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SAOIRSE HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG
(Saoirse Domestic Violence Services)



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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David Laird

Chairman of the Board



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2022

Having joined the Board of SDVS in 2016 I was delighted to assume the role of Chairperson in March 2022. I would like to pay a warm tribute to my predecessor Garret Byrne, who chaired the board for the past six years with wisdom, strength, and compassion. Garret steered the organisation with great enthusiasm and commitment through times of significant growth and major change, and through the difficulties of the recent pandemic. I would like to sincerely thank Garret for all he achieved during his time as Chair and wish him all the best for the future.

2022 was the year when we were finally released from the clutches of the pandemic and at SDVS we could return to normal operations in caring for the women and children in our refuges and outreach services. I would like to pay a great tribute to the Management and Staff in SDVS for their heroic efforts in continuing to provide services during the pandemic. It is a great credit to their professionalism, resilience, and commitment to our clients that we managed to provide our full range of services throughout the duration of the pandemic.

After two years of online board meetings, we thankfully were able to convene in person since March 2022 at our head office in Tallaght. We are delighted to welcome five new board members who joined during the year, Olwyn Downey, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Ciara Murphy, Grainne Gleeson, and Yemi Adenuga.

They each provide additional talent and experience to an already capable and accomplished team.

I would like to thank all of our Board Members for their continued commitment to the work of SDVS and for giving so generously of their time and expertise.

During 2022 we consolidated our subcommittees with increased emphasis on risk management, financial management and governance, where we constantly review our performance and policies in accordance with the Charities Regulator's Governance code.

We have also established a new role in the organisation to focus on digital marketing and fundraising and have formed a new board subcommittee to oversee fundraising, and provide support to this function.

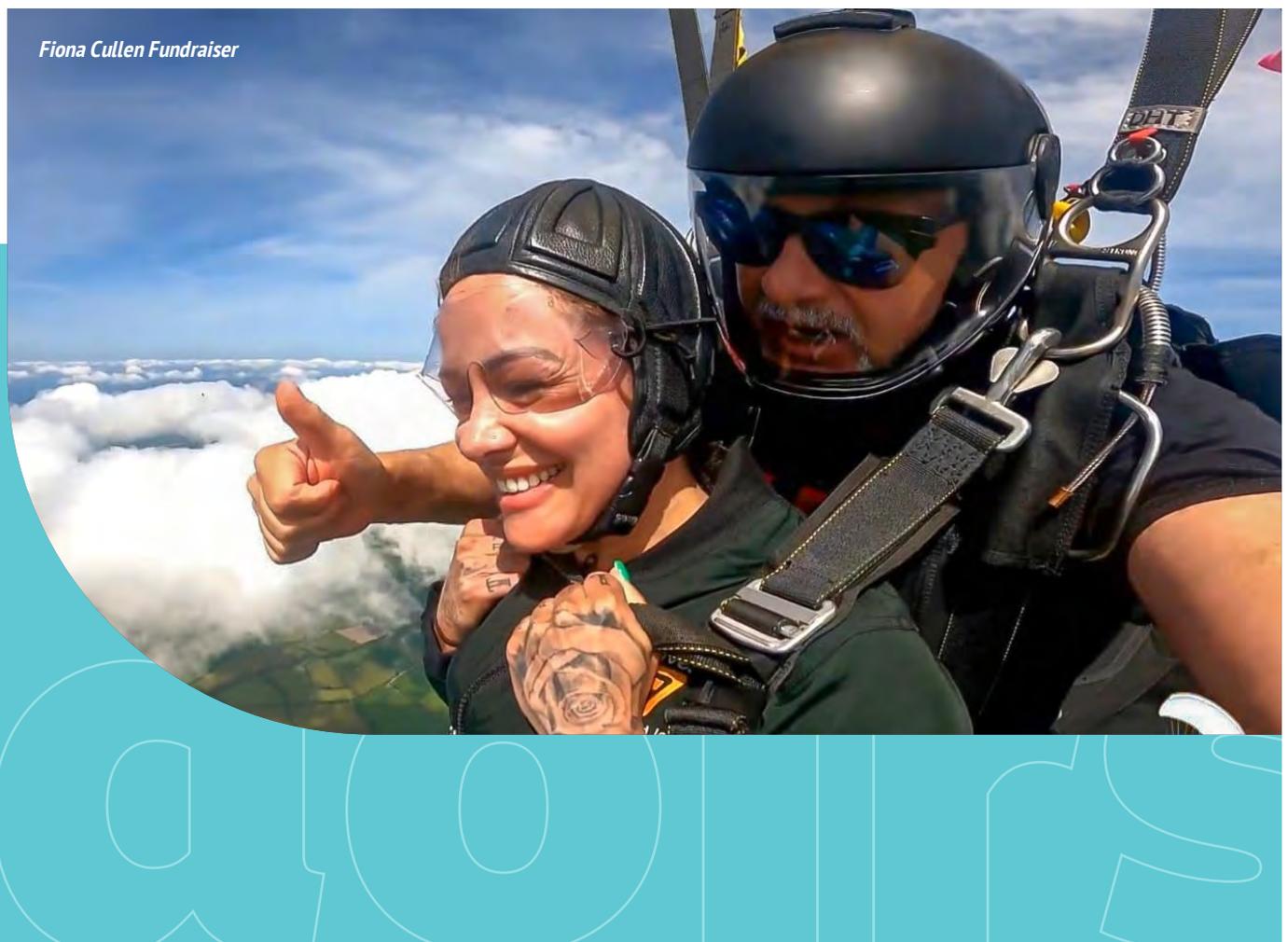
After many covid related interruptions we completed our strategic plan which will run until 2027.

