

VICTIMS OF CRIME OFFICE FUNDING SCHEME, 2016



SUMMARY OF 2016 EVALUATION AND 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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1. Executive Summary

The Victims of Crime Office allocated a total of €1,462,000 across 54 Community and Voluntary Sector organisations in 2016. A listing of funding allocated is enclosed at Appendix A.. The funded organisations spent €1,441,833 in total in 2016. With this funding those services assisted 17,012 victims of crime. Some small surpluses were carried over from 2015 and some organisations did not spend the total allocated to them in 2016.

There are five categories of projects funded:

- General crime including victims of homicide, tourist victims of crime and missing persons (11)
- Domestic violence (32)
- Sexual violence (4)
- Counselling (5)
- Projects relating to children (2)

General crime projects

- Total cost of projects in this sector: **€558,074.30**
- Accounted for 38.7% of total funding spent
- Accounted for 11 projects
- Average cost per project: €50,734
- Staff salaries amounted to €281,035 (50% of the total spent in this sector)
- Staff salaries and staff expenses amounted to €305,045 (55% of the total spent)
- Employed the equivalent of 7.37 full time staff
- Had 257 volunteers working on the projects
- The costs of volunteers amounted to €74,422 (13% of the total spent in this sector)
- €160,973 or 29% of total was spent on accommodation, overheads and other costs
- Helped 9,466 victims (of which 4,129 called the Crime Victims Helpline)
- Average cost of **€58.96 per victim** per year

Domestic Violence projects

- Total cost of projects in this category: **€560,311.13**
- Accounted for 38.9% of total funding spent
- Accounted for 32 projects
- Average cost per project €17,510
- Staff salaries amounted to €443,446 (79.1% of the total spent in this sector)
- Staff salaries and expenses amounted to €475,378.81 (84.8% of the sector costs)
- Employed the equivalent of 22.23 full time staff
- Had 51 volunteers working on the projects
- Volunteer costs amounted to €17,842.54 (3.18% of the total spent in this sector)
- €58,286.28 was spent in total on accommodation, overheads and other costs, 10.4% of the total funded
- Helped 5,535 victims
- Average cost of **€101.23 per victim** per year

Sexual violence projects

- Total cost of projects in this category: **€179,647**
- Accounted for 12.28% of funding spent
- Accounted for 4 projects (one project is the Rape Crisis Network, Ireland)
- Average cost per project €44,912
- Staff salaries amounted to €129,677 (72% of the total spent in this sector)
- Staff salaries and staff expenses amounted to €131,010 (73% of the total spent)
- Employed the equivalent of 2.5 full time staff
- Had 91 volunteers working on the projects.
- No Victims of Crime Office funding was spent on volunteers in this sector.
- €42,563 was spent on accommodation, overheads and other costs 23% of the total spent
- Helped 772 victims
- At an average cost of **€232.70 per victim** per year

Counselling projects

- Total cost of projects in this category: **€60,000**
- Accounted for 4.1% of total funding spent
- Accounted for 5 projects
- Average cost per project €12,000
- Staff salaries amounted to €52,500 (87.5% of the total spent in this sector)
- Employed the equivalent of 0.5 full time staff members
- Had 139 volunteers working on the projects
- Volunteer costs amounted to €3,412.21 – 5.6% of the total spent in this sector
- €3,527.79 was spent on accommodation, overheads and other costs
- Helped 1,036 victims
- Average cost of **€57.92 per victim** per year

Childrens' projects

- Total Cost of projects in this category: **€83,800**
- Accounted for 5.7% of funding spent
- Accounted for 2 projects
- Average cost per project €41,900
- Staff salaries amounted to €65,800 (78.5 % of the total spent in this sector)
- Staff salaries and staff expenses amounted to €70,800 (84.5% of the total spent)
- Volunteer costs amounted to €1,000 representing 1.1% of the total spent in this sector
- Employed the equivalent of 2.01 full time staff member
- One organisation had one volunteer working on the project
- One of the organisations works with staff only
- Helped 203 victims (figure includes parents and siblings)
- At an average cost of **€412.80 per victim** per year

2. Funding by sector

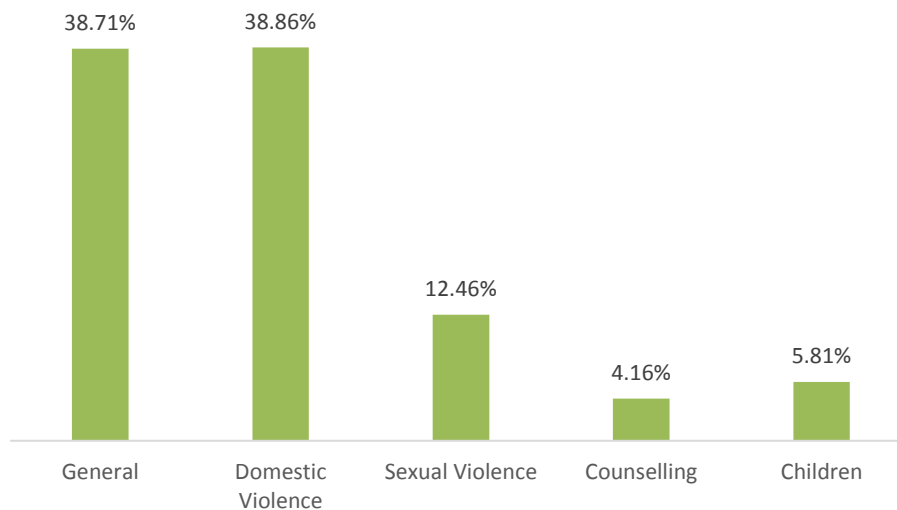


Figure 1. Percentage of total spending in sector by category

Of the total funding of €1,441,832.69 spent by the 54 community and voluntary sector organisations, 38.7% went to general crime groups including homicide, tourist victims of crime and missing persons, 38.9% went to domestic violence groups, 12.5% went to sexual violence, 4.2% went to groups who provide counselling to victims of crime and 5.8% went to childrens' groups.

