

Director's report 2014

2014 was a challenging year for the RCNI yet many positives were achieved nonetheless.

In 2014 we launched no less than five new research documents, the '2014 National Rape Crisis Statistics', 'Asylum Seekers and Refugees surviving on Hold', 'Young people, Alcohol and Sex: What's Consent got to do with it?' (Complete and summary reports), and 'The Older Child and Sexual Violence: Questions and Challenges for a National Response'. We also partnered with the Fundamental Rights Agency and Safe Ireland for the Irish launch of the first pan European prevalence study on DSGBV.



Surviving On Hold Report Launch Oct 2014
Anne Scully, RCNI Director and Waterford Rape and Sexual Abuse Service, Judge Catherine McGuinness and Cliona Saidlear, Rape Crisis Network Ireland at launch of RCNI report: Asylum seekers and refugees surviving on hold, sexual violence disclosed to Rape Crisis Centres, October 28th 2014.

We continued to support policy and legislative development with a substantial sub- mission to Cosc on the new National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. We gave both oral and written submissions to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality on responding to sexual violence and continued to engage at various levels of consultation on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences), Criminal Procedures and Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bills in preparation.

Ongoing work with An Garda Síochána, especially in areas identified as needing positive relations strengthened, continued in this year as well contributing to a strategic review of penal policy. A new set of national interagency guidelines for SATUs was also published this year as we continued to advocate for the storage of evidence capacity of SATUs.

RCNI National Rape Crisis Statistics Report 2013
Launched Nov 2014

Acting Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan and RCNI Acting Director Cliona Saidlear with Justice and Equality Minister Frances Fitzgerald. All photos by Moya Nolan



RCNI was invited by the European Institute on Gender Equality (EIGE), who are supporting member state compliance with the forthcoming Victim's Directive obligations in terms of administrative data collection, as experts and best practice leaders in this specialised area. At one point RCNI was the only NGO sharing the platform with statutory agencies and actors from across Europe. It was a powerful recognition of the vision and decade long dedication and commitment from the sector that has built the sector's RCNI data, knowledge and information system. It was with regret in this time



that we heard from Dublin RCC who wrote to inform RCNI that they would no longer be using the RCNI system.

RCNI Team RCNI National Rape Crisis Statistics Report 2013 Launched Nov 2014
RCNI Staff: L to R: Caroline Counihan; RCNI Legal Director, Cliona Saidleár; RCNI Acting Executive Director, Susan Miner; RCNI Services Support Consultant, Mary D'Arcy; RCNI Finance and Administration Officer, and Elaine Mears; RCNI Data and Services Information Manager

Tusla funded the RCNI from March to December of 2014 for a number of specific outputs including Children First guidance and training, Standards review and Data Collection. Due to the delay in enacting the legislation (finally passed by the Oireachtas in November 2015) the completed Children First guidance has been shelved since the autumn of 2014 and the training was not commenced. Likewise the work on standards was abandoned by Tusla as they seemed to embark on a new direction. RCNI and RCCs continued to engage in various consultation and inputs as Tusla developed their understanding of the sector, their responsibility and role. They were doing so in a climate of severe pressure not least because the Agency was underfunded. Tusla made a decision at year end to cease funding the RCNI altogether but made no provision to either relocate the RCNI or replace the supports RCNI had provided the sector.

Executive Director, Fiona Neary took a year's leave of absence on the 30th of September and Cliona Saidleár was appointed as Acting Director for the remainder of 2014.



Fiona Neary and Anne Scully, RCNI Director and Waterford Rape and Sexual Abuse Service at the Young People, Alcohol and Sex launch in January 2014.

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Accounts Summary

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
	€	€
INCOME	389,120	429,577
Administrative Expenses	<u>(354,196)</u>	<u>(487,799)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	34,924	(58,222)
Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	<u>34,924</u>	<u>(58,222)</u>

The income and excess of income over expenditure relate to continuing operations as no businesses were acquired or disposed of in 2014 or 2013.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required, as all gains or losses have been reflected above.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		€	€
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	3,135	1,602
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank and Cash		199,018	160,777
Debtors	7	<u>223</u>	<u>-</u>
		199,241	160,777
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	<u>17,990</u>	<u>12,921</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>181,251</u>	<u>147,856</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>184,386</u>	<u>149,458</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Unrestricted Funds		179,534	8,386
Restricted Funds		<u>4,852</u>	<u>141,072</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	9	<u>184,386</u>	<u>149,458</u>

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

		2014	2013
	Notes	€	€
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11	40,611	(7,880)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT			
Payments to acquire fixed assets		<u>(2,374)</u>	<u>(582)</u>
MOVEMENT IN CASH	13	<u><u>38,237</u></u>	<u><u>(8,462)</u></u>

On behalf of the board

Director
Miriam Duffy

Miriam Duffy

Director
Anne Scully

Anne Scully

Board of Directors (BODs) 2014

Anita Clancy Clarke
Resigned in May

Attendance 1 out of 3 BoDs

Sara Donavan

Attendance 6 out of 8 BoDs,

Catherine Dooley
Resigned October

Attendance 4 out of 6 BoDs,

Miriam Duffy
Chairperson until November

Attendance 7 out of 8 BoDs

Anne Kirwan Finn
Resigned October

Attendance 3 out of 6 BoDs,

Grace McArdle

Attendance 7 out of 8 BoDs

Helen Mortimer
Resigned May

Attendance 1 out of 3 BoDs

Vera O'Leary

Attendance 7 out of 8 BoDs

Anne Scully
became chairperson in November

Attendance 8 out of 8 BoDs,

Margaret Barry served as Independent consultant to the Board in 2014

Employment subcommittee consisted of Anne Scully and Margaret Barry, with Anne Kirwan Finn and Vera O'Leary joining in September

Board meetings 2014

January, 12th March, May 14th , June 25th, September 4th , 22nd October
November 12th, December 10th



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Managers, staff, boardmembers
and volunteers of the Irish Rape
Crisis Sector