The plan continues our focus on growing the organisation to increase the services we provide to women and children, in addition to expanding our range of services.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee who created this plan including board members, members of the management and staff, and external participants. The plan is ambitious, but we know that with the continued enthusiasm of everyone involved in SDVS, we will deliver on those ambitions. We are delighted with our plan which provides the framework for the annual plans, all of which have been finalised for 2023.

I would like to thank our main funders, Tusla, for the steadfast support they provide to SDVS, and for the continued encouragement and assistance they provide to our organisation and our plans for the future.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many organisations and individuals who have donated generously throughout the year. These contributions are vital in allowing us to drive forward on all fronts in our constant endeavours to provide essential services to more women and children.



Fiona Cullen Fundraiser

Allison Graham

CEO



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2022

Welcome to our 2022 Annual Report, providing a snapshot of Saoirse Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) and the experiences and services delivered during the year. The start of 2022 brought the much-anticipated reopening of our Tallaght Refuge after an extensive refurbishment in 2021. After 16 years providing services in Tallaght, the fresh, inviting new building is an even more comforting space for families in need of our support, having experienced some very traumatic domestic abuse and violence. The demand for and serious shortage of refuge accommodation spaces in Ireland, meant that our Tallaght Refuge was full to capacity again shortly after opening. The number of referrals to all our services were up on 2021 and although the covid pandemic was starting to reduce and turn a corner, the shadow pandemic and increased call on services during the past 2 years from families in domestic violence has not returned to pre-covid numbers and will not. The prevalence of domestic violence has gained more of the societal and governmental recognition and action that specialist domestic violence services have been raising and lobbying for change on, for many decades, and not before time.

The long awaited Tusla 'Review of the Provision of Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Violence' was published in 2022 alongside the Department of Justice launch of their 'Third National Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Strategy', shining a light on the deeply

worrying shortage of specialised domestic violence services to meet the current demand neither mind ever increasing numbers from growing awareness. The underfunding of services through dedicated, multi-annual committed statutory funding has stifled the growth and development of increased service provision in the sector, and needs to change now. The Department of Justice also announced as part of its Third National Strategy, that the funding and provision of Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence services will move from Tusla, Child and Family Agency to the Department of Justice in 2024. We hope this move will spell a new horizon for the sector in terms of funding, investment and policy change under the Third National Strategy, which lays out an ambitious plan for positive future development and direction. 2023 will tell us a lot more in terms of what this transition will mean for families, SDVS and the sector in general, and we look forward to engagement with the relevant parties on this.