Table 1. Breakdown of total spending per category

Sector	Total Cost per Sector (€)	No of Projects	Average Cost per Project (€)	% Cost of Total
General	558,074.30	11	50,734.03	38.71%
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	32	17,509.72	38.86%
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	4	44,911.81	12.46%
Counselling	60,000.00	5	12,000.00	4.16%
Children	83,800.00	2	41,900.00	5.81%
Total	€1,441,832.69	54	€26,700.61	

3. Average cost per project

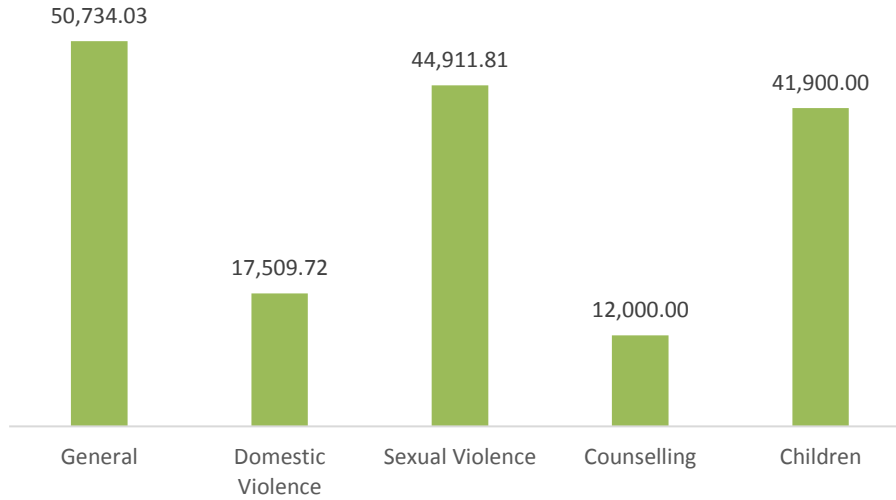


Figure 2. Average cost per project in each category

The average cost per project was €50,734 in the general crime sector ranging from €129,001 for Support After Crime to €3,810 for Le Cheile. The average cost per project in the Domestic Violence sector was €17,510. The average cost for sexual violence projects was €44,912. The Rape Crisis Network Ireland ran one project for its network of 16 centres at a cost of €44,647. The average cost per project in the Counselling sector was €12,000. The two Children’s projects cost on average €41,900.

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4. Breakdown of costs by categories

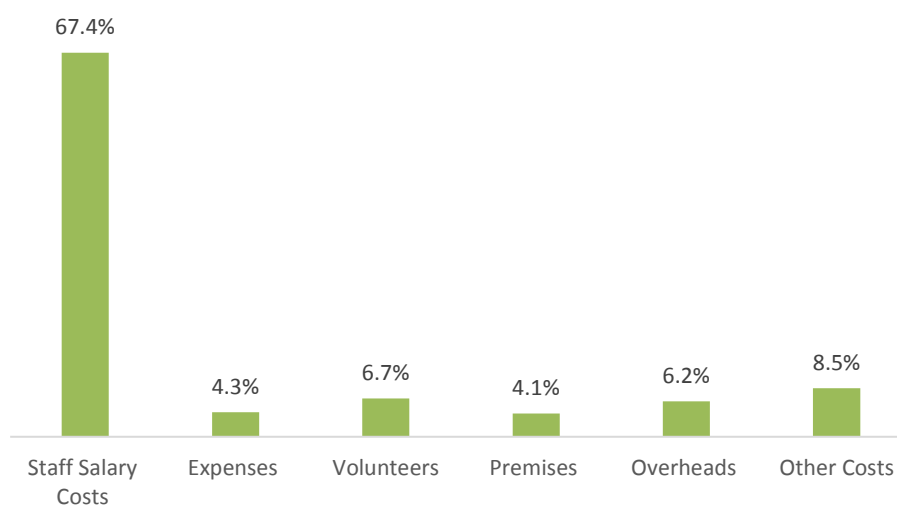


Figure 3. Percentage of total spent in sector by categories of spending

The categories of expenditure recorded (with overall average percentage in brackets) were: staff costs €972,458 (67.4%), staff expenses €62,775 (4.4%) volunteer costs €96,677 (6.7%), premises €60,262 (4.2%), overheads €89,502 (6.2%) and other costs €123,645 (8.5%).

Sector	Total Costs	Staff Salary Costs	Expenses	Premises	Volunteers	Overheads	Other Costs
General	558,074.30	281,035.56	24,010.07	34,766.00	74,422.81	56,473.42	69,733.44
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	443,446.18	31,932.63	11,330.21	17,842.54	25,944.59	21,011.48
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	129,677.00	1,333.00	8,929.00	0	4,084.00	29,550.00
Counselling	60,000.00	52,500.00	500	1,237.22	3,412.21	0	2,350.57
Children	83,800.00	65,800.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Total	€1,441,832.69	€972,458.74	€62,775.70	€60,262.43	€96,677.56	€89,502.01	€123,645.49

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5. Staff salary costs and staff expenses costs

