



RAPE CRISIS
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IRELAND

Annual Report

2022

PREVENTION • COLLABORATION AND RESPONSE • JUSTICE • MOVEMENT





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Board's Introduction

2022 proved to be a year of renewal for RCNI and its member centres as we put the pandemic behind us, along with the practices that COVID had enforced on our services.

This meant moving into a welcome return to face-to-face relationships with survivors. The resilience of our colleagues and the strength of the survivors who engage with survivors was an inspiration to us throughout the pandemic, and into the future.

The board had the privilege of witnessing the impact of our combined efforts on behalf of survivors of sexual violence. RCNI's standing in the sexual violence sector went from strength to strength during 2022 as we expanded our network of political, legal and policy contacts and consolidated our position as an independent, evidence-based expert advocating on behalf of survivors of sexual violence in Ireland.

This year's annual report provides a reflection of what has been achieved this year, and the challenges we face as a network into the future. RCNI's 2022 activities are laid out in detail in the report that follows.

The work of RCNI ranges from training volunteers to accompany survivors to court, to making presentations to the Justice Committee at Leinster House. What unifies RCNI's work is a focus on survivors of sexual violence, ensuring that their needs and experiences are maintained at the centre of every activity. The other commitment that runs through the work of RCNI is to advocacy on evidence drawn from anonymised accounts provided by survivors across RCNI's network of Rape Crisis centres.

2023 promised to be a key year in terms of the Government's commitment to rolling out its Third National Strategy on DSGBV – a year in which RCNI will build on its position as a specialist resource on rape and sexual violence and a distinguished leader in the sector.

The Board of Directors

Rape Crisis Network Ireland



Director's Foreword

2022 was a very busy year for Rape Crisis Network Ireland as we embraced new as well as familiar challenges and opportunities in our work.



While we started to leave behind the enduring restrictions of COVID, we commenced a process of partially returning to the Office alongside Rape Crisis Centre network members returning more fully to face-to-face service provision.

None of our work would be possible without the engagement and support of survivors, Rape Crisis members, our team and other NGO partners and collaborators, statutory partners, our board and funders – a huge thank you to each of them. RCNI is committed to building and participating in alliances of like-minded organisations and ensuring that the voices and experiences of survivors are heard by those in power.

The year started with significant events that captured and mobilised attention and resources, one was the killing of shocking Ashling Murphy and the second was the Russian attack on Ukraine causing significant mobilisation of resources domestically to respond to the needs of refugees. In response to their needs, RCNI collaborated with partners in government to ensure information in appropriate languages about supports for survivors of sexual violence were delivered into the hands of each refugee who arrived in Ireland from Ukraine. RCNI also added a Ukrainian language section to our help pages.

Counselling survivors of rape as a weapon of war was a new challenge for many sexual violence counsellors here in Ireland and RCNI turned to long standing relationships with sister organisations, particularly in the Balkans, who had more recent experience to support those working with survivors of sexual violence in conflict.

Our commitment to prevention through awareness, education and prevention remained consistent through work across the school's curriculum reform, the Higher Education Institutes, HSE sexual health and the Department of Justice-led national DSGBV campaigns.

Another significant undertaking for RCNI this year was to provide specialist RCC training to each DPSU garda in Ireland, in partnership with the Gardaí – more details on this engagement below.

We were called upon regularly by Government, the Oireachtas and state bodies to deliver expert testimony and submissions towards understanding and solving complex issues around sexual violence. In July, the third national strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) was finalised and launched - an ambitious strategy to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence which will guide our sector until 2026. Our advocacy on this national plan included ongoing submissions to its development, including calls for an increase to resources and capacity for addressing the issue which contributed to considerable budget increases for the sexual violence sector in the 2023 budget. RCNI is looking forward to its positive impact on our sector and continue our calls for independent monitoring of the implementation of the strategy.