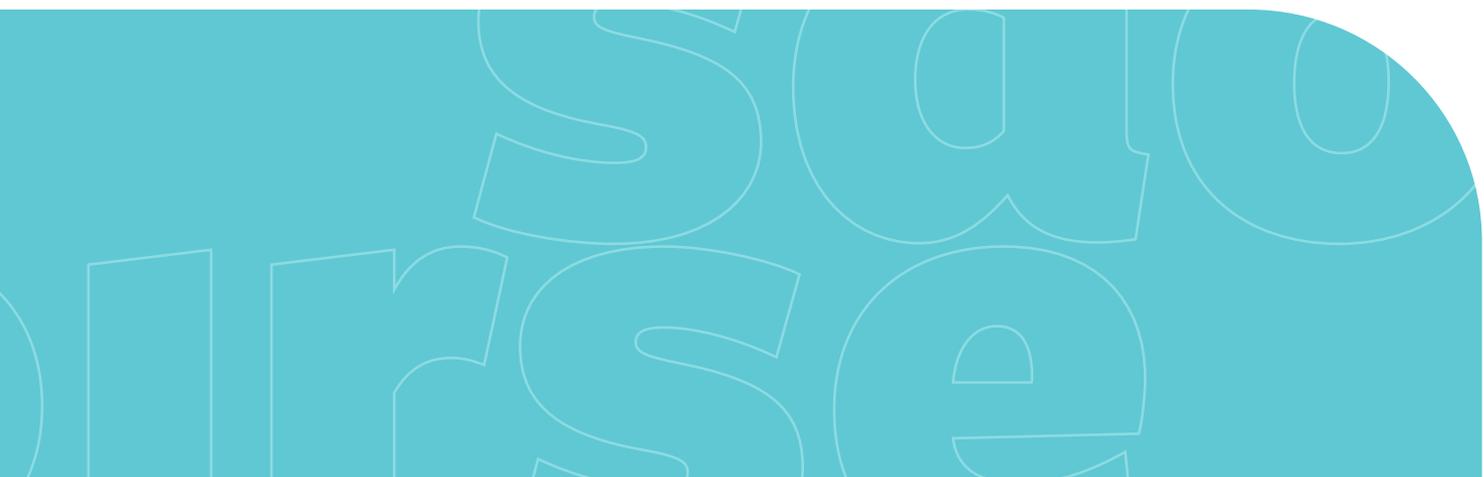
To further boost our online presence, raising awareness, reaching more families and developing other income opportunities, we took the decision to recruit a dedicated Digital Marketing & Fundraising Officer. This role has projected our social media, online presence and website reach to new levels and feedback has been very positive as to the important role this new enhanced communication platform is having for SDVS. While the clients of our services would have traditionally used our helpline predominantly in the past, they are reaching out and accessing the supports that SDVS can offer through many avenues now.

In 2022, we also finished work on developing our new 5-year Strategic Plan for the organisation with input across Board, Management and Staff. We were delighted to welcome, Frances Fitzgerald, MEP, as our keynote speaker at the official launch of our new Strategic Plan in November 2022. The new plan gives us the opportunity to revisit and refresh our core vision and values as we enter a new era in terms of quality best practice service response and provision. Our plan outlines four key objectives and associated goals for the next 5 years as we aim to grow in line with the development

of the sector with greater statutory commitment and focus, providing every woman and child a safer home and existence. We will continue to look at new expansion opportunities that fit with our vision and in line with our model of service provision, while targeting the dangerously high number of requests for refuge that we cannot accommodate due to lack of space, recorded at 76% in 2022.

In late 2022, we said goodbye and best wishes to our colleague Paula Garry, who many of us had worked with from the opening of SDVS in 2006. Paula's unstinting passion and commitment to the needs of our child clients and getting their voice heard was pivotal in the support and services provided to hundreds, if not, thousands of children over her 16 years with SDVS, progressing from Childcare Worker to Assistant Manager. 2023 will bring a new focus and structure to the services we provide to child clients accessing SDVS, as we recruit a Childhood Domestic Violence & Abuse Services Manager to build this separate organisational pillar dedicated to children of all ages impacted by domestic violence and abuse.

I want to acknowledge and thank the very special team we share in SDVS, with the care, commitment and resilience they bring every day to their roles, providing unstinting support and dedication to our service provision at all levels. 2022 brought back some normality in terms of management and staff being able to meet their colleagues across sites more freely, for meetings as well as the essential cup of tea and a chat. I want to thank the Management team for their support and energy, which contributes so much to my role and the running of our services. Thank you also to our Board of Directors who govern and guide SDVS and support me in the fulfilment of my role. Garret Byrne, stepped on from his Chairperson role after leading the board for a number of years, and we welcomed David Laird into the position. I want to thank both Garret and David for their contribution to SDVS's work, as well the board directors new and longer term, who give their time and expertise voluntarily to our work.