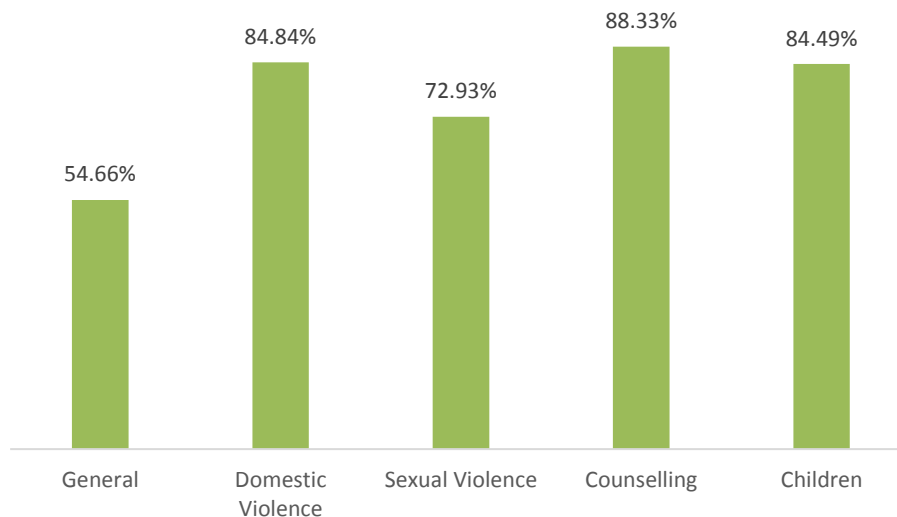


Figure 4. Percentage of total spending spent on staff in each category

Staff salaries costs amounted to €972,458.74 or 54.6% of the total spent by organisations. This is the highest cost in providing these services. In total there are 157 staff working in the various organisations. This the equivalent of 34.61 full time staff working at an average cost of €29,911.43. The greatest number of staff is in the Domestic Violence sector where they employ 83 staff. The average cost in this sector per full time equivalent was €21,385. Total staff costs are lowest in the Children sector at €70,800. However, they only employ 4 persons or the equivalent to 2 full time person.

Sector	Total Cost per sector	No of Projects	No of FTE Staff	Total Staff No.	Staff Salary Costs	Staff Expenses	Total Staff Salary Costs and Expenses	% Cost of Total	Average Cost of Staff
General	558,074.30	11	7.37	16	281,035.56	24,010.07	305,045.63	54.66%	41,390.18
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	32	22.23	83	443,446.18	31,932.63	475,378.81	84.84%	21,384.56
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	4	2.5	35	129,677.00	1,333.00	131,010.00	72.93%	52,404.00
Counselling	60,000.00	5	0.5	19	52,500.00	500	53,000.00	88.33%	26,500.00
Children	83,800.00	2	2.01	4	65,800.00	5,000.00	70,800.00	84.49%	35,223.88
Total	€1,441,832.69	54	34.61	157	€972,458.74	€62,775.70	€1,035,234.44		€29,911.43

Table 4. Breakdown of total spending on staff salary and staff expenses

6. Volunteer numbers and costs

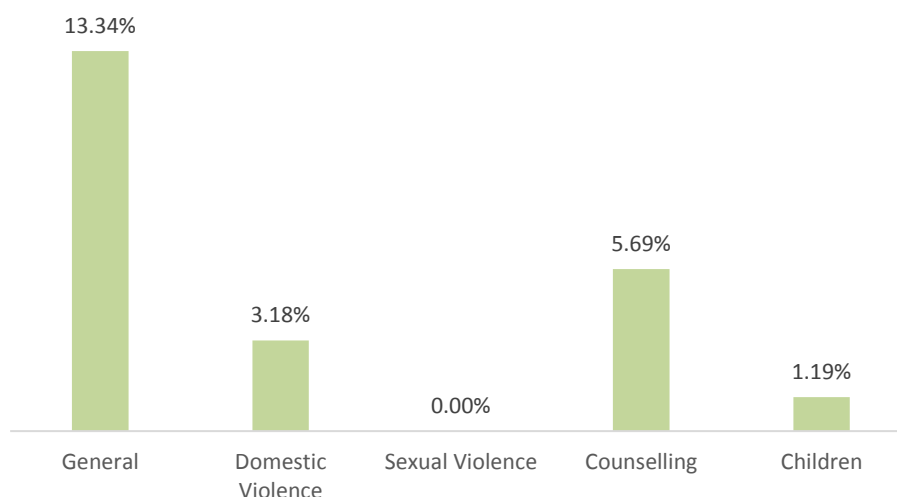


Figure 5. Percentage of total spent on volunteers in each category

There were a total of 564 volunteers engaged in work funded by the Victims of Crime Office in the organisations. 23 of the 54 funded organisations used volunteers. The total cost of volunteers was €96,677 that is 6.7% of the total spent by the funded organisations. The highest costs were in the General Crime sector at €74,422 or on average €289 per volunteer. The Domestic Violence sector followed at €17,842, costing €349 on average per volunteer. No Victims of Crime Office funding was used to pay volunteers costs in the Sexual Violence sector. Volunteer costs in the Children sector were €1,000, the average cost per volunteer being €38. Volunteer costs in the Counselling sector were €3,412, the average cost per volunteer being €25.

Sector	Total Cost per Sector	No of Projects	No of Volunteers	No of Projects which use Volunteers	No. of Projects which use staff only	Volunteer Costs	% Cost of Total	Average Cost of Volunteer
General	558,074.30	11	257	10	1	74,422.81	13.34%	289.58
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	32	51	6	26	17,842.54	3.18%	349.85
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	4	91	2	2	0	0.00%	0
Counselling	60,000.00	5	139	4	1	3,412.21	5.69%	24.55
Children	83,800.00	2	26	1	1	1,000.00	1.19%	38.46
Total	€1,441,832.69	54	564	23	31	€96,677.56		€171.41

Table 5. Breakdown of spending per volunteer numbers and costs

7. Volunteer and staff costs combined



Figure 6. Average spend per person working in sector, both paid and on a voluntary basis, in each category

Volunteers and staff combined costs were €1,131,912 (78% of total expenditure). The highest total costs were in the Domestic Violence sector at €493,221, which in total accounts for 134 personnel at an average spend of €3,680 per person. The lowest total costs were in the Counselling sector, which had a total of 158 personnel but at an average of €357 per person.