One of RCNI's most significant undertakings in 2022 was our leadership of the drafting of the GREVIO Shadow report for the Istanbul Convention for the DSGBV sector. This detailed submission was not only a contribution to the GREVIO committee's deliberations into Ireland's compliance with Istanbul but also served to review the past decade of challenges and developments in meetings survivors needs and preventing sexual violence.

RCNI had three major publications this year. ***Breaking the Silence: Terminology Guidelines for Data Collection on Sexual Violence against Children*** which was the culmination of a collaborative piece of research with 28 statutory and non-statutory organisations working with children. November saw the launch of November of RCNI's report ***A Safer Space: Counselling Survivors of Sexual Violence Online*** arising from the Clinical Innovation Project of 2021 thanks to support from Rethink Ireland. Lastly, we published our annual RCC statistics report compiled in collaboration with Rape Crisis centres around the country.



Looking ahead to 2023, RCNI's work is strongly driven by survivor needs and underpinned by the positive government and cross-party commitment to the issue. We look forward to the implementation of the third national strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) and support for the full realisation of the ambition of the Istanbul Convention. We will build on existing areas of RCNI excellence, such as data expertise and seek out the partnerships and collaborations that will allow us to move to the next stages of prevention and transformation. We also remain critically engaged in protecting survivors, the rape crisis model and access to justice as well as focusing on enhanced child protection to address the complex siloed legislation, professional and practice around retrospective reporting of child sexual violence and child's protection within the family.

Dr Clíona Saidléar

Executive Director

Rape Crisis Network Ireland



Our 2022 team

Caroline Counihan

Legal Director

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Communications and Information Officer

Elaine Mears

Privacy and Data Support Coordinator

Lorraine Quigley

Administrator

RCNI has the following four high level goals:

1: PREVENTION

Listen, articulate and innovate to advance the interests and rights of all survivors.

2: COLLABORATION AND RESPONSE

Supporting better organisational and professional capacities locally and nationally and connecting robust, sustainable and accountable practice with innovation into new practice.

3: JUSTICE

Articulate and advance societal and systemic responses that delivers Justice at every level on sexual violence.

4: MOVEMENT

Focus on stability and momentum to understand, expand and sustain the dynamic movement to address and end sexual violence.

1 PREVENTION

RCNI continue to pay close attention to the rights and dignity of survivors in all aspects of their disclosure, engaging with a range of professionals and institutions as well as with survivors' families, circles of trust, communities, workplaces and places of study and leisure.

This focus involves both changing culture and changing systems and so we engage in listening, research, public discourse, public awareness campaigns and education.

RCNI are specialists in promoting good data collection practices, supporting data protection culture and collaborative stakeholder engagement on matching data capture with evolving need and practice. Drawing on our database and other research and collaborative development, RCNI published a number of public reports during the course of 2022.

This work platforms the voice, experience and needs of survivors, and supports systemic capacity to make sexual violence and our responses fully visible to the professionals, our policy makers and the public.

Irish Examiner
NEWS SPORT LIFESTYLE OPINION

IN FOCUS: Shane MacGowan Dublin Riots Cop28 Israel

Cliona Saidlár: Measuring the silence around sexual violence

The CSO will repeat its Sexual Violence Survey in 10 years. Between now and then we believe we can and must all collectively transform these numbers by preventing sexual violence



Early childhood experience of not being heard or believed not only fails the child but can also lead to long silences and vulnerabilities into adulthood which can then be exploited

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Number of calls to rape crisis services 'probably 50,000'

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Finding the courage to speak out against sexual abuse, only to have your voice ignored

After decades of contemplating troubling events he witnessed as a child, a man in his 50s decided to report the sexual abuse he believes he saw to gardai. However, they never followed up, leaving agencies 'baffled' that no investigation took place



Anne Scully, manager of the Rape Crisis Centre in Waterford, has criticised gardai for their handling of the attempted disclosure in this case. Picture: Noel Browne

'Under-resourced' rape crisis centres struggle amid a surge in demand during the pandemic



Rape crisis centres are 'overstretched' due to a surge in demand and 'a struggle to hire specialist counsellors because of the lack of a dedicated budget for training'. Stock picture

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NOEL BAKER, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

Rape crisis centres around the country are reporting increasing levels of demand for their services amid fears they are "operating far beyond capacity and resources".