Our Services

Saoirse Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) provide a range of support and accommodation services across South West Dublin and West Wicklow including 24 hour helpline, safe refuge accommodation, safe house accommodation, children's support services, community outreach support and court accompaniment

We operate a 24/7 helpline and refuge accommodation service 365 days per year and receive our core funding from Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, alongside funding from Department of Justice for our Court Accompaniment Service. We receive a small level of private fundraising and donations which contributes to providing additional services to the women and children we support. We provide a range of life saving and life changing supports empowering women and children on their journey to safety and recovery. We do this by:

- Providing accommodation and specialist domestic violence support services to families, through our refuges, childcare and outreach services.
- Working with communities to educate and challenge attitudes to domestic violence through prevention and awareness raising.
- Campaigning and advocating for societal change, legislation and government policy.

Our Mission

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Our Vision

Our vision is a society where Domestic Violence and Abuse is never tolerated or silenced, empowering women and children to live in safety, free from fear.



Outreach Team Building

Our Values & Principles



Lord Mayor of Dublin Visit to SDVS

Our Values:

Courage, Empathy, Empowerment, Hope and Integrity

We believe that ...

- Nobody deserves to be abused
- No person should ever have to experience the torture of being abused by a 'loved one'
- No one should be alone in carrying the burden of blame, shame and judgement perpetrated upon them
- Early educational interventions with young people entering intimate relationships are key to combating domestic violence in future generations and breaking the cycle of violence

We acknowledge that ...

- Domestic violence is a serious and life destroying crime for which the client is never responsible
- Is a cycle of abuse that only escalates with time
- Occurs in all walks of life – all classes, creeds, ages and races
- Is an unequal balance of power and control that an individual holds over another in any intimate or close family relationship – husband and wife, same sex partners or adult children and an elder parent
- Takes many forms including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, financial abuse and coercive control

We commit to ...

- Empowering our clients and facilitating them in having a voice
- Listening, hearing, believing, and respecting those who contact us for help whether they plan to leave an abusive relationship or seek support in staying safe in the relationship
- Working in a non-judgemental environment supporting clients – only they know the reality of their abuse
- Maintaining a confidential service for all our clients and ensuring that we always work according to Children First

Trish Quinn

Refuge Manager



REFUGE ACCOMMODATION & SERVICES REPORT 2022

January 2022 saw the reopening of our Tallaght refuge, all 6 apartments, communal spaces and offices were refurbished to a high standard by Westbrook Properties Ltd. The refuge had not had a full refurb since our opening in 2006. The modernisation of the units to include power showers instead of baths, Wi-Fi in all areas, usb ports in several rooms has made the families visit to Saoirse refuge Tallaght a much more pleasant experience. The areas are bright, warm and welcoming. Staff are enjoying their support room, and one to one room with the women, which is decorated in soft tones and comfy furniture. The idea of the spaces was to make families feel like they are living in a home, which I believe we have achieved in both sites in Tallaght & Rathcoole.

As always the staff team treat women and their children with respect and love. We had some lovely feedback from some women using our services saying "We'll never forget your help, you have all made us feel safe during a very tough period of our lives". What better recognition for our fantastic team than to know the difference made to lives in crisis. Another said "without the support, encouragement and love that you showed us, I don't believe I'd have got through these months, thank you all, you are amazing". We could not be prouder of all of our staff team, the interventions and supports provided are second to none and we hope to continue showing love and supports throughout 2023.

We supported 15 women and 11 children in the hotel whilst the refuge was closed. Staff were kept busy supporting these clients, taking helpline calls and updating

our database with all of our client files, a mammoth task in itself. As always the team was adaptable and worked in the community to provide supports locally.

January saw a rise in cases of Covid throughout the staff team, however, we still managed to be case free in either refuge, a testament to hard work of the staff and housekeeping team. Whilst Covid still has an impact on service provision we feel we are well equipped to deal with it.

Vodafone Ireland Ltd. supported us with funding to complete one apartment. Vodafone came to the refuge to film a video to show to their staff team worldwide. All of us here in SDVS are so thankful for the continuing support.

As always local supports, in both areas, was a lifeline for the women and children living in refuge. Social media allowed us to request specific items that were needed for these families, such as clothing for specific ages, boys and girls and women living in refuge. We were also able to ask for vouchers for women with no funds or supports. As always St. Vincent De Paul were on hand to help out, with vouchers for women in short term crisis.

Our Childcare Assistant Manager, Paula Garry, moved on from SDVS in 2022, after working with us since 2006. Paula was a huge advocate for our child support services and we will miss her, but she leaves four great team members here to continue her great work. We have noticed over the years that children are presenting with high additional needs. Mental health is also presenting for the children, but our team works with them on a one-to-one basis, alongside Mum, providing any supports and interventions that are identified for them.

