

West Cork Women Against Violence Annual Report 2018



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Chairperson’s Foreword

As the 2018 Annual Report shows, West Cork Women Against Violence continues to work with women survivors of domestic violence, providing telephone support, court accompaniment, and counselling. The Whisper newsletter continues to be published quarterly and widely distributed, in order to raise awareness of relevant and timely issues. Local responses to local issues are addressed through new initiatives that seek to provide additional supports, such as a pilot counselling service for children who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes, and a peer support group for women who have left an abusive relationship. Action to combat violence against women needs to come from different quarters, including health professionals in Tusla and HSE, Gardai, Court Service, politicians and policy makers. WCWAV continually strives to network with agencies that have a remit for Domestic Violence and to highlight the complexity and impact of DV on the lives of women and their children, if they have them. WCWAV stresses that violence against women is a fundamental human rights violation, and recognises that legal and political recognition at the highest level is required in order to facilitate the changes that are needed.

There have been a number of positive developments during 2018, including the Domestic Violence Act 2018, which establishes a legal definition of coercive control, which recognises that psychological and/or emotional abuse is an

offence, and which also allows a safety order to be granted for a woman who is not co-habiting but is experiencing a threat to her safety within an intimate relationship. The Act covers a broad range of issues and is welcome as a much needed step.

The announcement by the Gardai of a number of new Divisional Protective Units nationally was a welcome development. A DPU for West Cork is in the planning stages and, when operational would provide a specialised unit with specialist Garda personnel to proceed in a sensitive and appropriate way in certain types of investigations, including Domestic Violence.

The lack of refuge places nationally for women seeking a safe place to stay when leaving Domestic violence situations was again highlighted during 2018. There is very often no safe place to go, and the denial of this basic right becomes another barrier to making a choice to leave an abusive relationship.

The Board of Management and staff deal with many aspects in running WCWAV. The Annual Report and the Audited Accounts for 2018 provide an overview of the facts and figures of how West Cork Women Against Violence conducted its business during the year. Behind the numbers and the statistics and the meetings, the important work of providing a quality, consistent service to women seeking support in those 12 months is the real beating heart of the organisation.

West Cork Women Against Violence will continue to strive, through its direct supports to survivors of DV, and also through working in partnership with local organisations and initiatives, to raise awareness of the issue of DV and its devastating impact on individual women and children whose lives are directly affected. WCWAV also aims to challenge attitudes and cultural aspects, which allow DV to continue to exist in our communities.

As the Board and staff work to implement our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, we aim to build on ongoing core work, and to include new responses to emerging areas of work. We intend to adapt to changes in the DV sector regarding Child and Family services and structures. We continue to work towards implementing the recommendations arising from our 2016 Evaluation Survey and Report, 'Someone to Turn

to, Somewhere to Go'. WCWAV is working with a number of partners in order to address the chronic lack of safe, emergency accommodation for women experiencing violence in West Cork. We are committed to working towards this important outcome during 2019.

Part of the complexity of providing our services is directly linked to the rural nature of our location, as it places specific demands on our service delivery and can have a profound impact on the isolation and marginalisation of the women we support. Their experience informs our evidence- based best practice guidelines. The need for coordinated, accessible services throws up particular challenges in the rural context. We constantly work to ensure that our services are responsive, and respectful of a woman’s circumstances. The organisation has developed strong links with Health and Mental Health services, Social and community services, An Garda Siochana and court services and community and voluntary organisations. We continue to identify and highlight gaps in services, and to work towards equitable outcomes for all women, no matter where they live.

