



KERRY RAPE & SEXUAL ABUSE CENTRE

Annual Report 2019



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Organisational Details

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Charity Regulatory Authority No: 20027155

Company Registration No: 358498

Year established: 1992

The main object for which the Company is established is to provide counselling, education, training, information, and support for survivors of sexual violence and their families.



Established in 1992 Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (KRSAC) is a unique support, advocacy and information service for all female and male survivors and young people aged 14 and over who have experienced sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.

Our main objectives are to reduce the distress and suffering of people affected by sexual violence through the provision of support and information, and to increase awareness of sexual violence and its impacts within the wider community. To deliver these objectives, we provide a range of trauma-informed support services for survivors of sexual violence, including short-term and longer-term support, advocacy, Garda and Court accompaniment, outreach, group support and services for supporters, awareness, and education programmes.

The centre is open Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm

For any queries please ring our Freephone number 1800 633 333 or call in to the Centre.

Counselling is provided by professionally accredited counsellors.

Chairperson's Report 2019

The 2019 Annual Report of the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre ("the Centre") outlines the activities undertaken at the Centre during the year. The Report also includes a summary of the financial affairs of the Centre.

The service to victims of sexual violence, and their families, is increasingly busy. Sincere thanks are extended to the excellent leader of the Centre, manager Vera O'Leary, and the dedicated staff of the Centre who continue to provide a professional and caring service to their clients.

In January it was announced that our Chairperson Carol Anne Coolican had been called to the District Court bench for the Dublin area, unfortunately the Centre this required a relocation and her resignation from the Board. Carol Anne has been a pillar of strength for the board with over 10 years of service and we will miss her sound advice and legal mind. We also said goodbye to Deirdre Kearins and Kate Joyner, and we wish them well in their future endeavors.

Following the three vacancies we were extremely lucky to find three new board members, Mary Corkery, Barrister at Law and Lecturer at IT Tralee, Catriona Py-Collins, Marketing Consultant and Frances Clifford, Manager of Kerry Citizens Advice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for joining and acknowledge their already extremely positive engagements.

The Board approved a Strategic Plan in 2018 and in 2019 completed one objective of creating the position of "Education Coordinator" this role should be filled early in 2020 and will see a new staff member take responsibility for educational outreach across schools, businesses and local community groups. While this role is funded for two full years thanks to the Ring of Kerry Charity it is hoped that it will become self-financing into the future.

Eddie Doherty, Treasurer of the Board worked tirelessly and effectively behind the scenes to keep the Centre's finances in order. I would like to thank him for that and for attending multiple meetings with TUSLA and by the Charity Regulator.

The Centre's policies continued to be reviewed and updated throughout 2019.

Many thanks to the Centre's Manager Vera O'Leary for her unending drive and commitment to the staff and the clients of the Centre. With Vera's expert guidance the staff continue to provide a high quality, professional and caring service to the Centre's clients. The Board recognises and appreciates the unstinting dedication of Vera and the staff of the Centre. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the input of the Centre's representative on the Board. Their contribution is much valued. As my first full year as Chairperson of the Board of Directors I would like to personally thank Vera for her patience, approachableness, and considerate guidance as I have settled into the role.

Sincere thanks to the Board members for their time, expertise, and support which they have extended to me, and the staff of the Centre.

Ben Slimm (Chairperson)

March 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019

Ben Slimm (Chairperson), Eddie O' Doherty (Deputy Chair, Financial Director), Barry O' Rourke Brid Mc Elligott, Denise Griffin, Michael Joyce, Mark Corkery, Caitriona Py Collins, Frances Clifford.

(Resignations; Carol Ann Coolican, Deirdre Kearins.)

Dates of Board Meetings which took place in 2019.

- ***15th January***
- ***19th February***
- ***4th April***
- ***5th May***
- ***11th June***
- ***10th September***
- ***31st October***
- ***26th November***

Centre Manager's Report 2019

2019 has been as busy as previous years. We continue to respond to a growing number of survivors and provide a range of services to meet the needs of survivors, their families, and the community.

The cost of running the services is greater than the funding received. That means we continue to be dependent on the generosity of the public and other donors to be able to respond to the growing demand for the services provided by the Centre. We appreciate all the individuals and groups who continue to raise funds on our behalf.

We were delighted to be once again chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle. This wonderful fundraiser raised much needed funds and generated an awareness of the services provided by the Centre.

We continue to work with Tulsa as our main funder and their support and belief in our work enables us to continue responding to so many survivors.

We were honoured to be invited by the Chief Supt of the Kerry Garda to launch the new Protective Services Unit. This unit delivers a consistent and professional approach to the investigation of sexual crime, human trafficking, child abuse and domestic abuse. The number of reports made to the Garda continue to increase.