As the service grew and developed over 2022 we restructured rota times in Tallaght resulting in our recruitment of some new night and weekend support workers to the team.

We developed our induction policy and training to include Domestic Violence training, helpline training and Child protection training. Our induction now taking three days.

Both our Assistant managers, Sarah and Cora, continue to do great work supporting their teams and providing safe comfortable spaces for families. One of our original staff members Carol retired in 2022. Her calm, cheery ways will be missed by all.

Of the families using refuge there was a noticeable increase in young mothers coming to refuge for the first time. Also notable was the levels of violence used against these

women, drugs, weapons and gangland activities contributing to their levels of danger.

Between April and June, we had 126 calls for refuge that we could not accommodate due to the refuges being full. This was the beginning of the impact of the housing crisis for families in refuge.

Many women using the two refuges came to us with no status in the country, some of whom had no English language and no access to housing or state support, so staff had to be inventive in how we supported them or challenged restrictions on financial supports.

Around this time the Airbnb initiative ended due to lack of funding, leaving us with even less move-on options for families, the service was reinstated in December 2022.

SDVS was delighted to be approached by TV3 to appear in their documentary, Until Death, celebrating 30 years of Women's Aid in Ireland. Filming was completed in the newly refurbished Tallaght refuge.

Domestic violence and abuse were still very much in the spotlight. There were initiatives such as Rebuilding Ireland and Housing for all, specifically naming survivors of DV as a category in their own right. The 3rd National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender based violence 2022 – 2026 was published, with Minister McEntee committing to moving us towards meeting our full obligations to the Istanbul convention. Included in this is the commitment to provide accommodation across the whole of Ireland to include refuge, safe houses and other sanctuary schemes. SDVS were both excited and relieved to see Domestic Abuse being named as the double pandemic and government continuing to support, highlight and address the issue of domestic abuse and homicide.

We are very proud to continue the work we do in the refuges, and we look forward to providing therapy such as art, trauma yoga, cv writing skills, through our volunteer programmes in 2023. All of these supports build self-confidence and resilience in women and children with the hope that they can leave an abusive relationship and go on to have healthy, happy lives.

Thanks to all of the other departments in SDVS, our CEO, Outreach, Finance, Maintenance and Housekeeping, all of whom keep refuge services ticking over.

Wishing us all continued success in 2023.



Nadine O'Brien

**Outreach &
Prevention Manager**

OUTREACH & PREVENTION DEPARTMENT REPORT 2022



In the aftermath of the Covid 19 pandemic, further global challenges impacted our work with families experiencing violence and abuse in the community. The global energy crisis, raised the price of energy and pushed the majority of the families we work with into poverty. Many of our families reported having to choose between food, shelter, heat or light. The energy crisis coupled with the homeless crisis changed the presenting needs of our clients, thus yet again, we were required to alter the way we responded to victims and survivors of abuse in the community. The Outreach team responded to these emergencies through intense advocacy work, by applying for fuel aid relief from state bodies and advocating to the Department of Social Welfare and Protection for emergency payments for families. We also supplied families with food parcels, other essentials and toiletries.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent forms of human rights abuses in the world. In 2022 we witnessed a rise in male violence towards women. Consequently, in order to be effective in our prevention and early intervention work, we focused in on strengthening our training packages. Outreach staff gained QQI train the trainer qualifications which could now authenticate our expertise when delivering our training sessions. These sessions educate people on recognising the signs, understanding how to respond and support those experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse.

The launch of our re-designed and CPD accredited SDVS Domestic Violence & Abuse (DVA) training took place on the 25th November 2022 in conjunction with our Strategic plan launch in the Plaza hotel.

In response to increasing security issues with antisocial behaviour at one of Saoirse's Safe Houses, we approached South Dublin County Council (SDCC) about a possible exchange of our houses to apartments. We finally agreed with SDCC to transfer to apartments in Tallaght and hopefully we will have these properties fully operational for families needing Safe house accommodation very soon.

With the increase in our social media presence and digital platforms we were delighted to hire a Digital Marketing & Fundraising Officer. We worked extremely hard to keep Domestic Violence in the headlines, reach survivors of Domestic Violence and shape public opinion which in turn brought in donations and an increase in supporters.