The annual statistics issued by the **Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI)**

Irish Examiner
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Bill to overhaul Irish laws on consent in rape cases welcomed by advocacy group



Minister for Justice Helen McEntee (Brian Leahy/PA)

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A Bill to overhaul and strengthen laws on consent and belief in rape cases has been welcomed by the **Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI)**.

Social Affairs

Contacts with rape crisis centre helplines rise 7% on pre-pandemic levels

Rape Crisis Network Ireland's latest report show more than 11,400 contacts were made with the six centres across the country



Cliona Saidlár, executive director, Rape Crisis Network Ireland, and Minister for Justice Helen McEntee discuss RCNI's Rape Crisis Statistics 2022 report. Photograph: Paula Gorey/PA

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Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Oige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

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accounts fund



#BreakingTheSilence

In order to make the experience of the children subjected to sexual violence visible as they interact with various agencies and supports, RCNI led a project to develop shared terminology for services and researchers working with the issue of sexual violence against children.

The project report, ***Breaking the Silence: Terminology Guidelines for Data Collection on Sexual Violence Against Children*** is the culmination of a collaboration with 28 organisations working in data collection and sexual violence against children, one of the most vulnerable and voiceless groups of all survivors. The project goal was a common language supported by guidelines for terminology on sexual violence against children. Adoption of the proposed shared terminology and definitions brings data collection in line with international obligations, including the Istanbul Convention, and enables the collection of reliable, comprehensive and comparable data, thus breaking silences.

The terminology guide is designed to be used by Irish service providers who must be able to talk to the children and their carers in language that is appropriate to their organisation.

 [View Breaking the Silence \(PDF\)](#)

 [Watch the video of the launch](#)




A Safer Space

Counselling Survivors of Sexual Violence Online



RCNI undertook research to hear from both survivors and counsellors on how the adaptations in service delivery under Covid were serving survivors and what lessons we could learn. During the Covid-19 pandemic support services for survivors of sexual violence were forced to physically close and trauma counselling services moved online.

In April 2021, Rape Crisis Network Ireland undertook a Clinical Innovation Project (CIP) called *Counselling Survivors On- and Offline* led by Dr Michelle Walsh and funded by Rethink Ireland. The research included an online survey on remote counselling for survivors of sexual violence, along with follow up one-to-one interviews, that aimed to discover levels of satisfaction among survivors with counselling before and during the pandemic and to find out more broadly whether or not the quality and safety of online counselling for survivors of sexual violence meets rights and expectations.

 [The full report can be downloaded here](#)

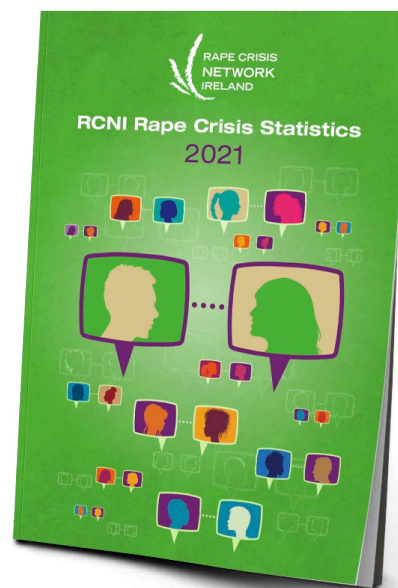




Rape Crisis Statistics 2021

The report examined data gleaned over three years - 2019, 2020 and 2021 - to track the story of how survivors and services negotiated the upheaval of the Covid pandemic.

The report, compiled from findings from seven RCCs around the country, revealed that while 2020 saw a massive surge in contacts to RCCs from those seeking support, numbers in 2021 did not return to pre-pandemic levels. However, patterns of contact did change with a 27% increase in length of time spent on calls to Helplines and an 18% increase in appointments for counselling and support fulfilled.