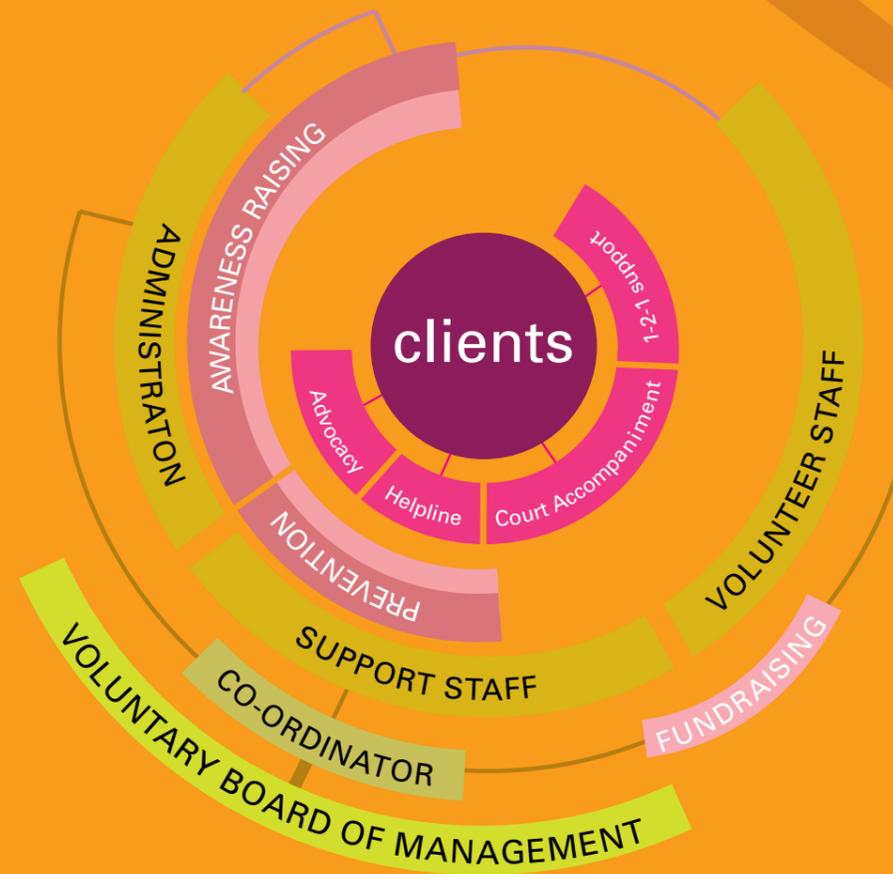
Our organisation is committed to continuing to raise awareness of the types and signs of Domestic Violence, and to highlight the importance of appropriate referrals to WCWAV when responding to disclosures of DV. We offer awareness raising sessions to schools, health professionals, and colleagues in other organisations.

We appreciate the core funding from Tusla, with which we provide our principal services, and we have worked within our Service Level Agreement for 2018. We also acknowledge the generosity of donations and support from many individuals and agencies, which affirms the work of the project.

I want to thank our many volunteers, and my fellow members of the voluntary Board of Management, whose commitment supports the governance of the organisation. The skills, expertise and experience of our staff team continue to enhance the capacity of the organisation in its work. Finally, I want to acknowledge the resilience and strength of the women who seek support from our organisation and who are at the heart of the work of West Cork Women Against Violence.

Kathleen Harnedy

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Board of Management & Staff

Our project is run by a Voluntary Board of Management (VBOM) comprised of community representatives and activists, partnership organisations, legal, financial and mental health professionals, who give of their time and commitment freely.

WCWAV has a staff of five - one full-time and four part-time - who between them have over 60 years of experience in delivering support to women in crisis and in promoting the issues of violence against women and gender equality.

The Board of Management are all volunteers who give of their time, expertise and insights to ensure the development and good governance of the Project. In addition, volunteers help in producing, designing and distributing West Cork Whisper as well as helping out with fundraising and generally making themselves available whenever additional help is needed. Without their dedication and generosity WCWAV would be unable to provide the wide array of activities and services which it currently delivers.

Philosophy

West Cork Women Against Violence believes that Domestic Violence is both a serious crime against women and a dangerous expression of gender inequality. We believe all forms of Domestic Violence, from the everyday to the most extreme expressions, are unacceptable.

Mission Statement

West Cork Women Against Violence provide a safe and confidential listening, information and support service to women and their children in West Cork experiencing domestic violence, while also challenging social, political and judicial tolerance of violence against women.

Services

WCWAV provide the following services:

- A crisis helpline
- 1-2-1 support and appointments
- Drop-in service
- Outreach service
- Court and other appointment accompaniment
- Counselling programme
- Free quarterly newsletter, *The West Cork Whisper*
- Awareness-raising and training to community groups, young people and professionals on domestic violence
- Parenting Program for women who have experienced DV.

key events of 2018



16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women 2018

The Mothers Union of Kilgariffe Church of Ireland, Clonakilty holds a special service of prayer, candle-lighting and reflection to mark the 16 Days of Action. This year they also invited WCWAV co-ordinator, Marie Mulholland to address their service on 25th November to talk about the work of WCWAV.

Following on from her very well-received seminar in Bantry the previous year, Professor Stephanie Holt, made a second visit at the invitation of WCWAV to West Cork. The event in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery on December 6th was our key event during the 16 Days of Action. This time, Stephanie addressed the theme of Domestic Abuse and the Impact of Court Ordered Access to Children. Yet again, there was a full house for the seminar with members of the audience drawn from Social Work teams, the childcare sector, counselling psychologists and many other related professions. Stephanie's research into children's experiences and emotions surrounding domestic abuse were, as always, revelatory. Her findings continue to challenge much of the accepted, historical approaches used by our courts system and other professional support agencies. The evidence supports a change in approach that puts the needs of the children to the forefront.



Stephanie Holt



Know Your Worth - Teenage Dating Abuse Program

Know Your Worth was developed this year due to the need for young people to have a platform to build their understanding of abuse in dating relationships. Research has shown young people can be at a higher risk of abuse in dating relationships than adults and have greater difficulty in recognising abuse. The aim of the program is to work with students in understanding their rights and responsibilities in dating relationships and allowing them a space to have an open, healthy discussion of dating abuse. We hope to deliver the program to a number of secondary schools throughout the West Cork area in 2019.