Sector	Total Cost per Sector	No of Projects	Volunteer Costs	Total Staff Salary Costs and Expenses	Total Volunteer and Staff Costs	% Cost of Total
General	558,074.30	11	74,422.81	305,045.63	379,468.44	68.00%
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	32	17,842.54	475,378.81	493,221.35	88.03%
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	4	0	131,010.00	131,010.00	72.93%
Counselling	60,000.00	5	3,412.21	53,000.00	56,412.21	94.02%
Children	83,800.00	2	1,000.00	70,800.00	71,800.00	85.68%
Total	€1,441,832.69	54	€96,677.56	€1,035,234.44	€1,131,912.00	

Table 6. Breakdown of total spending with volunteer and staff costs combined

8. Premises, overheads and other costs



Figure 7. Spend on premises, overheads and other costs as percentage of total spend

The overall expenditure on premises, overheads and other costs amounted to €273,409 or 16 % of the total funding provided by the Victims of Crime Office. The highest amount spent on premises was in the General Crime sector, costing €160,972 followed by the Domestic Violence sector costing €58,286 and then the Sexual Violence sector costing €42,563. A very small amount of €3,587 was spent by the Counselling sector while the Children sector spent €8,000 of their funding on premises overheads and other costs.

Sector	Total Costs	Premises	Overheads	Other Costs	Total	% Total
General	558,074.30	34,766.00	56,473.42	69,733.44	160,972.86	28.84%
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	11,330.21	25,944.59	21,011.48	58,286.28	10.40%
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	8,929.00	4,084.00	29,550.00	42,563.00	23.69%
Counselling	60,000.00	1,237.22	0	2,350.57	3,587.79	5.98%
Children	83,800.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	8,000.00	9.55%
Total	€1,441,832.69	€60,262.43	€89,502.01	€123,645.49	€273,409.93	

Table 7. Breakdown of total spending on premises, overheads and other costs

*Premises include rental, heating, lighting, repairs, maintenance

**Office overheads include postage, telephone, stationery, office machinery, website maintenance

***Other costs include management and supervision, auditors' fees, bank charge, legal fees, attending conferences, training, insurance

9. Number of victims helped



Figure 8. Total number of victims helped in 2016 in each category

A total of 17,012 victims were assisted by the 54 organisations. 9,466 were victims of General Crime, (4,129 were assisted by the Crime Victims Helpline and 2,146 were assisted by Support After Crime). 5,535 victims of domestic violence and 772 victims of sexual abuse were assisted. Counselling was provided to 1,036 victims of crime while 203 children and their families who were victims of crime were assisted by organisations funded by the Victims of Crime Office.

Sector	Total Costs (€)	Numbers of Victims helped
General	558,074.30	9,466
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	5,535
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	772
Counselling	60,000.00	1,036
Children	83,800.00	203
Total	€1,441,832.69	17,012

Table 8. Breakdown of total spending per victims helped

*This includes child victims' family members who were assisted

10. Cost per victim



Figure 9. Average cost per victim

The average cost per victim in total was €84.75. In the General Crime sector the average cost was €58.96. The low cost is accounted for by the low cost of assisting each victim who calls the Crime Victim Helpline and high numbers assisted by other organisations in the General Crime sector. The average cost per victim in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence sectors was €101 and €232 respectively. The Counselling sector cost €58 per victim and the cost per victim in the Children sector was €413.

Sector	Total Costs (€)	Numbers of Victims helped	Average Cost per Victim (€)
General	558,074.30	9,466	58.96
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	5,535	101.23
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	772	232.7
Counselling	60,000.00	1,036	57.92
Children	83,800.00	203	412.81
Total	€1,441,832.69	17,012	€84.75

Table 9. Breakdown of total spending per victims helped

11. Number of contact meetings



Figure 10. Average cost of contact meeting per victim

There were 57,457 contact meetings with victims recorded. In the case of some organisations these figures are estimated. The contacts mainly took the form of meetings but also included phone contacts. The number of contacts for each of the sectors are general 18,307 (31%), domestic violence 25,770 (44%), sexual violence 4,673 (8%), counselling 8,320 (14%) and childrens' services 387 (0.67%). The average number of contacts per victim for organisations varies from sector to sector, but overall victims were contacted or met three times on average. The average cost per contact meeting was €25 ranging from €7 in the Counselling sector to €216 in the Children Sector.

Sector	Total Costs (€)	Nos. helped where contacts recorded	No of Contact Meetings	Contacts % of total	Average No. of contacts	Average Cost per victim of Contact Meeting (€)
General	558,074.30	9,466	18,307	31.86%	2	30.48
Domestic Violence	560,311.13	5,535	25,770	44.85%	5	21.74
Sexual Violence	179,647.26	772	4,673	8.13%	6	38.44
Counselling	60,000.00	1,036	8,320	14.48%	8	7.21
Children	83,800.00	203	387	0.67%	2	216.54
Total	€1,441,832.69	17,012	57,457		3	€25.09