To celebrate International Womens Day 2022, all SDVS departments and Board members met for the first time in 2 years due to the pandemic in the newly refurbished Tallaght Refuge. We also welcomed The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Allison Gilliland to SDVS who visited all three sites. Across our sector, lifechanging services continue to be funded voluntarily, by charities, companies and generous individuals. We were so thrilled to be chosen as a #2abillion Charity Partner for the Dublin show of the Bon Ivers tour. Outreach staff attended on the night to showcase some of the vital services we provide and to spread awareness of Domestic Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

Finally, our mission is to always be a survivor-led organisation. Our plans and developments are informed by the needs of our clients. To meet the ongoing post-pandemic demand the Outreach and Prevention team provided a number of face to face services across South Dublin and West Wicklow in specific dedicated spaces via satellite clinics. We continued to grow our networks and build community links while raising awareness. We were privileged to be able to continue to offer our own programmes BASC and LEAP which offer victims/survivors access to Art therapy, Talking therapy, Alternative therapies and Life coaching this year. Whilst also delivering our first post pandemic, in person, Freedom Programme.



Our colleague Carol's leaving party



Our Board

The voluntary Board of Management of Saoirse Housing Association CLG is made up of a mixture of statutory, local community group representatives and professionals from the private sector, representing a wide array of backgrounds, experience, and expertise, bringing a rich mix of skills to their governance role. The Board meets every 6 weeks and also consists of Staffing, Audit & Finance and Governance sub-committees.

In 2022 the Board comprised of:

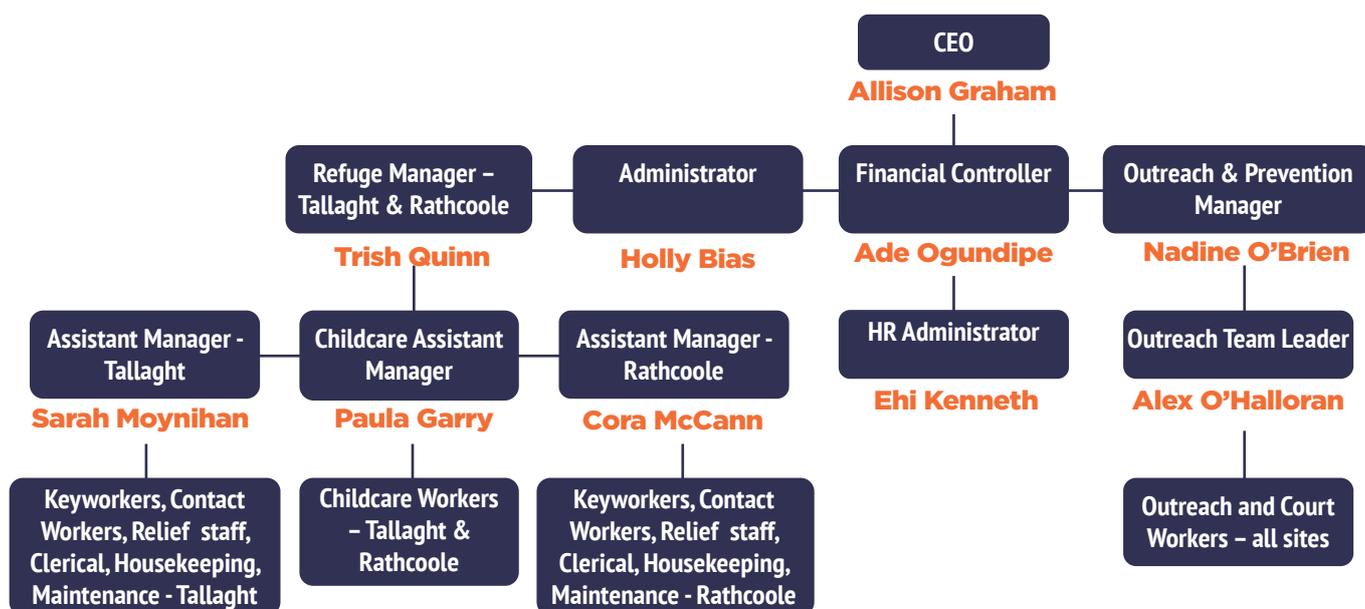
David Laird	Chairperson
Mark Brennan	Board Director
Daren O'Neill	Board Secretary
Rebecca Molloy	Vice Chair
Olwyn Downey	Board Director
Caroline Fitzpatrick	Board Director
Sandra Byrne	Board Director
Grainne Gleeson	Board Director
Ciara Murphy	Board Director
Yemi Adenuga	Board Director
Kirsten Byrne	Board Member