Focus Group - Know Your Worth

We were delighted this year to be able to work with a focus group of young people from Bandon Youthreach. The focus group came together to create a name and logo for our secondary school dating abuse program. The youth participants also helped to ensure that the understandings and perspective of their knowledge of dating abuse was encompassed by the program. The innovative organisation Splattervan were able to translate the young people's ideas into visual pieces in a process known as 'graphic harvesting', which added a completely new dimension to the work and documentation of our discussions.



Surviving to Thriving Parenting Program

Surviving to Thriving grew from the emerging need of clients for support in the numerous challenges they still faced in parenting after leaving an abusive ex-partner. The response to this need is a ten-week program, which was devised to address the key, unique themes relating to co-parenting with an abusive ex-partner. Central to the program was the theme of empowerment and the importance of mother and child healing together. For this reason, instead of an overt focus on parenting techniques the group offered a space for mothers to explore the layered and long-term impact of domestic violence on them, not only as mothers, but as individuals.

Group members identified the difficulties they still endured after separating and the continuing impact their abuser had on family dynamics. Specialist guest speakers provided sessions relating to the impact of trauma on children, and the family law system. Adopting a strengths-based approach, we ensured women gained a perspective of the positive parenting approaches they were already utilising and acknowledging the resilient steps they had already taken. The programme provided a safe space where group members could be heard and validated. WCWAV will be investing in a further roll out of this programme in the coming year.



Children & Young People's Therapeutic Support Programme (CYP)

The CYP programme is a new initiative for WCWAV and the first time we have worked to provide a specific response to the needs of children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse in their families. Through this programme, WCWAV will coordinate therapeutic support to children and young people up to 18 years of age who have lived, or are living with the impact of domestic abuse in their household/family.

WCWAV have been aware for some time through the concerns expressed by mothers about the effect that domestic abuse can have on their children. Their concerns, added to the growing body of research (especially that conducted by Stephanie Holt on children's experiences of living with domestic abuse) motivated our service to develop a specific programme to support the children of our clients.

Through the programme, we coordinate a panel of counsellors with expertise in counselling children and young people who provide the child with a safe space to talk about their feelings, needs and responses to the domestic abuse with which they have lived.

In 2018 we engaged in important groundwork in relation to setting up this programme. We had consultation meetings with the Child and Family Psychology team at TUSLA as well as Child Protection Social Workers. We met with a family law solicitor in relation to the legal aspects of the programme. We sought and received recommendations for a core group of therapists. We have secured some funding from TUSLA in relation to this pilot programme, which will be launched in 2019. We hope to establish the key structures, supports and processes, and to expand the service in conjunction with Tusla funding in response to demand.





Cork NAPS

The Cork Needs Analysis Project Survey (NAPS) involved a working partnership of many of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence related support services in Cork City and County in order to map the supports available and the gaps in service provision. The working group on the research was convened and resourced by Tusla. Throughout 2018, our organisations and services, including Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH), the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) in Cork, Traveller Visibility Group, NASC, the support service for migrants and refugees, UCC Law Department and Children & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) convened to look at responses to the findings of the research and to consider practical means of delivering on its recommendations for the Cork Region.

WCWAV with colleagues from Edel House, Good Shepherd Services, SATU, Cork along with Tusla Co-ordinators also worked as the editorial group for the report which was produced. Among the key findings of the report are the need to address the lack of DV support services in East Cork and the absence of Sexual Violence Support Services in West Cork. WCWAV will be working with local agencies and other services in 2019 to explore solutions to sexual violence supports in West Cork.

Child & Family Support Network

For several years community, voluntary and statutory organisations and services who provide support or information to families in West Cork have been meeting as the West Cork Child & Family Support Network. This forum provides an opportunity to share ideas and information and to work together to identify resources for families in West Cork who need assistance. Since its inception, over 20 organisations with a geographic range from Castletownbere to Clonakilty have participated on a regular basis in Network meetings. They have worked to develop the Meitheal model of support for families who have additional needs or inadequate resources. This year the Network was given a long-awaited boost to its work with the appointment by Tusla of a Co-ordinator. Kirstie Smith, formerly of Dunmanway Family Resource Centre has been working alongside the WCWAV Co-ordinator who currently chairs the Network. Very quickly, the presence of the new Tusla Network Co-ordinator has made an immense difference with membership of the Network growing and specialised training accessed for the members.