Table 10. Breakdown of total spending per meeting with victims

12. Referrals

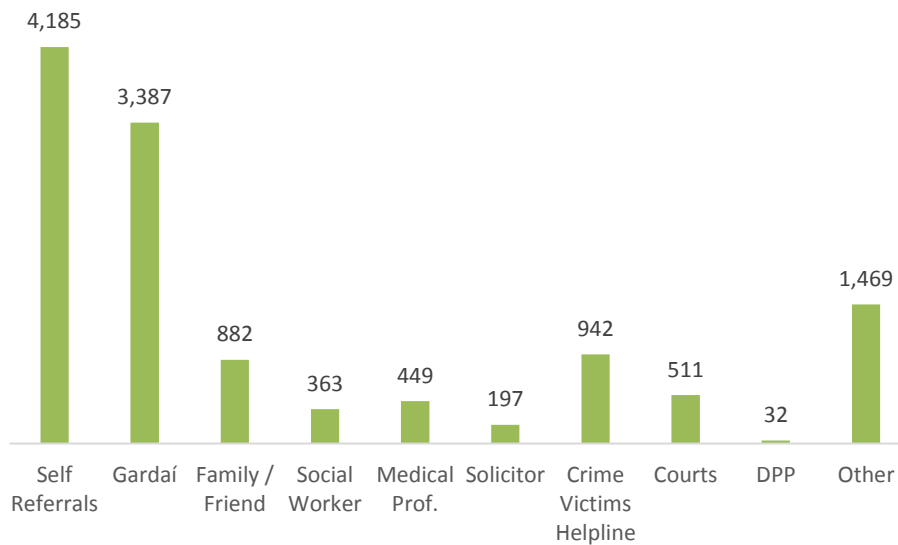


Figure 11. Source of recorded referrals

Out of the 17,012 victims helped, the source of referrals were received in respect of 12,417 victims (72% of the total assisted). Of these 4,185 (24%) were self-referrals. 3,387 (20%) were referred by the Gardaí. Family or friend referrals accounted for 882 (5.9%). The Courts referred 511 (3%). Social Workers referred 363 (2.1%), Medical practitioners referred 449 (2.6%). The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions referred 32 (.2%). Solicitors referred 197 (1.2%). The Helpline referred 942 (5.5%) to other organisations. 1,469 (12%) were referred by “others”. (* Includes Accord, Barnardos, Citizen Information Centres).

Sector	Total Number of Victims	Number of victims where referral info recorded	Number of victims where referral info not recorded	Percentage where referral info recorded
General	9,466	5,000	4,466	52.82%
Domestic Violence	5,535	4,845	690	87.53%
Sexual Violence	772	661	111	85.62%
Counselling	1,036	1,763	-727	170.17%
Children	203	148	55	72.91%
Total	17,012	12,417	4,595	72.99%

Table 11. Breakdown of referrals

13.Types of crime committed

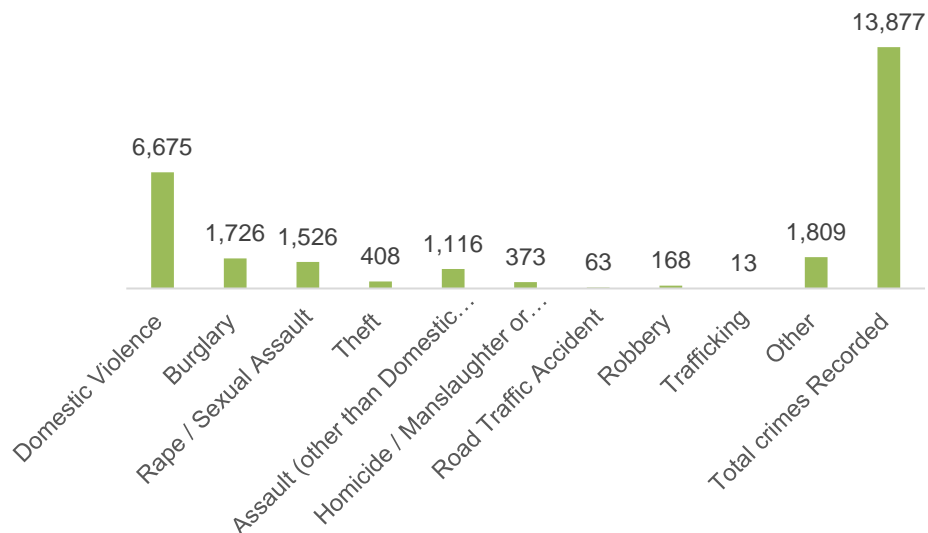


Figure 12. Documented incidences of crimes committed

In 2016, 13,877 incidents of crime were documented in the returns submitted by the organisations. 6,675 incidents of domestic violence (48% of the total) were dealt with by organisations funded by the Victims of Crime Office. Other crimes refer to reports of fraud, bullying in the workplace, arson and harassment. In some cases more than one type of crime would have been committed against the victim such as in the case of domestic violence where a victim may also have been sexually assaulted.

Offence	Domestic Violence	Burglary	Rape / Sexual Assault	Theft	Assault (other than Domestic or Sexual)	Homicide / Manslaughter or death from dangerous driving	Road Traffic Accident	Robbery	Trafficking	Other	Total crimes Recorded
Total	6,675	1,726	1,526	408	1,116	373	63	168	13	1,809	13,877
Total (%)	48.10%	12.44%	11.00%	2.94%	8.04%	2.69%	0.45%	1.21%	0.09%	13.04%	

Table 12. Number of incidences of crime documented by organisations receiving funding