Our services extend beyond our therapeutic service. In 2019 we responded to over 1,400 helpline calls and spent 34 days providing Court & Garda accompaniment.

We also continued to deliver The Manuela Programme to many young people in the Kerry region and teachers were trained in the delivery of this worthwhile programme. It is a 12 hour, comprehensive, evidence informed education programme particular to sexual violence prevention with both learning and evaluation as integral parts of the delivery.

I want to acknowledge the hard work, passion, and dedication of our committed and expert staff throughout the year. Their stamina and energy are often tested, but never fails. I also wish to extend sincere thanks to our Chairperson, Ben Slimm and all the Board for their commitment, support and assistance to me and the team. The Board is committed to maintaining the highest standards of good governance and is has been preparing for compliancy with the Charities Governance Code for 2020. We were sad at the departure of some of our Directors who had served for over 11 years but fortunate that we recruited new directors.

Together, board, volunteers, staff & funders, will continue to work to accomplish our key objectives, providing healing and support to the victims of sexual violence, ensuring the rights of those victims in their journey through the justice system and working to eliminate the tolerance of sexual violence in our society.

*Vera O'Leary
Manager
March 2020*

Client Writings 2019

A powerful poem written by a client.....

From Letter to my Love

A Listening Job

*You spend your day listening to others
A pious vocation in these impious times
Litanies of pain and suffering
Are laid bare in your parlour
How do you endure
What is your secret
Tell me please for I need your steadiness
I need to be ready for a new life
A new beginning without a wife
For she is dead now
And I am in dread now
I fear the future without her wistful smile
Visiting me once in every short while
Will talking with you make me see reason
And gain succour to survive another season
Please lend me you ear
So that I may listen to my own heart
Listen to the love that flows
Sundering today's reality
To create a new loving future
With my very own self
Renewed and forgiven*

Feedback received from a Client

“Thank you all for providing the service, it took me forty years to face up to what was eating away at me and making me so unhappy. I could not have done it without you. Thank you “

Awareness & Training 2019

Collaborative Projects

A training event in relation to the “Domestic Violence Act 2018” took place on the 21st of March in the Meadowlands Hotel. This training event was organised by Adapt Kerry, with collaboration from both Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre and Rape Crisis Network Ireland.

Caroline Counihan Legal Policy Director of the Rape Crisis Network Ireland facilitated this training session. Ms. Counihan provided a very comprehensive training regarding the Domestic Violence Act 2018

Other speakers on the day included the Garda Protective Services Unit, Vera O’ Leary Manager of KRSAC & Sgt. Fidelma O’Leary from the Garda Victims Support Office.

This was attended by representatives from Community Voluntary sector & the Statutory sector.



(Left to right; Catherine Casey Manager Adapt Kerry, Caroline Counihan Legal Policy Director of Rape Crisis Network Ireland, Fidelma O’ Leary Garda Victims Support Office.)

#Shareonething Campaign

In 2019 Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre and ADAPT Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Service joined forces with the National Collective of Community Based Women's Networks in South Kerry to highlight the 16 Days of Action for the elimination of violence against women and children.

The 16 Days of Action Campaign was an important opportunity to raise awareness and call for changes at an international, national and local level to make women and children safe from abuse.

The campaign ran from the 25th November (UN Day For the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10th December 2019 (International Human Rights Day).



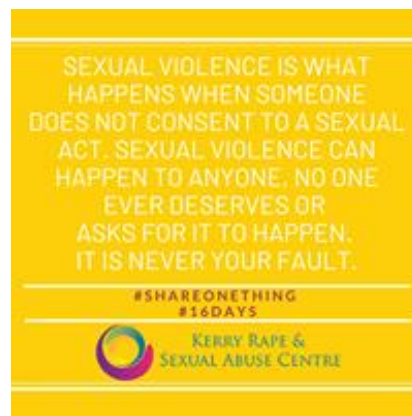
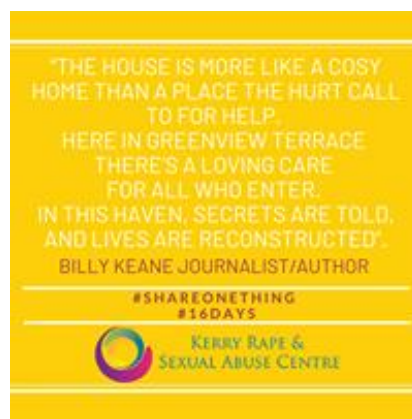
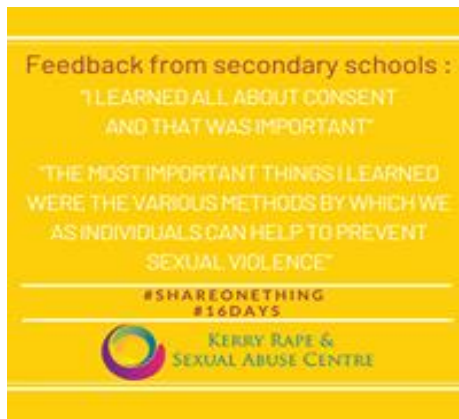
(Pictured above from left; Vera O' Leary Manager KRSAC, Cathy Mc Keefry Co-Ordinator NCCWN South Kerry, Catherine Casey Manager ADAPT)