We operate a high standard of corporate governance including:

- Fully compliant with the Charities Regulatory Authority Governance Code
- An independent Board of Directors from a range of professional backgrounds
- Our Board members are not remunerated for their time and work for SDVS
- The Board consists of Staffing, Audit & Finance, Governance & Risk and Fundraising sub-committees
- The Board meets every 6 weeks and produces minutes of every meeting
- Our CEO reports at board meetings, but is not a member of the Board
- External auditors conduct annual audited financial statements and report on findings to the Board
- Transparency for our funders and supporters regarding funds raised and spent

Our Team

We have a team of approximately 54 staff and management working across our three service sites, including Refuge and Helpline Support, Outreach, Court Accompaniment and Childcare. Our staff team also includes Administration, Housekeeping and Maintenance staff.



Our management team:

CEO	Allison Graham
Refuge Manager	Trish Quinn
Outreach & Prevention Manager	Nadine O'Brien
Financial Controller	Ade Ogundipe
Refuge Assistant Manager Tallaght	Sarah Moynihan
Refuge Assistant Manager Rathcoole	Cora McCann
Childcare Assistant Manager	Paula Garry

Keyworkers are assigned to each new resident family on admission, and they work Monday - Friday providing advocacy, accompaniment and referral supports to clients. Their case management with clients offers a range of supports in line with the needs of the clients and we aim to meet these ever-changing needs.

Our Refuge Support Workers provide invaluable support alongside Keyworkers to resident clients, helpline callers and day callers across a 24/7 rota, allowing us to maintain 24-hour refuge support and admissions for families who need us whenever they need us.

Our Childcare Workers support the families through case management of the children's needs during their time in refuge in consultation with their mothers, thus enabling the children to have a voice around their experiences. They provide group play and one-to-one sessions in the playroom Monday to Friday for the children ranging in ages from infancy to late teens. They also support child clients of Outreach families in our Safe Houses and are working

towards the development of service provision to the child clients of community Outreach families.

Our Outreach and Court Accompaniment team provide supports to families in community and case management to residents of our Safe Houses also. They have a significant role in networking, advocating, making links and also awareness raising as part of their prevention work.

Our relief teams provide emergency and staff leave cover for full time staff on our 24-hour and childcare services. They are often called on at short notice and are long term contributors to running our services. The support we provide every day to families in crisis is only possible with such commitment and passion.

Our HR Administrator, Receptionist, and Administrator provide essential administrative support to our management team and services in general, to keep all the wheels moving. Our Housekeeping and Maintenance staff are also a core part of our service provision team, and work across all our sites.

What 2022 Brought

The following data collection provides some insight into service provision by SDVS in 2022 through both refuge and outreach services:

No. of women in refuge Inc Hotel	121
No. of children in refuge	124
Total refuge / hotel residents	245
No. of women in Safe Houses	4
No. of children in Safe Houses	2
No. of Outreach adult clients	422
No. of Outreach child clients	614
No. of helpline calls	3313
No. could not accommodate as refuge full	391
Average length of stay in refuge	28 Days

The numbers of families in refuge (121), has increased from (75) in 2021. With the reopening of Tallaght Refuge in January 2022, we were able to accommodate and provide services to more families in refuge.

The average length of stay in refuge was 28 days.

We accommodated 4 women and 2 children in our Safe Houses during 2022. Due to the extremely challenging situation with finding longer term accommodation, due to housing shortage, increasing rents as well as covid restrictions, residents of our safe houses and refuges are often staying much longer as they have nowhere safe to go.

The ever-high number of requests for refuge continued with 391 requests for refuge not accommodated because we were full to available capacity.

This equates to us not being able to accommodate 76% of requests for refuge as the refuge was full / had no available capacity due to no move-on options for our residents.



24 Hour Helpline

Helpline Calls Breakdown

Total calls received

Accommodation	984
Client Care	280
Information	810
Support	548
Outreach	293
Administration	154
Other	244

(incl. silent calls and hang ups).

76% of calls seeking refuge accommodation could not be accommodated as the refuge was full.

The breakdown of helpline calls across the 24-hour service was, 27% morning, 62% afternoon and evening, 11% nights.