[View Rape Crisis Statistics 2021 \(PDF\)](#)

[Watch the launch here](#)



Public Engagement – RCNI contribution to Prevention and Awareness Campaigns across a range of sectors:

› Children and youth education and development

- Consulting into the Department of Education SPHE school curriculum for the junior cycle, review undertaken by the NCCA,
- Continued partnership with Foróige on the REAL U programme
- Advisory on the continued roll out of our Manuela Riedo programme for schools.
- Advisor to the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme in updating materials for their education and prevention programmes.

› Higher Education

- Higher Education Institutes (HEI)
- Expert advisor on the HEA Framework for Consent monitoring advisory, member of National Advisory Committee for HEIs, Partners with Active Consent NUIG, delivered training programme to a range of professionals and partners.

› Department of Justice-led national DSGBV campaigns



RCNI's global influence

In international activities, we joined the NGO working group on Ukraine and liaised with our partnerships with international sexual violence NGOs which have experience in conflict.

We were honoured to host a training webinar for counsellors in June on 'Surviving Sexual Violence in War' with the participation of Women's Room Croatia. At the beginning of July RCNI was delighted to host Women's Room Croatia (Ženska Soba) for a three-day stay to work together on an exchange of best practice and the rape crisis model.

We hosted a number of other guests from Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina on a study visit organised by the global feminist NGO Kvinna till Kvinna. RCNI also provided training to the Italian federation of Violence Against Women NGOs, the first RCC being founded in the Czechia and Madrid in Spain. Alongside these trainings RCNI continued building our strong role and relationships within the European network WAVE as it built its language around sexual violence specialisation and continue to engage in the learning and collaborative network with our partners across the UK and Ireland.



Delegates from Ženska Soba (Women's Room) Croatia and Kvinna till Kvinna

RCNI also engaged with the Rapporteur for the EU Parliamentary rapporteur, Frances Fitzgerald MEP, for the EU Violence Against Women Directive development, in her consultation in Ireland and advocated for the coordinated European NGO position.

RCNI actively engaged on the CSO liaison group and bilaterally with the CSO throughout the year to support their groundbreaking work in building a national preventative survey on Sexual Violence.

Centring Survivors in evidence: Good practice in collecting data

Our shared concern continues to be facilitating the efficacy of survivor engagement with all supports and responses in a manner that is fully cognisant that SV supports are engaging with victims of crime where their cases are, or may in future, be subject to investigation and prosecution.

Our guiding principles are always maximising and protecting survivors' access, autonomy and safety. In light of the rapidly evolving technological landscape we continue to focus on learning and evolving to understand and upskill new risk and opportunity. We continued work on a review of specific data and information processes within RCCs, with a view to improvement and standardisation through shared learning.

Cyber security is a particular focus addressing both software vulnerabilities and human behaviour knowledge and risks. And a key focus with partners in the ngo and statutory sector are the instruments and laws to support survivor safety and access and our understanding of the crime. Most importantly in 2022 this meant advocacy on the Online safety and media regulation Bill towards, amongst other things, the establishment of the new Coimisiun na Meain.

Survivor data gathering processes

We continued and concluded the review of the RCNI Data Collection System with Data Collection Officers from each RCC who use this system.

Following the extensive reviews conducted last quarters we subsequently worked with the IT development company to redevelop the data collection system on a new platform which guarantees higher levels of data protection and security, and broadens our capacity to examine the survivor journey through Rape Crisis supports, and service usage of RCCs by a range of professionals, people supporting survivors, and others who rely on RCC services.



3 JUSTICE

Legal and justice related policy work

RCNI provides expert analysis, collaboration, information, training and advise on all matters that might impact a survivor's access to justice. This encompasses the work of providing direct legal services to survivors and their supporters, equipping the sexual violence sector to provide Court and Garda accompaniment to survivors and to stay up to date with the law as well as analysing and advising on changes to the law, practice and policy.

