Month        | Submission  | Theme                                |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| October 2019 | Appearance before the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality to consider the topic of Online Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences | Online harmful communications        |
| October 2019 | Garda Inspectorate for review of practices to counter the risk of corruption in the Garda Síochána  | Criminal Justice / An Garda Síochána |
| October 2019 | Phase 2 of the Relationships & Sex Education Review to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment   | Education                            |

## Education and training in 2019

# 120

training days to  
**1631** people

These include nurses, mental health service workers, counselling services, non-specialist psychotherapists, interpreters, and student union officers, Gardai, consular staff and NGO workers.

## BodyRight programme

ran on six occasions, training 75 staff to act as facilitators

# 6 Days

of free training to  
**46 people** in services  
working with  
homeless people

# 5 Days

of free training to people  
working with refugees,  
including those  
in direct provision.



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