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SLIGO RAPE
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Sligo Rape Crisis Centre 2025 | Annual Report

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Company Overview

Board Members

Chairman: Parvez Butt
Secretary: Pamela Devaney
Treasurer: Sorcha Carrol
Trustees: Jane Madden

Affiliated Services

- **Auditors:** KGB Accountants, Cavan
- **Bankers:** Bank of Ireland, Sligo
- **Solicitors:** Michael Monahan Solicitors, Sligo
- **Registered Office:** Bridgewater House, Rockwood Parade, Sligo, F91 Y9YY
- **Company Registration Number:** 256271
- **Registered Charity Number:** 12194

Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision

To be a trusted, safe space where survivors of sexual violence find free, confidential, and specialized support. We empower individuals of all ages and backgrounds to heal and rebuild, working toward a compassionate community united against sexual violence.

Mission

We are dedicated to providing a safe, compassionate space for survivors of sexual violence. Through counselling, advocacy, education, and collaboration, we support their healing journey while striving to build a community that actively challenges the prevalence of sexual violence.

Our Values

- **Support:** Every survivor is at the heart of our work.
- **Recovery:** Healing is possible with the right support.
- **Compassion:** We provide non-judgmental, respectful care.
- **Integrity:** Our work is rooted in best counselling practices.

Chairperson’s Report

As Chairperson of the Sligo Rape Crisis Centre, I am proud to reflect on a year marked by resilience, dedication, and continued growth. Throughout 2025, our centre remained a vital lifeline for survivors of sexual violence, providing a safe, professional, and compassionate environment in which individuals could begin their journey of healing and recovery.

Demand for our services increased significantly during the year, with over 2,500 appointments scheduled and more than 2,200 counselling sessions delivered. These figures reflect not only the growing need within our community but also the trust placed in our organisation. Despite the increasing complexity of cases, our staff and volunteers continued to deliver high-quality, client-centred support with professionalism and care.

Financial sustainability continues to be a priority for the Board. While challenges remain, we have worked diligently to secure the funding and resources necessary to maintain and develop our essential services. We extend our sincere gratitude to CUAN and the DSGBV team for their ongoing support throughout the year. The commitment of our funders and supporters makes our work possible.

Tragically, 2025 was also a year of profound loss for our organisation with the sudden passing of our beloved CEO, David Madden, in May. David was an exceptional leader whose vision, integrity, and deep compassion shaped the direction and ethos of the Centre. His unwavering commitment to survivors and his dedication to strengthening services leave a legacy within the organisation and the wider community.

In the midst of this unexpected loss, our staff and volunteers demonstrated extraordinary professionalism, resilience, and unity. I wish to sincerely acknowledge and thank every member of the team for their steadfast commitment during this difficult period. Through their dedication and collective strength, they ensured continuity of care and upheld the highest standards of service, so that no client experienced any disruption or diminished support. This is a powerful reflection of the strong organisational culture that David helped to build.

We are also deeply thankful for the onboarding of our new CEO, Danielle Neely, who has served the Sligo Rape Crisis Centre for six years prior to this role. We are excited to see the vision and direction she will bring to our organisation and are confident that under her leadership, we will continue to grow and strengthen our support for survivors.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our counsellors, staff, volunteers, trustees, partners, and supporters. Your compassion, expertise, and perseverance continue to ensure that survivors receive the care and advocacy they deserve.

As we look to the future, our commitment remains unwavering: to provide a safe, professional, and empathetic service to survivors, and to continue advocating for a society free from sexual violence.



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Parvez Butt, Chairman
Sligo Rape Crisis Centre

CEO's Report

In 2025, Sligo Rape Crisis Centre remained steadfast in its vision of providing a safe, compassionate, and supportive space for those affected by sexual violence. Our commitment to delivering accessible, trauma-informed services was reflected in every aspect of our work with survivors throughout the year.

It is both an honour and a privilege to step into the role of CEO. I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Trustees for placing their trust and confidence in me. I take on this responsibility with deep respect for the legacy of leadership that has shaped the Centre, and with a clear focus on strengthening and developing our services into the future.

This year was also marked by profound sadness with the sudden loss of our previous CEO David Madden. David's vision, compassion, and unwavering dedication to survivors left an indelible mark on the Centre and the wider community. I am committed to carrying forward his legacy, ensuring that the values he championed continue to guide our work.