We provided specialist legal advice and information both directly to survivors of sexual violence and to RCC staff, and sometimes others, who are supporting a survivor of sexual violence. In 2022 RCNI provided 125 consultations. This is a return on par with 2020 figures and a 17% decrease from 2021 figures.

RCNI's Legal Director's advice covers all aspects of criminal justice proceedings relevant to victims of sexual violence. The advice can also touch on other areas of law. The advice may include information about the criminal justice system provided before survivors report a crime, in order to help them decide whether to make a formal complaint. It may also involve legal advice during the investigation and post-investigative stages before or after a decision on prosecution has been made by the DPP.

Our advisory role is largely into statutory consultation and development but also includes NGO led projects. We held advisory positions on 15 different consultative infrastructure across government and society. We also delivered three Oireachtas oral hearings and 11 written submissions.

One example from 2022 was our work on how mandatory reporting is impacting survivors and those seeking to support survivors. RCNI developed analysis of the policy and practice as well as response to the Justice Siobhan Phelan judgment regarding mandatory reporting on existing practice and policy and on the Data Protection Code of Conduct. Engagement with partners in the Sectors and external experts is ongoing in developing solutions and strategies. RCNI provided an information note and training materials on the Data Protection Code of Conduct for counsellors, that we have been cocreating with specialist sexual violence services and the professional bodies.

Further, we reviewed and updated the RCNI Best Practice Standards in line with the Board's Quality assurance Standards subcommittee agreed agenda in particular the Withholding of Information and drafted a new Adult Safeguarding Policy as well as the Data protection policies for RCCs. RCNI also responded to queries from centres regarding policy and survivor support matters as they arose.

A significant undertaking for RCNI this year was to provide specialist RCC training to each DPSU garda in Ireland, in partnership with the Gardaí. This activity started in June and involved not only delivering bespoke training but also engaging with every rape crisis and specialist sexual violence NGO in Ireland to help them forge links with their local DPSUs. By the year's end, all but one regional training was complete, with plans in place to ensure continuing training to respond to the needs of survivors when they engage with An Garda Síochána.

These trainings continued alongside our delivery of national standardised training on court and garda accompaniment, victim impact statement and legal issues for rape crisis and other sexual violence advocates. This standardised training with volunteers, funded by the Dept of Justice Victims of Crime fund, ensured that survivors, no matter where in the country, can expect to avail of accompaniment when they need it. RCNI scoped with the sector and built a business case for rolling a professionalised service out to survivors outside of Dublin and will continue to campaign for funding for roll-out of this professional service nationwide in the future.

Training with sexual violence specialists and others

In 2022 we trained 108 sexual violence specialists in a range of areas including garda accompaniment, victim impact statements, new legal obligations, being an RCC trustee, and data collection and processing.

Outside the sector we delivered training to a range of allied professionals, these included the judiciary, barristers and solicitors, those implementing the HEA Framework for Consent in HEI and other settings, industry and other NGOs.

- RCNI oversaw national specialist training including the specialist sexual violence Court and Garda Accompaniment programme internal legal training and for Garda liaison.
- Sex Trafficking and International Protection (alongside a Ruhama trainer).
- Partnered on the HEA funded programme to deliver the Sexual Consent Promotion: Skills and Practice – 10 ECTS Module in NUIG
- Diploma programme class on Criminal Law run by the Law Society on victims' rights and vulnerable witnesses.
- Certificate in Charity Law run by the Law Society for Trustees of Charities.
- Sexual Violence rape crisis model training in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention to NGOs and their statutory partners in Italy, Spain, Croatia and Bosnia – Herzegovina.

Submissions

RCNI advocates on legislative and policy change across government but primarily with the Department of Justice.

In 2022 we made submissions in support of the proposed additional provisions on stalking and related matters and also to express broad agreement both with content of the Ban on Sex for Rent Bill 2022 and with the principles in the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2022 providing for restrictions on the use of character evidence at sentence hearings of sex offenders.