Safe House Presentation

The West Cork Homeless Forum is convened by Cork County Council's Clonakilty office. Representatives of the Department of Social Protection, HSE, West Cork Travellers, Garda Siochana, NOVAS and WCWAV are permanent members of the forum. NOVAS Tenancy and Sustainment Project provides the Forum with information on the causes and statistics for homelessness in West Cork. Many of those who require support with homelessness and housing do so as a result of experiencing domestic abuse. NOVAS' regular reports to the Forum bear this out. WCWAV in its continued efforts to address the issue of safe emergency accommodation for women and children escaping domestic abuse, gave a presentation in December to the Forum on the need for a SAFE HOUSE in West Cork.

The presentation met with full support from all those present at the Forum and there is unanimous agreement that a SAFE HOUSE is urgently needed in this region.

The WCWAV Co-ordinator provided models of how a Safe House could operate, and the types of supports that WCWAV could provide to women

availing of a Safe House. An indicative budget for equipping and furnishing the house and an estimate for annual running costs was presented.

WCWAV has a core budget from Tusla for its current service provision. The new development of a Safe House, with appropriate supports and safety considerations will require a coordinated funding response from appropriate statutory organisations. The discretionary funding available to WCWAV through generous donations and fundraising can be utilised for some aspects of the housing initiative, but a commitment from all the organisations operating regionally with a remit for homelessness will be needed to provide a sustainable Safe House in West Cork. Cork County Council, through its Housing Officer at the Clonakilty office has made a commitment to find an appropriate house from within their existing stock. While this process is underway, WCWAV is working on the logistical plan for a model of support that will be safe and sustainable within the West Cork area. Despite the hurdles still ahead, we feel we have made progress in this area in 2018.

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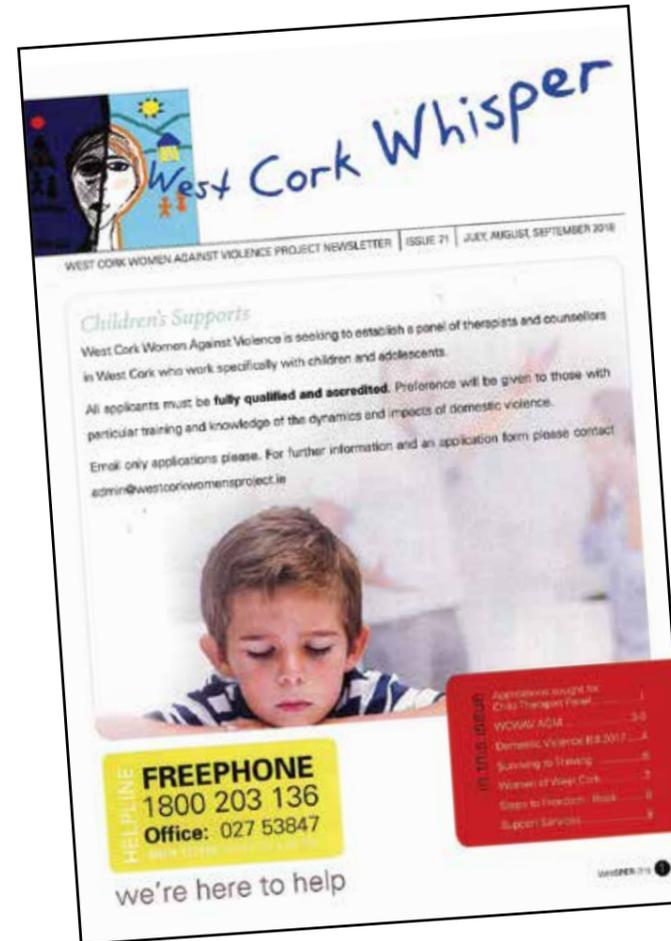
Issue 69

Issue 69 discussed the new Domestic Violence Bill, the #metoo campaign, the upcoming referendum and the first seminar with Stephanie Holt in 2017



Issue 70

Issue 70 focussed on the launch of our Parenting Program, *Surviving to Thriving*, the need for a Protective Services Unit in West Cork, information about revenge pornography and digital and online abuse. This issue also introduced *Wonder Women of West Cork*, a brief interview with a local woman we admire.



Issue 71

This issue launched the project's work towards establishing a panel of therapists for children and young people. it also gave more detail about the DV bill, specifying the changes and gave an update on the success of the parenting program



Issue 72

Issue 72 featured some information and statistics around the 16 Days of Action campaign, what to do if you are in an abusive situation, or if you know someone who is, and a day in the life of a support worker

statistics 2018

181 individual clients
were supported in 2018

There were 1644 instances of contact
159 of these were new clients.
22 were repeat clients

