What does RCNI National Data Collection tell us about rape survivors and termination of pregnancy
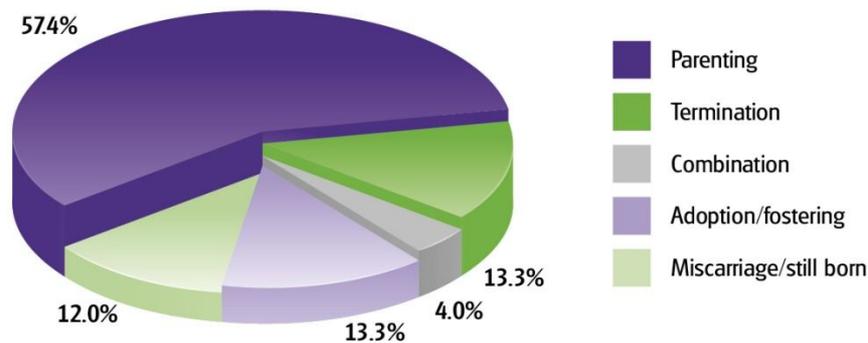
In 2010 1,545 survivors of sexual violence attended Rape Crisis Centres (RCCs). Of these, a small number became pregnant as a result of rape (75 girls and women).

Range of outcomes of pregnancy for survivors attending RCCs in 2010 who became pregnant as a result of rape (%)

n = 75

Of the 75 females who became pregnant as a result of rape there were a range of outcomes:

- Ten survivors of rape had their pregnancies terminated
- Ten survivors who became pregnant had their child placed for adoption or fostering
- Forty three survivors of rape went to term, gave birth and parent their children
- Nine survivors of rape miscarried or had stillbirths
- Three survivors became pregnant more than once as a result of rape and had different outcomes in each pregnancy

Who are RCNI?

Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI) is a specialist information and resource centre on rape and all forms of sexual violence with a proven capacity in strategic leadership. The RCNI role includes the development and coordination of national projects such as expert data collection, strategic services development, supporting RCCs to reach best practice standards, using our expertise to influence national policy and social change, and supporting and facilitating multiagency partnerships. We are the representative, umbrella body for our member Rape Crisis Centres who provide free advice, counselling and support for survivors of sexual violence in Ireland.

What is the RCNI Database?

The RCNI Database is a highly secure online database which allows authorised sexual violence services (SVSs) personnel to log in and record specific information on service user. This data collection system which has been specifically designed to collect data in frontline services dedicated to working with victims of sexual violence equips RCNI to deliver comparable national data and simultaneously equips sexual violence services to, at any time, extract data regarding use of their own local service.

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