Other submissions included:

- › To Law Reform Commission on Compensation, a set of [Observations on the Sex Offenders \(Amendment\) Bill 2021](#) sent to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice.
- › Feedback on the Expert Group charged by the Minister for Tourism, the Arts, Culture, Sport and Media with examining whether an individual complaints mechanism should be included in the [Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill](#).
- › [Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee](#) on Gender Equality on relevant Citizens' Assembly Report Recommendations.
- › RCNI made submissions, both in writing and in person on the Ban on Sex for Rent Bill 2022 to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice.
- › [Law Reform Commission on Compensation](#).
- › A set of Observations on the [Criminal Justice \(Miscellaneous provisions\) Bill 2022](#) followed by an oral hearing by RCNI.
- › To the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the [Ratification of the ILO Convention No 190 on Violence and Harassment and Accompanying Recommendation R206](#).
- › On the [Criminal Justice \(Sexual Offences & Human Trafficking\) Bill](#).
- › RCNI Calls for Action to Aid a Sector in Crisis - Budget 2023 [Submission](#).
- › To the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) on the [revised Junior Cert SPHE Curriculum](#).
- › Sent observations to the [Joint Oireachtas Committee on Gender Equality on Proposed Draft Constitutional Amendments to Articles 40 and 41](#).

In addition, we finalised the [Specialist DSGBV Shadow report from Safe Ireland and RCNI](#) and the 50 organisations we represent to the GREVIO Council of Europe Committee of experts.

Many of these submissions, led by RCNI, were undertaken jointly with a range of other partners and actors.

4 MOVEMENT

During the course of 2022, RCNI built new connections in the sector and contributed to alliances and coalitions in our collective goal to end sexual violence.

Our participation was key to the following groups:

NGO Interagency Groups

Children Living with Domestic and Sexual Violence NGO coalition.

RCNI chairs this group of NGOs which set itself the priority task of understanding and raising awareness of the issues and mapping the Child's Journey.

Sector Bodies Group

Collaborated with the sexual violence specialist sector and professional bodies representing counselling in the Sector Bodies group to advocate for adult survivor rights in the processing of mandatory reporting.

Children's Rights Alliance campaign

Worked with the Children Rights Alliance led joint campaign to ensure the best outcomes for the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill.