14. Working with other organisations

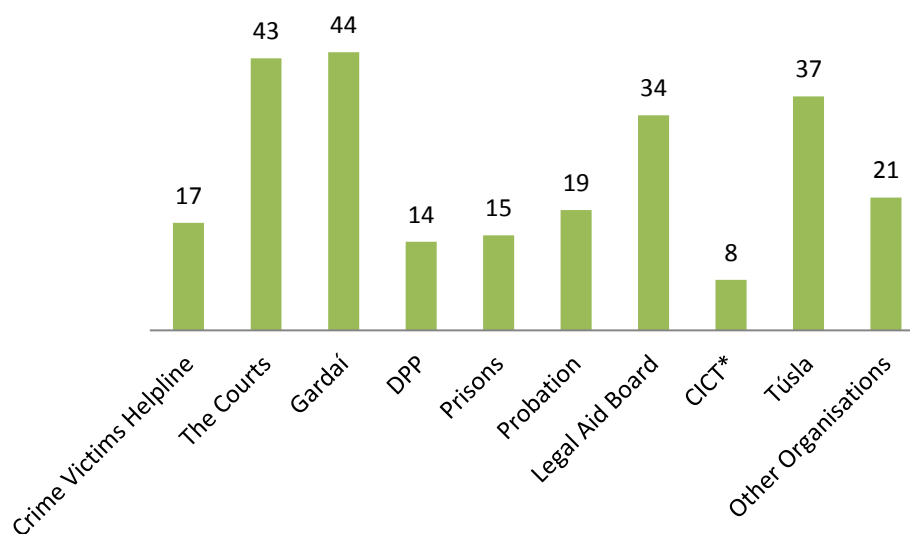


Figure 13: Percentage of funded organisations that reported working with the above organisations

The outside organisation that most groups reported working with in 2016 was An Garda Síochána with a total of 44 out a possible 50. This closely followed by the Courts at 43 groups. 21 groups worked with other bodies that included both state and some from the community and voluntary sector. On the state side this included Cosc, Family Support Agency (FSA), local authorities and the Legal Aid Board. While examples of the community and voluntary sector included groups such as St Vincent de Paul, SAFE Ireland, Citizens advice services, FLAC and MOVE Ireland.

	Crime Victims Helpline	The Courts	Gardaí	DPP	Prisons	Probation	Legal Aid Board	CICT*	Túsla	Other organisations
No. of funded projects	17	43	44	14	15	19	34	8	37	21
% of total	34	86	88	28	30	38	68	16	74	42

Table 13. Breakdown of outside organisations with whom funded groups worked

* Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal

15. Improving co-operation within the sector.

- Most of the organisations who commented said they would continue to work on their communications with other Victims of Crime Office funded agencies and statutory agencies in order to improve services for victims especially through the court process in order to ensure good practice responses.
- The Crime Victims Helpline organisation advised that it would conduct extensive outreach to other Victims of Crime office funded organisations including visits to the Victim Support, Victim Assistance and Support After Crime services' locations across the country. The provision of information to callers regarding all organisations is essential in the overall response provided to victims. Crime Victims Helpline continues to liaise and cooperate with each organisation as fully as possible.
- Adapt Kerry continue to offer court accompaniment where required and accommodation, if available, to clients of other domestic violence services funded by the Victims of Crime Office, such as clients who need to travel to County Kerry for court hearings. Adapt Kerry anticipate that this will be reciprocated by other services should the need arise for clients using their services, who need to travel to other court jurisdictions for hearings. Adapt Kerry also continue to work under the aegis of SAFE Ireland and to cooperate with fellow member services and the Victims of Crime Office to ensure the provision of better outcomes for victims of domestic violence.
- Kerry Women's Refuge & Support Services provide a range of supports to victims of domestic violence and their children. Court accompaniment is one of the key supports offered to the Service's clients. The court system can be daunting for clients and therefore the aim of the Service's court accompaniment support is to provide a continuum of support to clients as they engage with the courts
- Ascend, taking particular account of the Victims Directive, the intended new domestic violence legislation, the provisions of the Istanbul Convention and the establishment of Garda Victim Support offices intend to develop better information and cooperation with other victim support agencies funded by the Victims of Crime Office..

- The Barnardos Children's Bereavement Service intends to continue to offer professional consultation, guidance and advice to organisations and to community organisations nationally. In 2014, Barnardos began the process of offering training to agencies, designed specifically for their expressed needs. and continued to offer this service.
- Carlow Women's Aid, in experiencing a notable increase in the demand for its court accompaniment services is working actively with statutory and voluntary organizations to assist those seeking such services.
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (DVAS) intend to develop closer working relationship with the Gardaí and the Victims of Crime office. In the context of the new crime victims' legislation, DVAS have also drafted an aide memoire for the Gardaí informing them of the DVAS services to promote referrals of victims of domestic abuse to their service.
- Dublin 12 Domestic Violence Service continue to link with other DV services, Safe Ireland and statutory and community agencies in order to improve services for women especially through the court process in order to ensure best practice responses.
- Irish Tourist Assistance Service (ITAS) advise that due to the usual short-term nature of support offered by ITAS to visitors to the country who become victims of crime, there is often not a lot of scope for co-operation with other Victim of Crime Office funded organisations. However, ITAS liaise with other appropriate organisations where necessary and maintain a good working relationship with such organisations.
- Laois Domestic Violence Service has over the past 12 months successfully worked in collaboration with Carlow Women's Aid and Teach Tearmainn to provide accompaniments to their clients at Portlaoise District Court. The service intends to build on this success by consulting with these organisations in relation to enhancing the best possible service to their clients. It is likely that there will be a focus on refining handovers before and after the accompaniment, in order to achieve this improvement.