#ShareOneThing is an innovative Social Media Campaign we developed here in Kerry. This Campaign asks you to support victims of domestic and sexual violence by sharing posts, posters and information over the 16 Days of Action.

Catherine Casey (Manager Adapt Kerry Women's Refuge) & Vera O'Leary (Manager Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre) who have over 25 years experiences of working with and supporting victims of domestic and sexual abuse believe that raising awareness of the issues facing victims and supporters is vital to tackling violence against women and children.

Communities, agencies & individuals can respond and assist victims by supporting this campaign and circulating information on the services here locally.

Please see below some of the posters which appeared on our Facebook page during the Campaign



Other Training & Awareness Delivered 2019

During 2019 we delivered training and awareness to a variety of Groups. These groups included the following:

- *Kerry County Council (Launch of Protective Services Unit)*
- *KETB – Teacher Training Programme*
- *Red Cross*
- *Killarney I.A.C.P. Therapists*
- *Psychiatric Nurse Students*

Cycle Against Suicide 2019



Cycle Against Suicide's main campaign for raising awareness in communities is their annual cycle which takes place each year. This year Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre took part in an awareness raising initiative at the Institute of Technology.

Garda unit set up to help investigate specialised crimes in Kerry



A garda unit has been set up to help investigate specialised crimes in Kerry. The Garda National Protective Services Bureau provides advice, guidance, and assistance to gardai investigating sexual crimes, child exploitation and domestic abuse intervention. The Kerry Garda Division now becomes one of only ten divisions with the specialised unit. Training for personnel attached to each of the units commenced in the Garda College on the 7th January 2019. Vera O'Leary of the Kerry Rape Crisis Centre who officially launched the Unit says the it will encourage victims to come forward and report in confidence.

Consent and Sexual Violence Prevention Education 2019 Year End Report

In 2019, The Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (KRSAC) continued its long history of providing sexual violence prevention education to young people, professionals, and community members. KRSAC provided consent and sexual violence prevention education to the community through the Manuela Programme in secondary schools; workshops for adult groups and professionals; a two-hour consent programme and numerous radio interviews and social media posts reaching a diverse population in our community. The education programmes delivered gave 445 youth, 31 teachers and 12 adult community members a safe and open space to develop a greater understanding of consent; examine attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours in regards to sexual violence; and empowered participants to contribute to a culture that supports healthy relationships, respect and equality.

The Manuela Programme in Secondary Schools

The main focus of education in 2019 was on delivering the Manuela Programme. The Manuela Programme was developed as a collaborative project between the Rape Crisis Network Ireland, the 16 Rape Crisis Centres in Ireland and the Manuela Riedo Foundation. The Manuela Riedo Foundation initiated this project in memory of Manuela Riedo, a seventeen -year old Swiss student who was sadly raped and murdered in Galway City in 2007.

The Manuela Programme is a six-lesson toolkit for educators that encourages 15-17 year olds to think critically about healthy relationships, boundaries, social media, consent and sexual violence prevention. The programme is very engaging and includes activities, videos and presentations. This innovative pilot project received funding through Tusla and the European Justice Commission to be delivered in secondary schools in Dublin, Wexford, Galway and Kerry from 2018 to 2020. To be selected as one of the four counties in Ireland to participate in this project is a brilliant acknowledgment of KRASC's expertise and over 20 years of dedication to education for young people in the community. In 2019, 12 secondary schools and 424 secondary students and 31 teachers participated in the Manuela Programme and teacher trainings in Kerry.