Victims' Rights Alliance

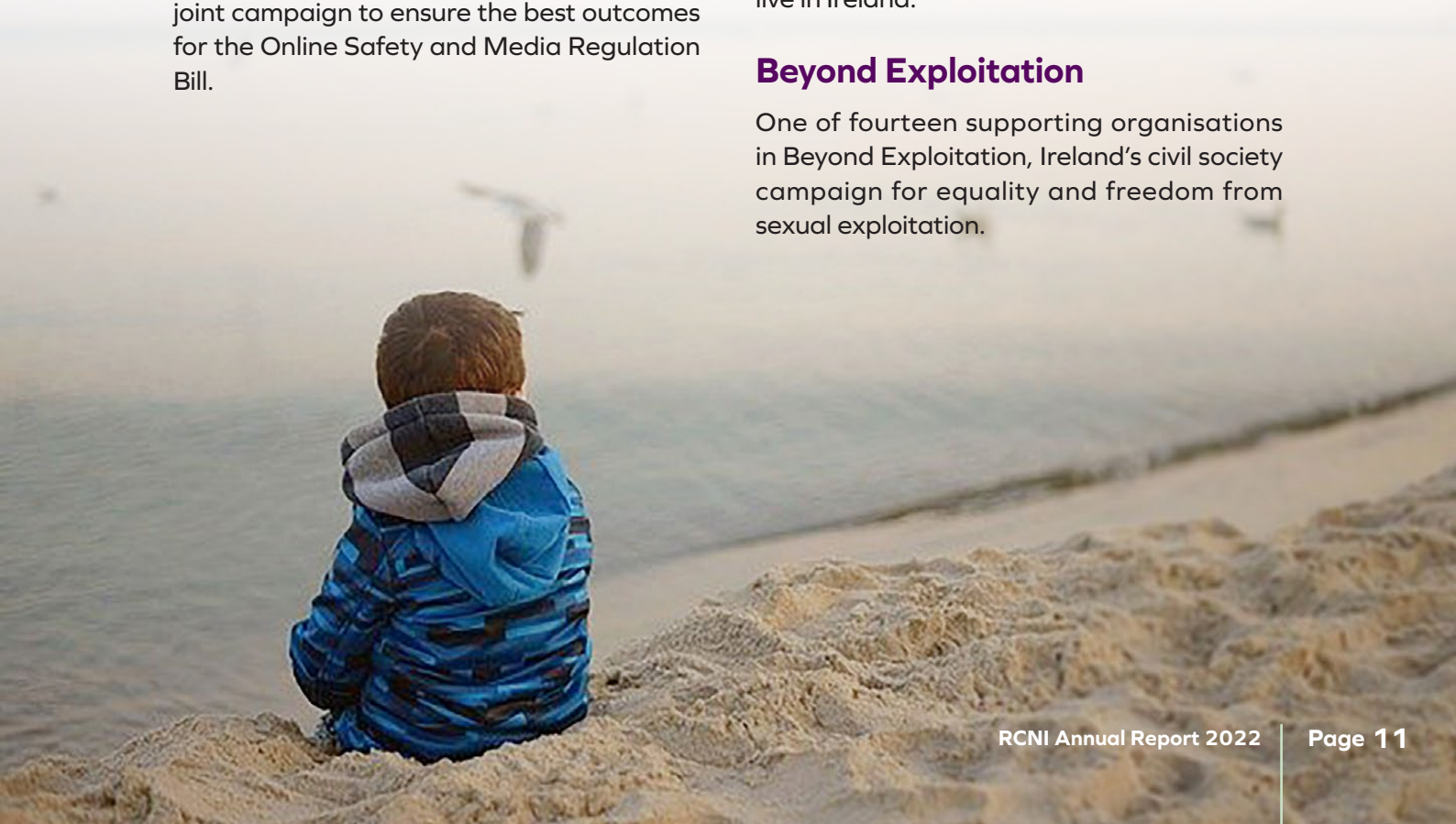
An Alliance of victim support and human rights organisations in Ireland formed with the goal of ensuring the Victim's Rights Directive is implemented in Ireland within the proposed time frame, with all victims of crime in mind.

National Advocacy Project

RCNI chaired this group of NGOs and State agencies that discuss the possibility of piloting an Irish National Advocacy Project, chairing of that meeting and follow up work. In 2022, we were informed the National Advocacy project pilot from the sector to bring equity of access to all survivors. We informed all participants and partners. It remains a priority for RCNI to bring equal access to all survivors no matter where they live in Ireland.

Beyond Exploitation

One of fourteen supporting organisations in Beyond Exploitation, Ireland's civil society campaign for equality and freedom from sexual exploitation.



Advisory/Consultations

- › Advisory Group on the Zero Tolerance: Third national strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence Communications.
- › O'Malley review the implementation plan led by the Department of Justice - 'Supporting a Victims Journey' RCNI worked on all three subgroups, Specialist Training, intermediaries and the Victims' Journey.
- › Central Statistics Office liaison group on the first national survey on sexual violence.
- › Delivering data for RCNI engagement with [Garda National Protective Services Bureau](#).
- › Higher Education Authority advisory group on the monitoring of the implementation of the Framework for Consent.
- › Sector Bodies' work on [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure](#) (CASP).
- › Worked with Fair Plé to develop guidelines regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence relating to the traditional music sector.
- › Worked with Student societies in third level to develop a guide to supporting survivor disclosure, peer groups and activism.
- › Protect II Project Advisory Group meetings.
- › Night Time Economy Advisory Group meetings.
- › Crisis Pregnancy Agency programme for young people Be4youdecide.
- › Foróige education programme for children and youth.
- › Alcohol Forum: working group re: GBV webinars. Including providing the keynote in their webinar on sexual violence as part of their series on alcohol harm.
- › Participating and contributing to the various interagency working groups developing policy and infrastructure to implement the Framework for Consent for HEIs.