17 phoned about friends or family

2 professionals phoned
for support re case



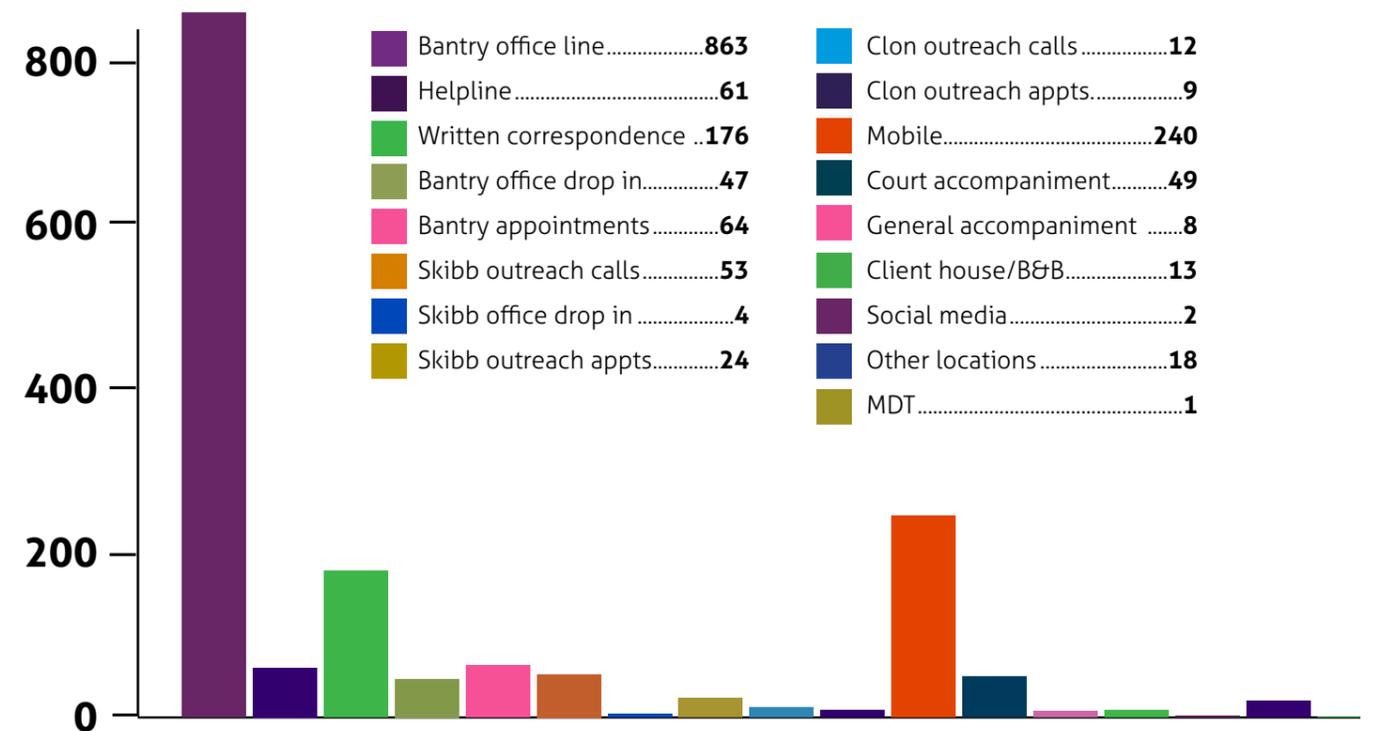
Location and number of contacts

The majority of contacts came from West Cork. Two were from England.

We also received a number of contacts from the following regions:

Donegal.....1 Dublin.....1 Kerry.....1 Kilkenny.....1 Limerick.....2
Mayo.....1 Youghal..... 1 Unknown.....29

How contact is made



Age Range of Clients

18 -20.....	2
20 -24.....	6
25-29.....	8
30 - 34.....	20
35-39.....	12
40 -44.....	18
45-49.....	9
50-54.....	13
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	3
65- 70.....	1
70+.....	2
Unknown.....	61
N/A.....	19
(Relatives and professional)	

Race/ethnicity

White.....	122
Asian.....	3
Black.....	3
Mixed race.....	2
Traveller.....	5
Unknown.....	32
N/A.....	19
(Relatives and professional)	

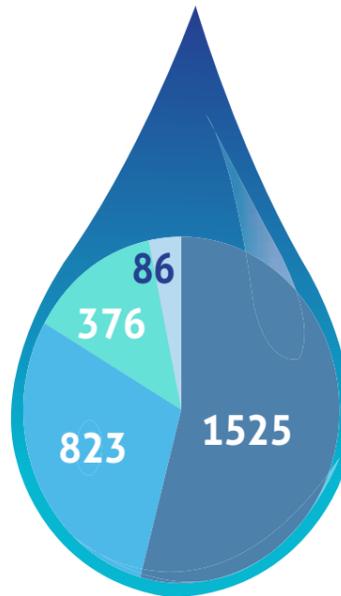
Legal status

Irish Citizen.....	86
Other EU citizen.....	18
Non-EU Migrant.....	21
Asylum seeker /Refugee.....	3
Unknown.....	34
N/A.....	19
(Relatives and professional)	