- Longford Women's Link will continue to work closely with the Gardaí & Courts Service. The organisation will also continue to liaise with solicitors in all family law practices with the aim of developing operational protocols as have been developed with the courts. Longford Women's Link will also continue to liaise with the Crime Victims Helpline in particular with a view to having clients referred to the service.
- Meath Women's Refuge work with and will continue to work closely with domestic violence services in the Tusla North East Region, including taking referrals for accompaniment and reciprocate by providing referrals to these agencies for court accompaniment. They are also members of the court user group which broadens the Service's profile.
- Mna Feasa regularly host interagency meeting and also will hold an official opening of their new offices shortly to which groups involved in the work of the sector will be invited. The Service continues to work with women who have experienced domestic violence and continues to liaise closely with the Courts, Garda and other bodies working in the domestic violence sector.
- Offaly Domestic Violence Service will continue on-going networking with other organisations funded by the Victims of Crime office over the next twelve months. The Service has also established excellent working relationships with other organisations who provide support and raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence.
- Rape Crisis Network Ireland will continue to further develop its modules in Garda Accompaniment and Court accompaniment related advocacy work particularly in conjunction with Dublin Rape Crisis Centre. The network expanded its legal updates work in 2015 to take account of new developments especially in criminal law and worked with other specialised support organisations across a range of fora.
- RCNI is also an active member of the Victims Rights Alliance, several of whose members are funded by the Victims of Crime Office and the network contributed to the Alliance's submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality in 2015. In addition, the Network ran a new training module in 2016 for staff and volunteers on the EU Directive on Victims of Crime,

including covering relevant domestic legislation and administrative arrangements. This is particularly relevant given rights under the Victims' Directive encompass all victims. Their specialised training material on sexual violence will be made available to other victim support organisations funded by the Victims of Crime Office.

16. Other comments submitted by funded groups

- Many of the organisations said that their accompaniment service continues to grow over the years and that the funding received from the Victims of Crime Office is essential in the provision of their service.
- Oasis House Women's Refuge Women receive feedback from clients that without their support both before, during and after court hearings, they would not have the confidence or the strength, or indeed often they would not know how to go about seeking protection through the courts.
- Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service (ODVSS) has seen another rise in the number of client contacts to the service in 2016. In particular the rise of the number of Court Orders that have been accessed by their clients. Over 90 applications for Court Orders were recorded for this period. Clients are extremely vulnerable and depend a lot on the support afforded to them by the support workers in ODVSS. In 2016, ODVSS have been alarmed at the level of violence against victims and the severity of the abuse is very worrying. Many clients are very fearful going through the Court process and may have no family support. ODVSS completes all the paperwork in relation to all Court Orders which has increased the workload for support workers.
- Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI) report that these are very challenging times for its clients. However, the evidence suggests that this has been a success story from the point of view of clients and the criminal justice system: RCN 2014 statistics show that numbers of clients reporting to the Guards continues at the same level as last year - (still 48% for those who suffered sexual violence as adults) but there is a clear and most welcome upward trend over the last few years, and RCNI feel that a major reason for this has been the availability of a cadre of confident, well-trained and well-informed specialised volunteers for the vital role of accompaniment.
- The Board of Victim Support at Court (V-SAC) are currently producing a strategic plan and work-stands to articulate and implement its objectives to expand to a truly national service, with the aim of ensuring that no victim of crime needs to through a trail unaccompanied.

- The Support after Crime organisation report that it is essential for the continuance of its service to have adequate state funding provided. With the increase in referrals envisaged as a result of the Garda victims offices being up and running, and the placing of victims' rights and entitlements on a statutory basis Support after Crime expects an increased demand for its services and will need appropriate funding in meeting this demand.
- The Federation for Victim Assistance Service advise that continuation of funding support from the Victims of Crime Office is essential in order for the service to continue to offer support to victims of crime and victims of traumatic incidents and their families, including visits from volunteers and court accompaniment but also for the expansion of services into counties where no services currently exist.
- Dublin Rape Crisis Centre (DRCC) report an increased number of victims availing of their services in 2016. This increased demand for volunteer services has generated a greater need for back-up services, out of hours, for volunteers. There is also evidence of increased levels of sexual violence in the SATU Unit, from DRCC's National 24 Hour Helpline service and also from reports from volunteers in their weekly supervision. As a result DRCC greatly appreciate the funding allocated to it by the Victims of Crime office in 2016 to meet the increased demands on the services provided through the Volunteer Service Department.
- Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services advise that the demand for the Court Accompaniment Service it provides remains extremely high as is evident from our statistics. This service is now established within the court service and presently, court accompaniment is one of the main strands of the overall victim support service provided.
- Victim Support at Court seeks to ensure that awareness of its service nationally, is developed. Strengthened liaison will continue with statutory agencies and increased awareness raising among the public will be undertaken to ensure as far as possible that communities are aware of the organisation and its services. The continuing support and funding from the Victims of Crime Office will enable VSAC to provide court accompaniment across the great Leinster region and further expand into Ulster and Connacht.

17. Analysis of 2015 Audited Accounts and Reserves



Figure 14. Funded organisations total income in 2015

50 organisations were funded by the Victims of Crime Office in 2015. Audited accounts were received from 50 of the funded organisations. The 50 organisations received €1,212,000 in funding from the Victims of Crime Office.

- The overall total income figure for the organisations for that year was €58,728,208
- The total expenditure figures for the organisations for the year 2015 was €56,720,565
- Income exceeded expenditure by €2,007,643
- Victims of Crime Office funding amounted to €1,203,112 or 2% of total funding for the organisations concerned.

Sector	Income	Expenditure	Reserves	Cost per week	No. of weeks
General Crime	€2,315,815	€2,284,797	€471,674	€43,938.40	217
Domestic Violence	€28,537,755	€27,843,830	€9,824,674	€535,458.27	607
Sexual Violence	€3,021,084	€3,251,321	€532,510	€62,525.40	45
Counselling	€1,071,510	€1,100,765	€576,955	€21,168.56	122
Children	€23,782,044	€22,239,852	€160,325	€11,836.52	20
Total	€58,728,208	€56,720,565	€11,566,138	€674,927.15	1011

Table 14. Breakdown of 2015 incomes and expenditure of organisations funded

Reserves

- Reserves, that is the amount of funding organisations had in the bank at the end of the year amounted to €11,566,138
- Reserves expressed in weeks amounted to 17 weeks which is considered a prudent amount.