Input expertise, statistics and evidence into

- › The European Inclusion Summit (EIS) disability research,
- › European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- › European parliament survey on Covid Impact on DSGBV and Istanbul Convention
- › Childrens' Rights Alliance Annual Report Card
- › WAVE annual country report.

European and International Partnerships

- › **European Women's Network against Sexual Violence**
Board member.
- › **European Network - Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)**
Sexual violence specialisation and primary prevention working group.
- › **The Nations Group**
Liaison and shared learning with sexual violence specialists across the UK and Ireland.

Funding and Staffing

Funding is and always will be central to the work and impact of our organisation. In 2022, more than ever specialist sexual violence services needed secure funding. Alongside the critical funding from the SSNO fund, we are very grateful to the Department of Justice for the continued funding of our core work. One-off projects this year received funding from Rethink Ireland.

Directors and Other

Directors
Ms. Miriam Duffy
Ms. Vera O'Leary
Ms. Grace McArdle
Ms. Anne Scully
Ms. Loretta Brosnan McDonagh

Secretary Ms. Lorraine Quigley

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Company Number 363350

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Galway

Schedule of Attendance 2022

Board member	Board meetings attended (11 total)
Vera O'Leary	11
Clíona Saidléar	11
Anne Scully	9
Loretta McDonagh	8
Miriam Duffy	9
Grace McArdle	11

Accounts Summary

Rape Crisis Network Ireland CLG Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	2022 €	2021 €
INCOME	295,462	423,175
Administrative Expenses	(373,130)	(422,892)
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(77,668)	283
DEFERRED (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(77,668)	283

The income and excess of income over expenditure relate to continuing operations as no businesses were acquired or disposed of in 2022 or 2021.

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

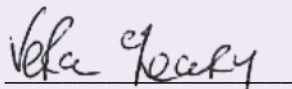
Rape Crisis Network Ireland CLG

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	2,665	3,357
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		66,530	118,817
Trade and other receivables	9	-	50,300
		66,530	169,117
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	10	7,599	33,211
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		58,931	135,906
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		61,595	139,263
REPRESENTED BY:			
Unrestricted Funds		6,791	94,492
Restricted Funds		54,804	44,771
TOTAL FUNDS			
	12	61,595	139,263

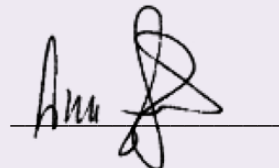
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the and authorised for issue on the

They were signed on its behalf by:



Director

Date: 21 June 2023



Director

Date: 21 June 2023

**Survivors from the following Rape Crisis Centres
are included in this report.**

To donate to your local Rape Crisis Centre select the
button beside the Centre you wish to donate to.

**Carlow & South Leinster Rape Crisis
& Counselling Centre**

 **1800 727 737**

Donegal Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre

 **1800 448 844**

Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre

 **1800 633 333**

Mayo Rape Crisis Centre

 **1800 234 900**

Rape Crisis Midwest

 **1800 311 511**

Rape Crisis North East

 **1800 212 122**

Waterford Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre

 **1800 296 296**

Donate to Rape Crisis Network Ireland

For information on sexual violence services and supports in all
16 Rape Crisis Centres in Ireland: www.rapecrisishelp.ie



Carmichael House,
North Brunswick Street,
Dublin 7

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www.rcni.ie

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An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



An Roinn Leanáí, Combhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth



Statutory funding for all RCCs comes predominantly through
Tusla: The Child and Family Agency. All Centres fundraise also.

RCC contact details for support or donations: www.rapecrisishelp.ie