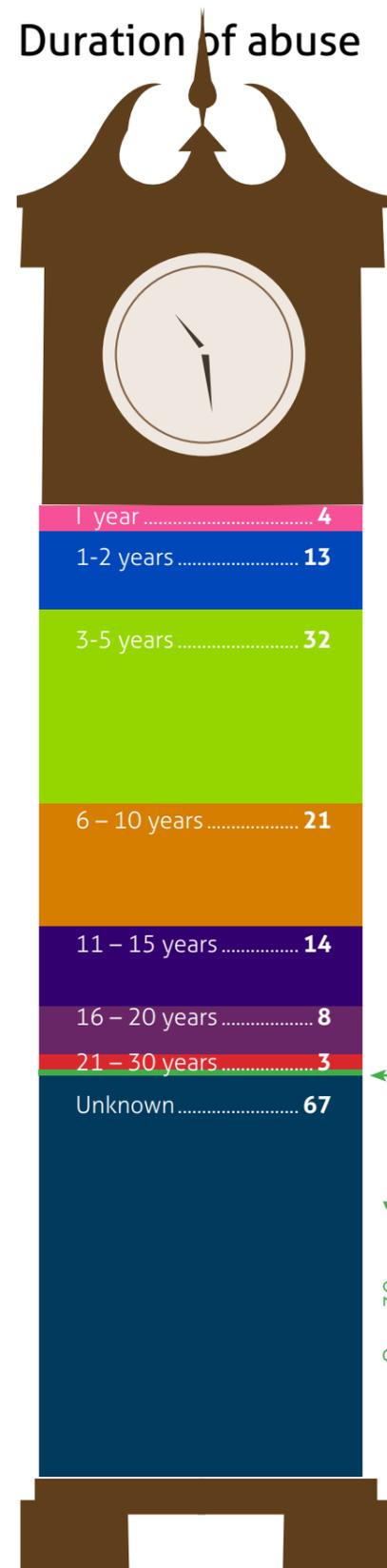
Types of abuse (per contact)

Many women experience more than one type of abuse

Emotional.....	1525
Physical.....	823
Financial.....	376
Sexual.....	86



Duration of abuse



Children



Homelessness

30 clients with 30 children



Advocacy contacts 26

Housing.....	8
Placefinders.....	2
V de Paul.....	2
HAP.....	1
CWO.....	3
HPL1.....	1
PN1.....	1
Legal aid.....	7
Landlord.....	1

Other issues presenting

Medical needs.....	13
Mental health.....	22
Suicidal ideation.....	2
Substance use issues.....	5
Disability.....	9



Child protection

Child protection discussions.....	19
Child protection referrals.....	5

Sources of Referral

Some clients have several referrals sources

Self.....	114
Family / Friends.....	19
Website.....	4
Whisper.....	1
Brochure.....	1
Unknown.....	48

Professional referrals from

CP Social work.....	8
Gardai.....	5
CIS.....	9
Psychologist / Counsellor.....	4
Novas.....	6
Solicitor.....	5
DFRC.....	2
Clon Lodge.....	3
D&A counsellor.....	3
GP.....	2
Board.....	2
YANA.....	1
Court clerk.....	2
Teacher.....	1
Politician.....	1
Refuge.....	3
Mental Health SW.....	5
Aftercare SW.....	1
CWO.....	1
Youth Mentor.....	1
PHN.....	1
OSS.....	1
Hospital.....	1
West Cork Travellers.....	1
Educational Welfare Officer.....	1

General accompaniment

7 requests from 4 clients - 7 completed



Statement making at Gardai.....	2
Transport: refuge.....	1
hotel.....	1
Accompany Gardai to get belongings.....	1
Statement – support after crime.....	1
Accompany client to house and auctioneer.....	1