Key Achievements in 2025

- Over **2,500** appointments were scheduled, with more than **2,200 counselling sessions** delivered, reflecting the continued and growing need for our services.
- **Expanded clinical capacity:** Five new therapists joined our panel to meet increasing demand and reduce waiting times.
- **Expansion of premises:**
 - Officially launched the DMC rooms Carrick-on-Shannon, thank you to the Minister of Justice Jim O'Callaghan for his support in this launch.
 - In Cavan, we are in the process of relocating our main offices to a purpose-built counselling centre, which will significantly enhance our capacity to deliver services across County Cavan.

In addition to our clinical services, SRCC continued its vital outreach and prevention work, delivering educational workshops in schools and collaborating closely with partner organisations to support survivors on their healing journey and to promote awareness within our communities.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff and therapists, whose professionalism, compassion, and expertise ensure that every survivor is treated with dignity and respect. Your commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care is the foundation of our organisation.



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Danielle Neely

Chief Executive Officer
Sligo Rape Crisis Centre

Volunteers and Staff

Our dedicated team includes:

- **5 staff members**
- **3 volunteers**
- **2 student counsellors**
- **24 accredited/pre-accredited counsellors**
- **3 volunteer board directors**

In 2025, we welcomed five new counsellors and expanded our Cavan-based services by adding additional counsellors as well as moving to a new premises that is open Monday – Friday.

Service Locations

SRCC operates in **Sligo, Leitrim, and Cavan** with multiple service points:

- **Sligo Office:** Open five days a week.
 - **Carrick-On-Shannon Office:** Open five days a week.
 - **Manorhamilton Office:** Open half-day weekly as needed.
 - **Ballyjamesduff Cavan:** Open five days a week.
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Service Statistics 2025

Assessment and Referral

Quarter	Clients	Referrals	Assessments	Total Sessions
Q1	77	19	15	467
Q2	86	31	23	560
Q3	87	37	30	634
Q4	84	36	31	584
Total	334	124	99	2,245

Schools Outreach 2025

In 2025, we delivered **19 workshops in 13 schools:**

- St Patrick's College, Cavan Town
- Mercy College, Sligo
- St Attracta's Community School, Tubbercurry
- Ursuline College
- Grange Post Primary School
- St Clare's Manorhamilton
- Elphin Community College
- Grammer Sligo

313 students, between 15 and 17 years attended. Out of those students,

- 152 were female
- 157 were male
- 4 were nonbinary

Sample of feedback for workshops delivered in 2025:

- I learned more about consent and now I am sure about it – female student, 15
- It was very good. I learnt a lot of new things about sensitive topic, and I feel more comfortable about it – male student, 15
- Statistics, services and practical advice was very helpful – female student, 16
- It was so fun and I was afraid it would be awkward. Thank you – female student, 16
- The workshop taught me how to support friends dealing with sexual assault and signs to look for in an abusive relationship - female student, 15

Key Findings from the student questionnaire:

- After the workshop, **99% students** knew the age of consent
- After the workshop, students were **over 4 times more likely** to know how what to do if someone told them they had experienced sexual assault.

313 questionnaires were fully completed by participants

Social Media Engagement 2025

- Active on **Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter)**
 - Increased engagement and follower growth across all platforms
 - Successful awareness campaigns on **consent, disclosure, and self-care**
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A Year in Pictures 2025



Financial Report Summary 2025

- **Income:** €515,480
- **Expenditure:** €497,806
- **Surplus/Deficit:** €17,674
- **Full audited financial statements available in Appendix A.**

Acknowledgments

To Our Clients

Thank you for trusting us to help you with your journey. Your resilience and strength inspire us every day.

To Our Volunteers & Staff

Your dedication enables us to provide life-changing support to survivors. We appreciate your hard work and commitment.

To Our Trustees

Your leadership and guidance have been instrumental in the success of SRCC.

To Our Funders & Supporters

Special thanks to CUAN, the DSGBV team, and all who contribute to our mission.

Closing Statement

SRCC remains committed to evolving our services, expanding our outreach, and advocating for survivors. We look forward to continuing this essential work in 2026 and the years ahead.

Danielle Neely
CEO

Sligo Rape Crisis Centre

End of Report