Sector	Reserves	Cost per week	No. of weeks
General Crime	€471,674.00	€43,938.40	217
Domestic Violence	€9,824,674.00	€535,458.27	607
Sexual Violence	€532,510.00	€62,525.40	45
Counselling	€576,955.00	€21,168.56	122
Children	€160,325.00	€11,836.52	20
Total	€11,566,138.00	€674,927.15	17

Table 15. Breakdown of 2015 spending from audited accounts

The data for this analysis comes from the audited accounts of the funded organisations for 2015.

Appendix A -Groups funded by Victims of Crime Office 2016

	Organisation	Category	Funding granted 2016	Funding paid 2016
1	Adapt (Kerry) Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Services	Domestic Violence	€ 22,000	€22,000
2	Adapt (Limerick)	Domestic Violence	€ 60,000	€60,000
3	AdVIC	General	€ 26,500	€26,500
4	Amen	Domestic violence	€ 16,500	€13,200
5	Ascend	Domestic Violence	€ 14,500	€10,195
6	Barnardos	Children	€ 23,800	€23,800
7	Beacon of Light Counselling Centre	Counselling Services	€ 17,500	€17,500
8	Bray Women's Refuge	Domestic Violence	€ 9,000	€9,000
9	CARI	Children	€ 40,000	€60,000.
10	Carlow Women's Aid	Domestic Violence	€ 16,000	€19,000.
11	Clare Haven Services	Domestic Violence	€ 11,500	€13,000.
12	Cope Galway Waterside House	Domestic Violence	€ 4,000	€4,000.
13	Crime Victims Helpline	General	€ 100,000	€100,000
14	Cuan Saor Women's Refuge Ltd.	Domestic Violence	€ 20,700	€20,700.
15	Dignity for Patients	General	€ 10,500	€10,500
16	Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (Sligo)(formerly Waves)	Domestic Violence	€ 8,500	€8,500.
17	Domestic Violence Response Galway	Domestic Violence	€ 14,000	€14,000
18	Donegal Domestic Violence Service	Domestic Violence	€ 17,000	€17,000
19	Drogheda Women's Refuge and Children's Refuge Centre	Domestic Violence	€ 10,000	€10,000.
20	Dublin 12 Domestic Violence Service	Domestic Violence	€ 6,000	€7,000.

21	Dublin Rape Crisis Centre	Sexual Violence	€ 22,000	€22,000.
22	Dundalk Counselling Service	Counselling Services	€ 20,000	€20,000.
23	Federation for Victim Assistance	General	€ 106,000	€106,000
24	Finglas Cabra Local Drug Task Force	General	€ 5,000	€4,000
25	Greystones Family Resource Centre	Domestic Violence	€ 1,000	€800
26	Hope Counselling	Counselling	€ 1,000	€1,000
27	Irish Tourist Assistance Service	General	€ 45,000	€47,000
28	Kilkenny Women's Refuge Ltd	Domestic Violence	€ 6,500	€6,500
29	Laois Domestic Abuse Service	Domestic Violence	€ 15,500	€18,000.
30	Le Cheile	General	€ 5,500	€2,954
31	Letterkenny Women's Centre (Counselling)	Counselling Services	€ 6,500	€6,500.
32	Living Life Voluntary Counselling Centre	Counselling Services	€ 15,000	€15,000
33	Longford Women's Link	Domestic Violence	€ 20,000	€20,000.
34	Mayo Women's Support Services	Domestic Violence	€ 22,000	€8,204
35	Meath Women's Refuge	Domestic Violence	€ 28,000	€30,000.
36	Missing in Ireland Support Services	General	€ 5,500	€5,500.
37	Mna Feasa Domestic Violence Project	Domestic Violence	€ 25,000	€25,000
38	Oasis House Women's Refuge Waterford	Domestic Violence	€ 10,000	€10,000.
39	Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service	Domestic Violence	€ 10,000	€10,000.
40	One in Four	Sexual Violence	€ 87,000	€90,000.
41	Rape Crisis Network Ireland	Sexual Violence	€ 43,000	€45,000.
42	Roscommon Safe Link	Domestic Violence	€ 17,000	€17,000.

43	Safe Ireland	Domestic Violence	€ 5,500	€5,500.
44	Saoirse Housing Association	Domestic Violence	€ 15,000	€15,000.
45	Sexual Violence Centre, Cork	Sexual Violence	€ 23,000	€23,000.
46	Sonas	Domestic Violence	€ 14,000	€14,000.
47	Support After Crime	General	€ 127,000	€129,000.
48	Support After Homicide	General	€ 60,000	€60,000.
49	Tearmann Housing Association	Domestic Violence	€ 16,000	€16,000.
50	Victim Support at Court	General	€ 100,000	€72,000.
51	Westmeath Support Service against Domestic Abuse	Domestic Violence	€ 16,000	€16,000.
52	Wexford Women's Refuge	Domestic Violence	€ 8,000	€8,000.
53	Women's Aid Dublin	Domestic Violence	€ 92,500	€94,000.
54	Women's Aid Dundalk	Domestic Violence	€ 16,500	€16,500.
	Administrative Expenses		€ 4,000	
			€ 1,462,000	€1,445,353.

Table 16. Organisations funded by the Victims of Crime Office in 2016

Appendix B –Total amount of funding spent 2005-2016

Year	Total Funding Spent
2005	€685,750
2006	€885,250
2007	€946,125
2008	€1,057,148
2009	€1,254,279
2010	€1,275,814
2011	€1,205,684
2012	€1,141,336
2013	€1,196,478
2014	€1,200,726
2015	€1,203,112
2016	€1,441,833