One to one sessions

178 one to one sessions were undertaken

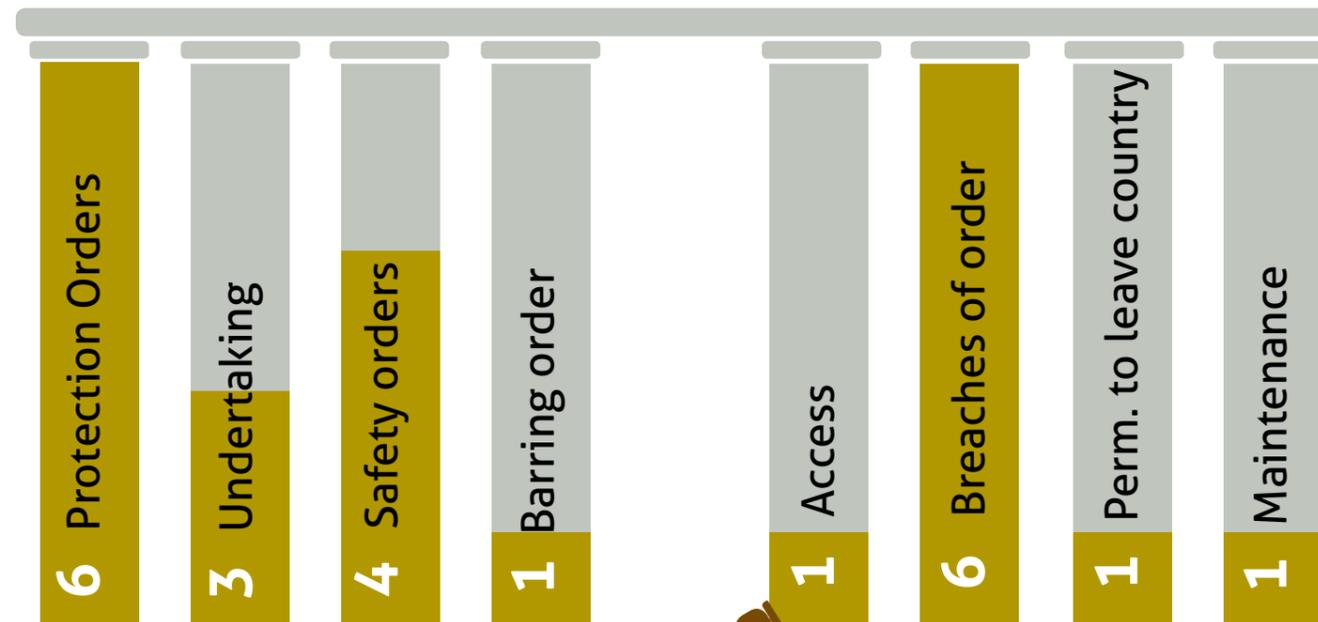
Base.....	111	Other.....	30
Skibb.....	28	Café.....	8
Clon.....	9	B&B.....	5
		Client House.....	5
		Hospital.....	2
		CIS.....	2
		MDT.....	1
		At court.....	2
		Group.....	4
		Medical centre...	1

Referrals to

Social Protection.....	8
CWO.....	14
CIS.....	14
Housing.....	12
HAP.....	4
Novas.....	18
Gardai.....	27
Solicitor.....	21
Legal Aid.....	12
FLAC.....	15
Court clerk.....	18
Mediation.....	3
Counsellor.....	21
Harbour.....	1
Couple counselling.....	1
Other DV.....	13
Refuge.....	11
CP Social work.....	16
Sexual Violence.....	2
Child Psychology.....	2
Psych.....	2
GP.....	5
V de P.....	4
Elder Abuse SW.....	2
PHN.....	1
D&A.....	4
FRC.....	3
Victims of Crime.....	2
Homeless Persons Unit.....	1
Disability service.....	1
B&B.....	4



* there was a notable increase in court accompaniment hours in 2018. This was due to an inordinate number of adjournments causing an extensive backlog of cases within the West Cork District Court system.



Court accompaniment

57 court accompaniment requests received
49 fulfilled for 19 clients



26 cases were adjourned

Finance 2018

The following has been taken from:

West Cork Women Against Violence Ltd
(a company limited by guarantee without a share capital)
supplementary information relating to the financial statements
detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31st December 2018

income	2018 €	2017 €
Tusla core funding	233,524	213,931
Other grant funding	-	91,319
Other income	6,222	12,655
	239,746	317,905

expenses	2018 €	2017 €
Wages & salaries	154,356	129,381
Social welfare costs	16,204	13,439
Staff defined contribution pension costs	10,710	9,064
Staff training and support	2,086	1,600
Board expenses and training	1,318	933
Rent & rates	20,128	17,280
Insurance	1,478	1,478
Light and heat	1,678	1,687
Repairs & maintenance	1,557	2,536
Office expenses	5,331	4,019
Advertising	1,495	1,547
Telephone	4,694	3,832
Computer costs	918	1,427
Staff travel expenses	6,801	5,573
Professional fees	1,230	1,230
Bank charges	219	286
General expenses	164	45
Volunteer expenses	171	157
Client support expenses	511	469
Client support	5,115	3,715
Other programme costs	4,652	-
Subscriptions	280	280
Auditor's remuneration	1,169	1,169
Depreciation	441	462
	242,706	201,609
Net (deficit) /surplus	(2960)	116,269

January

WCWAV Board Meeting (Bantry)
 West Cork Counselling & Support Service Board Meeting (Dunmanway)
 Multiagency safeguarding meeting (Bantry)
 Skibbereen Family Resource Centre (Skibbereen)
 Anam Cara Launch (Bantry)
 Citizens Information Services Board Meeting (Bantry)