Manuela Programme Aims

Young people who participate in the programme will be able to:

- Demonstrate an enhanced knowledge of what constitutes sexual violence and its impact.*
- Identify influences and pressures on young people that can impact mental, emotional, and sexual health.*
- Recognize what constitutes a healthy or unhealthy relationship.*
- Challenge social norms that are tolerant of sexual violence.*

- *Develop attitudes that contribute towards equality.*
- *Make healthier choices in the context of influences in the world around them.*
- *Be knowledgeable about relevant support services and structures.*

An innovative aspect of the project is to train teachers to deliver the programme. The Manuela Project Worker delivers the programme with a teacher from the school and in 2019 a teacher training for the programme was also delivered to teachers in Kerry to allow peer to peer learning. Once teachers are trained, they can deliver the Manuela Programme to students which enables the sustainability and cost effectiveness of the programme. The programme is being evaluated by a team of experienced researchers from NUIG and the findings will be delivered at an event in April 2020 at Dublin Castle.

Teacher Participant Comments

"Student awareness and confidence around sexual issues like sexting, peer pressure, etc. has increased. Students have so vividly grown in confidence with their ability to talk about these issues over the 6 sessions."

Teacher Participant Comments

"Our project worker was excellent, serious, fun, open, honest, very clear. She provided a very safe environment. Thank you so much to the Manuela Foundation and a big thanks to the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre."

Consent and Sexual Violence Prevention Education in the Community

In addition to the Manuela Programme the KRASC provided consent and sexual violence prevention education to two organizations in the community reaching 21 youth and 12 adults. This was achieved through the delivery of a one-day workshop for adults and a two-hour sexual consent programme for youth.

The workshops defined sexual violence, provided information regarding the law in Ireland and gave participants the opportunity to discuss scenarios that were relevant to their lives or work. All participants received handouts including information explaining sexual consent and a list of phone numbers for support if someone has experienced sexual violence or is supporting a friend or family member who has experienced sexual violence.

Community Sexual Consent Programme Aims:

- *To raise awareness around sexual violence and to give accurate information*
- *To discuss the issues around consent, choice and peer pressure*
- *To promote prevention of sexual crimes by educating people of all ages around roles and responsibilities while equipping and empowering them to respond safely and appropriately*

- *To inform people of the services offered by Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre and the benefit of getting help and support in any difficult situation.*

Teacher Participant Comments

"This just put together everything I've been trying to learn and put together myself for the last 2 years. It has clarified so many issues and underlined for me as RSE Co-ordinator the urgency around implementing this."

Student Participant Comments

"I have learned that you have to have consent no matter what and when someone says no you have to respect their answer."

Conclusion

In 2019, KRASC worked to reduce misinformation and confusion around sexual consent and empower individuals to create healthy relationships, safe communities, and reduce the rates of sexual violence in Ireland. Feedback from the 445 youth, 31 teachers and 12 adults who participated in KRASC Consent and Sexual Violence Prevention Programmes was overwhelmingly positive and highlights the importance for education for people of all ages in our community. When students were asked to think about why sexual violence exists they consistently said that there is not enough education in schools and society around this topic and they expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about negotiating sexual consent, healthy relationships and preventing sexual violence. KRASC appreciates the schools and organisations in Kerry that have collaborated with KRASC in providing sexual violence prevention programmes to secondary students in the last year.

Student Participant Comments

*"I am glad I participated in the programme because it educated me on an important topic. I now know if you are going out with someone every time you must ask for consent.
The facilitator knew her stuff."*

Please contact the Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre should you have queries in relation to education for youth, professionals, and Community Groups.

Fundraising Initiatives 2019

Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle



The Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre were delighted to have been chosen as one of the main beneficiaries for the 2019 Ring Of Kerry Charity Cycle which was held on Saturday the 6th of July.

On Friday night, the 11th of October a cheque presentation took place at the Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney. The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2019 raised a total of €1,112,000 The charity cycle is now by far the largest one- day fundraising cycle in Ireland and is fast becoming one of the largest in Europe. The cycle attracts cyclists from over 20 different countries that travel to the Kingdom each July to cycle the iconic scenic route but also to raise money for charity, luckily Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre being one of these chosen charities.



Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre would like to especially thank all of the cyclists who participated on our behalf and also to the volunteers who gave their time to make the cycle happen. It is through the generosity and goodwill of the cyclists and sponsors and the public that allows us to continue providing such a valuable service to the community. We would like to express sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this event a success and take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work put in by staff, volunteers, and board members involved with the centre and to say a big Thank You.



Cathal Walsh (PRO- ROKCC) Vera O'Leary (Manager) Bridget McGuire (Chairperson ROKCC) Mary Corkery (KRSAC Director) & Caitriona Py-Collins (KRSAC Director) at the Cheque presentation event



Other Fundraising Initiatives

Tralee Bridge Club

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who raised funds on our behalf.

All these donations make it possible for us to provide continued services for our clients. We

would also like to make a special mention to Tralee Bridge Club ♠♥♦♣ who held a fundraiser on our behalf.