February

Children & Family Support Network (Dunmanway)
 Skibbereen Family Resource Centre - Recruitment (Skibbereen) meeting with Novas (Bantry)
 West Cork Counselling & Support Service Board Meeting (Dunmanway)
 Tusla Needs Analysis Project editorial group meeting (Cork)
 GDPR - The Wheel training (Limerick)
 Employability (Outreach Planning) (Clonakilty)
 Children First Briefing (Dunmanway)
 Homelessness Forum (Clonakilty)
 Citizens Information Services Emergency board meeting (Bantry)
 WCWAV Board Meeting (Bantry)
 Tusla Commissioning (Dunmanway)

March

Asylum Seekers Support Network (Clonakilty)
 Skibbereen Family Resource Centre (Skibbereen)
 Multiagency safeguarding meeting (Bantry)
 Safe Housing Sub group (Bandon)
 West Cork Child Psychology Unit (Bantry)
 Tusla Review of Service (Bantry)
 Citizens Information Services EGM (Bantry)
 Children & Family Support Network (Dunmanway)
 Staffing Sub Committee (Bantry)
 Multiagency Safeguarding meeting (Bantry)
 Meeting with Public Health Nurses (SDW) (Bantry)

April

Multiagency safeguarding meeting (Bantry)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Finance Sub Group (Skibbereen)
 Interview Panel for Skibbereen FRC (Skibbereen)
 WCWAV Board Meeting (Bantry)
 Safe Housing Sub group (Bantry)

May

Dublin - National NAPS Dublin (Dublin)
 Children & Family Support Network (Dunmanway)
 West Cork Counselling & Support Service (Skibbereen)
 Children's Therapy Project (Rosscarbery)
 Presentation to HSE Training on Gender Based Violence (Skibbereen)
 Surviving to Thriving #1 (Skibbereen)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Finance Sub Group (Bantry)
 Surviving to Thriving#2 (Skibbereen)

June

Meeting with Edel House management (Cork)
 MAPP centre bantry (CYP) (Bantry)
 WCWAV AGM (Bantry)
 Homeless Forum (Clonakilty)
 Surviving to Thriving #3 (Skibbereen)
 Surviving to Thriving#4 (Skibbereen)
 Surviving to Thriving#5 (Skibbereen)
 Children & Family Support Network (Dunmanway)
 Direct provision Centre (Clonakilty)

July

Finance Sub Group (Bantry)
 NAPS (Cork)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 CYP Meeting with therapist (Skibbereen)
 Direct Provision Centre Clonakilty (Clonakilty)

August

Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Meeting with Child Protection Social Work Team (Skibbereen)
 Child & family Support Network (Bantry)

September

WCWAV Board Meeting (Bantry)
 Meeting with Cork County Council (Bantry)
 Direct Provision Support Group (Clonakilty)
 Surviving to Thriving #6 (Skibbereen)
 Skibbereen Family Resource Centre (Skibbereen)
 West Cork Counselling & Support Service AGM (Skibbereen)
 Meeting with Kerry Rape Crisis Centre Coordinator (Kenmare) visit from Social Worker on placement (Bantry)
 Surviving to Thriving#7 (Skibbereen)
 Clonakilty Outreach (Clonakilty)
 Meeting re CYP with Child psychologist (Skibbereen)
 Homelessness Forum (Clonakilty)
 Children & Family Support Network (Clonakilty)
 Surviving to Thriving #8 (Skibbereen)
 Surviving to Thriving #9 (Skibbereen)

October

Louise O'Neill meeting with staff (Bantry)
 CYP working Group (Bantry)
 Colette McCarthy Solicitor CYP (Skibbereen)
 Surviving to Thriving #10 (Skibbereen)
 Kate Woodford Mental Health Servs (Bantry)
 Training - ABLE (Cork)
 Meeting with Tusla National & Regional DSGBV co-ordinators (Limerick)
 NAPS (Cork)
 Training - admin PAYE Modernisation Seminar (Skibbereen)
 Meeting with Chief Superintendent West Cork Division (Bandon)
 Training - admin (Cork)
 WCWAV Board Meeting (Bantry)
 Training - ABLE (Cork)
 Training - ABLE (Cork)

November

meeting with CYP therapist (Skibbereen)
 Child & family Support Network (Aiohill)
 Asylum Seekers Support Network (Clonakilty)
 Meeting with Novas (Bantry)
 Know your Worth (teenage dating abuse program) delivered in Bandon Hamilton High School (Bandon)
 Training - Pitman Training Group (admin) (Cork)
 Mothers Union Vigil against gender based violence (Clonakilty)
 West Cork Traveller's Network - Handbag Project launch (Bantry)
 Colaiste Pobail Bheanntai Parents Association (Bantry)

December

Homelessness Forum presentation re safe House (Clonakilty)
 Stephanie Holt Seminar (Rosscarbery)
 DV/ SV/ Tusla meeting (Bantry)
 DV Coordinators meeting (Cork)
 CFSN Coordinator (Bantry)
 WCCSS meeting re Children First (Skibbereen)

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