Kerry Garda Black Tie Ball

Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre were delighted to be chosen as the main beneficiary of the Kerry Garda Division Black Tie Gala Ball which took place in the Killarney Oaks Hotel on the 4th of October.

We are very grateful to the Kerry Garda Division for choosing KRSAC as the beneficiary of the proceeds raised.





GARDA BALL: Announcing details of this year's Garda Ball Black Tie event were: Chief Superintendent Eileen Foster, Superintendent Flair Murphy, Vera O'Leary (Director of the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre), Detective Inspector Paul Kennedy, Sergeant Dermot O'Connell and James O'Connor (Killarney Oaks). Photo: Michelle Crean

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Director says funds will be a huge benefit to service

The Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre are this year's beneficiaries of the Kerry Garda Black Tie Gala Ball.

By Michelle Crean

Director of the service, Vera O'Leary, who has been at the helm of the centre for the last 27 years, says they are absolutely delighted to be nominated this year.

"We work very closely with the Garda especially the new Protective Services Unit," Vera told the Killarney Advertiser. "We're delighted to be nominated. We have a really strong working relationship with the Garda, it's very important for us to have a mutual understanding of different roles. These funds will go directly to crisis counselling services. For every €100 raised that will enable us to deliver an additional 2.5 hours of counselling sessions."

She added that historically there's been a low level of reporting abuse.

"Having that relationship with the Garda enables more of the clients to come forward and report and know that they're going to be treated in a respectful manner."

She added that there's been many changes to the service over the last 27 years, with younger people now more than ever needing help.

"Society has changed drastically over this time. Young people are becoming highly sexualised now. We deal with age 14 upwards. People are finding it easier to talk and hopefully every year more victims will come forward."

Gardai plan second annual gala ball

It's out of the blue uniforms and time to get into the glitzy gear for members of An Garda Síochána as details of this year's Garda Black Tie Gala Ball have been announced.

By Michelle Crean

The Killarney Oaks Hotel on Friday, October 4 is the place to be for a champagne and canapés reception from 6.30pm, followed by a five-course sit-down meal.

The event is open to the public with proceeds of this year's event going to the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre.

The Kerry Division of An Garda Síochána, under the direction of Chief Superinten-

dent Eileen Foster, are delighted to be hosting a Black Tie Gala Ball, explained Garda Gillian MacDon, who is helping to organise the event.

"Last year's Garda Ball was such a success that we had profits leftover which we donated to the Kerry Mountain Rescue and the Kerry/Cork Cancer Link Dots."

"This year we have chosen to nominate the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

as the beneficiary of our ball. All profits made from ticket sales for this year will go to this centre."

The would-be entertainers, The Bentley Boys Band, will have everyone on their feet after the meal, dancing into the night, she added.

The Kerry Garda Dress Parade used to be a yearly event spanning decades, and this year the Garda Division rescheduled it last year.

"Last year's ball was such a tribulation success so this year's gala ball is expected to be no different. We have fish docks spot prizes, kindly donated by many businesses in Kerry, and we will have a professional photographer on hand that night to capture all the glitz and glamour. All guests will then be given a professional photograph of themselves at the ball as a keepsake."

Tickets are priced at €70 each and are available from any of the Kerry Garda Black Tie Gala Ball committee members in any Garda Station in Kerry.

The Department of Education and Skills has confirmed that its Financial Support Services Unit is investigating financial matters at a Kilcummin school.

By Sean Moriarty

The Financial Support Services Unit helps schools comply with the law in terms of transparency, accountability and financial responsibility.

"As the Department's request, the Financial Support Services Unit has undertaken an examination of the school's accounts and a report on the matter is currently being considered by the Department," a Department of Education and Skills spokesperson told the Killarney Advertiser. "Manager appointed by the patron are in place to manage the school. The term of office for Boards of

Kilcummin school faces investigation

Management/Managers will discharge over on December 1, 2019."

The Department did not say why it was producing such a report, but the school falls under the patronage of the Bishop of Kerry. Currently there is no Board of Management at the school and its being run by a manager and a co-manager appointed by the Department. While there is nothing wrong with a school having an appointed manager, it is unusual and the Diocese of Kerry says it strives to have management boards in all its schools. It is not the case at Kilcummin.

"In relation to all the primary schools under the patronage of the diocese,

the aim is to have an active Board of Management in place. The practice of the appointment of a single manager to a school has been used occasionally in times of transition from one Board to the next," Mary Fagan, Director of Communications of the Diocese of Kerry, told the Killarney Advertiser.

"This is the case in relation to Scoil Náisiúnta Gille Cummin. A single manager was appointed by the Minister of Education and Skills to this school in 2016. A co-manager was appointed in 2018. It is envisaged that a new Board of Management will be appointed by December 1 along with all other schools."



Vera O'Leary, Director of the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre. Photo: Michelle Crean

60th Anniversary of Women Joining An Garda Siochana

THE Kerry Garda ball committee were delighted on Thursday to be able to present Vera O'Leary of the Kerry Rape Crisis Kerry with a cheque for €5,000 at a ceremony celebrating 60 years of women in An Garda Siochana.

The annual Garda Ball was held in the Killarney Oaks Hotel, earlier this month where the local Gardaí nominated a local charity to benefit from proceeds of a special raffle on the night.



Standing L – R: Garda Eilish Cronin Tralee; Sgt Lynda Brosnan, Dingle; Garda Gillian MacEoin, Killarney and Garda Aideen Ryan, Tralee

Front L – R: Assistant Commissioner Anne-Marie McMahon, Southern Region, Vera O'Leary & Chief-Superintendent Eileen Foster, Kerry

Staff Profile

Name	Experience	Role
<i>Vera O’Leary</i>	<i>Nurse/ Midwife & Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Manager/Counsellor</i>
<i>Sinead Kavanagh</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Bernie McCarthy</i>	<i>Psychiatric Nurse & Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Alice Kavanagh</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Brendan Roantree</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Noelle O’Connell</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Melissa Cournane</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Caroline Fennell</i>	<i>Dip in Business Studies</i>	<i>Administrator/funding</i>
<i>Betty Garnett</i>	<i>Accredited Counsellor</i>	<i>Counsellor</i>
<i>Kelly Hartnett</i>	<i>BA Youth & Community Studies (CE Placement)</i>	<i>Administrator</i>
<i>Kristy Mc Fetridge</i>	<i>Schools Programme/MRF Project Manager</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>

List of Funders:

- *Tusla – Child & Family Agency*
- *Donations and Fundraisers including Ring of Kerry charity Cycle*
- *HSE (National Lottery) & Social Inclusion*
- *St Patrick's Cathedral*
- *Fransicans*



Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre supporting the "Darkness into Light Campaign2 in aid of Pieta House which took place on the 11th of May 2019

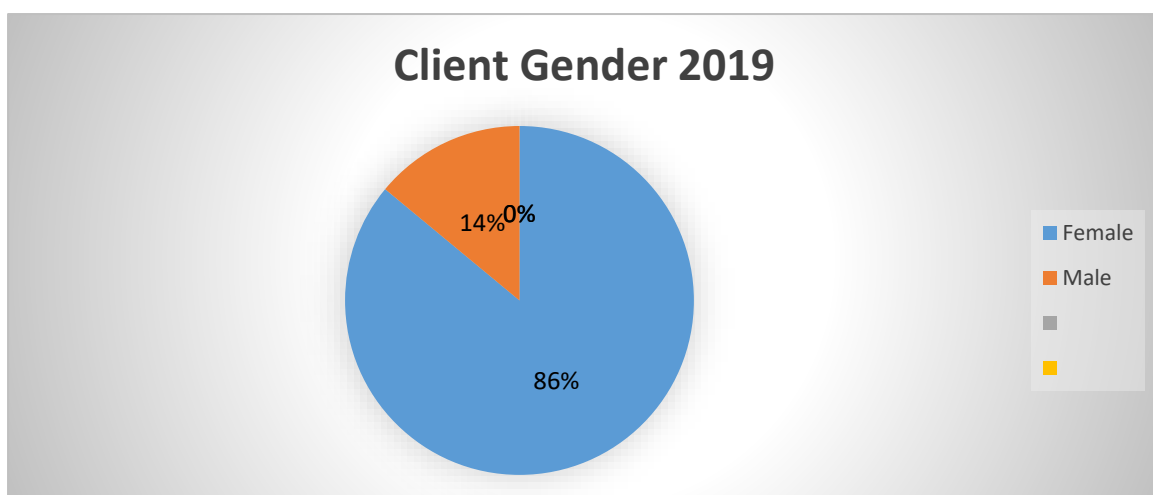
Representation:

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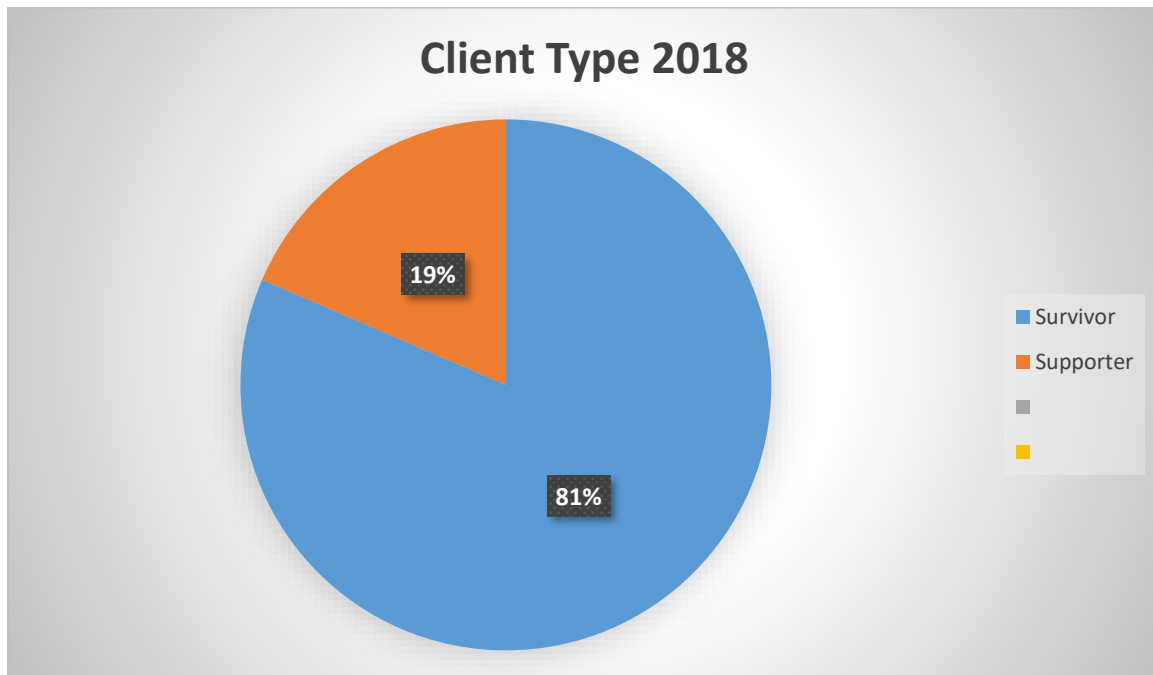
- *Rape Crisis Network Ireland*
- *Kerry Traveller Network Development Group*
- *The Ethics Committee -ITT*
- *South West Counselling Centre – Board of Management*
- *Kerry Adolescent Counselling Service – Board of Management*
- *National Women’s Council*
- *Tralee International Resource Centre*
- *Tusla Meitheal Working Group*
- *West Cork Working Group*

Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre Statistics 2019

In 2019 the Centre provided 2,255 appointments and there were over 243 clients availing of face to face counselling, 19 of these Clients were under the age of 18. The Centre saw 160 New Clients in 2019. There were 198 survivors, 176 were female survivors and 22 were male survivors. In 2019, we had 209 female clients and 34 male clients attending the Centre. The Centre had 45 supporters attending, 33 were female and 12 were male. The abuse began as young as 2 years of age. 99% of all perpetrators were male.



The above pie chart illustrates that 86% of the clients seen in 2019 were female and 14% were male.



The above chart illustrates that 81% of clients seen in 2019 were survivors and 19% were supporters.

Appointments 2019

In 2019, there were 2,255 were provided to clients.

Helpline 2019

We received 1,418 calls to our helpline.

1,024 survivor calls, 956 were female and 68 were male

98 supporter calls, 87 were female and 11 were male

286 Professional Calls

Unknown/Other (gender unknown) due to nature of call i.e silent, hang up

Accompaniments 2019

In 2019 the Centre provided 15 days of court accompaniment; this was an invaluable service to the clients who required support throughout the court proceedings. It is vital that victims/survivors are supported during this time. 18 days of Garda accompaniment were provided by the centre to clients. Garda accompaniment is a critical part of our response and it is vital that victims/survivors are responded to in a non- judgemental and supportive manner, giving information, suggesting options but always allowing the victim to decide what course of action to take.

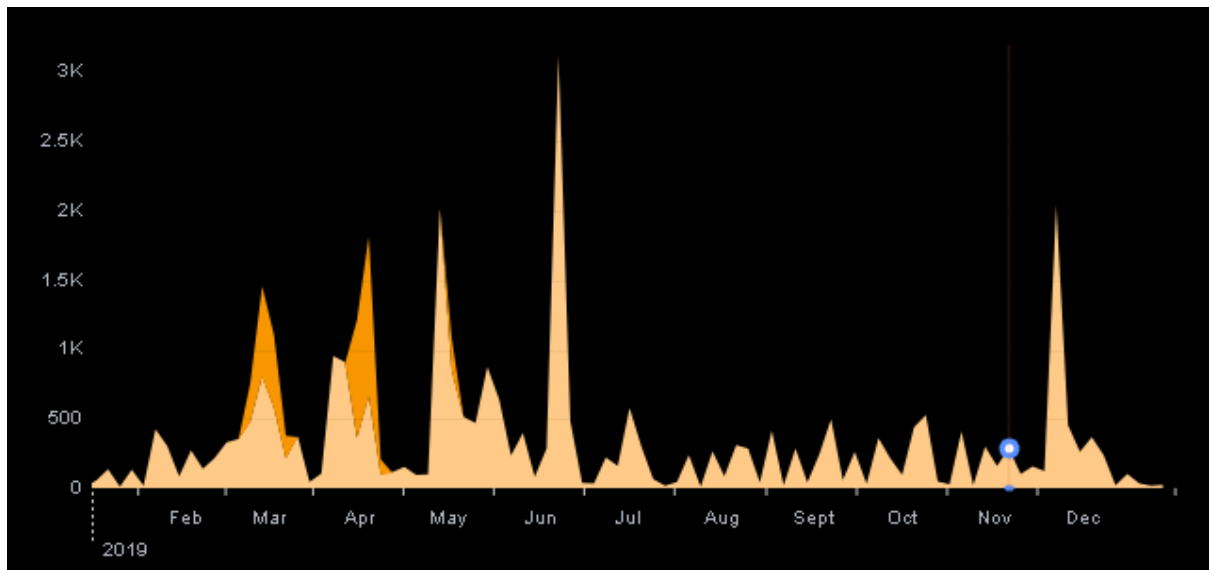
Professional Calls 2019

The Centre received over 286 telephone calls in 2019 from external organisations such as Guards, legal services, Social Workers, other Counselling services etc., these professionals made contact with Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre on behalf of service users, inter agency groups seeking information and referrals.

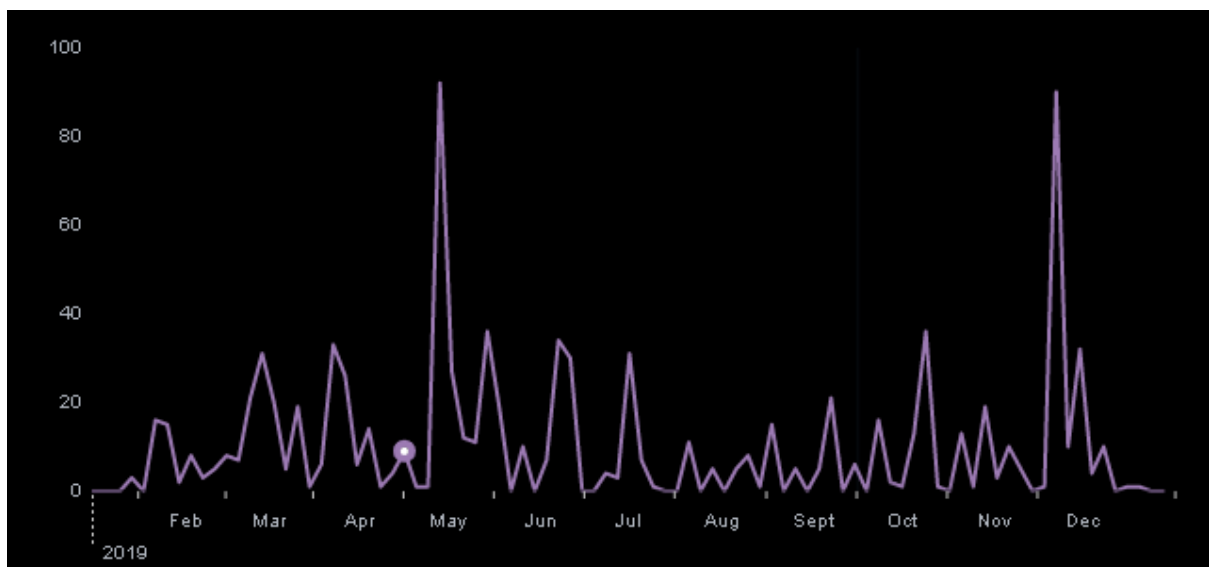
Facebook Activity in 2019

Total engagement on our Facebook page –





Facebook Overall Monthly Activity 2019



Facebook Overall Reactions, comments, shares of 2019

Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre Website Statistics

In 2019 we had a total of 8,998 daily page engaged users to our site.

Legal Status

The Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre is a registered company limited by guarantee and has charitable status.

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