More Trends and Patterns:

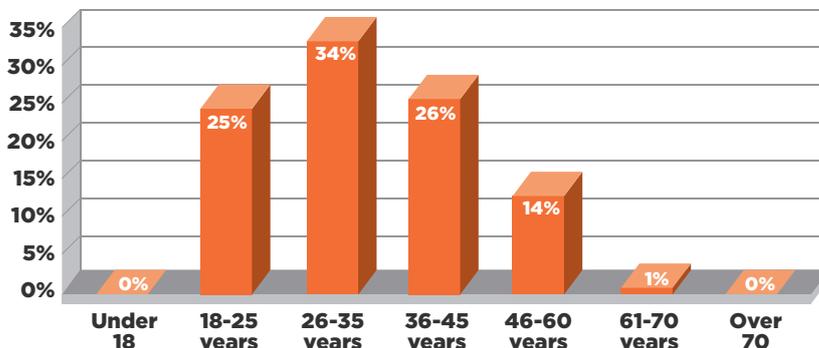
Self-referral admissions to refuge 50% in 2022. Referrals from other refuges and domestic violence services 5%, Social Work 9% and Garda 21%. Outreach 4% and other categories 11%.

- 11% of residents were repeat clients who had stayed at least once in Saoirse previously.
- The majority of clients (81%) residing in Saoirse in 2022 were from Dublin. 7% Meath, 5% Kildare 2% Wicklow, 5% Other.
- 9% of refuge resident families were members of the travelling community.
- Saoirse provides crisis accommodation to an ever-increasing culturally and ethnically diverse client base. The total refuge contacts of Irish origin were 58%. 2% Bangladesh, 2% Moldovan, 2% Somalian, 36% Other
- 36% families therefore originated from other countries including Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East, and the UK mainly but also South America and Asia.
- The average stay for non-Irish clients was 35 days– higher than the general average stay of 28 days.

Age Range

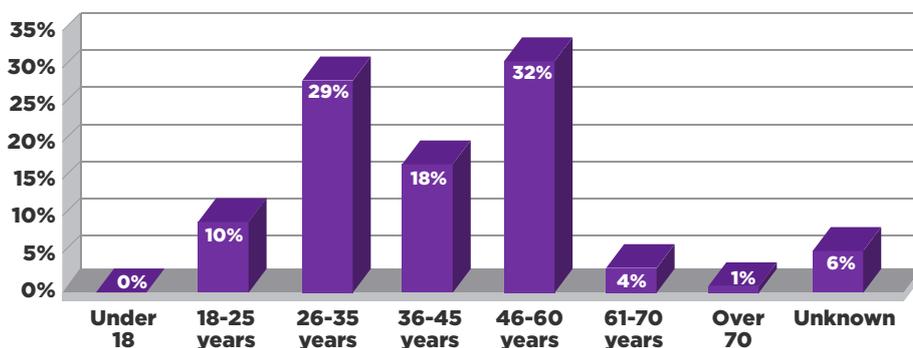
(Women Refuge)

At 34%, the largest cohort of women residents was in the 26–35-years age range. This is followed closely by the 36–45-years age range at 26%- and 18-25-years age range at 25%. This year we noticed an increase in younger women, 18-35 years age range, availing of Refuge supports.



Age Range

(Women Outreach)

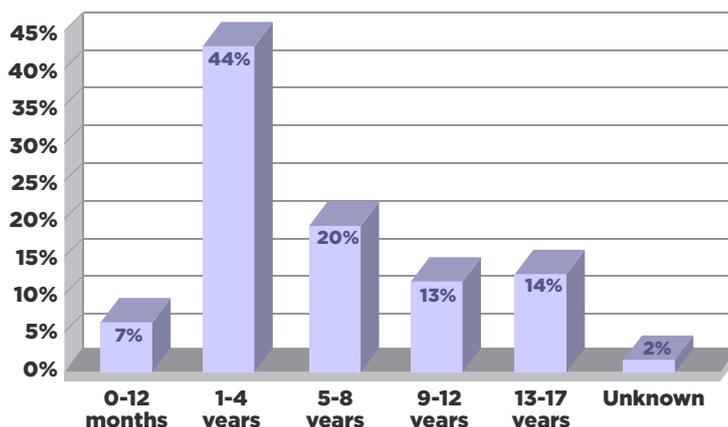


At 32%, the largest cohort of women that received support through Outreach team, was in the 46–60-years age range. This is followed closely by the 26–35-years range at 29%. This year we noticed an increase in women, 36-45 years range at 18% availing of Outreach services.

Age Range

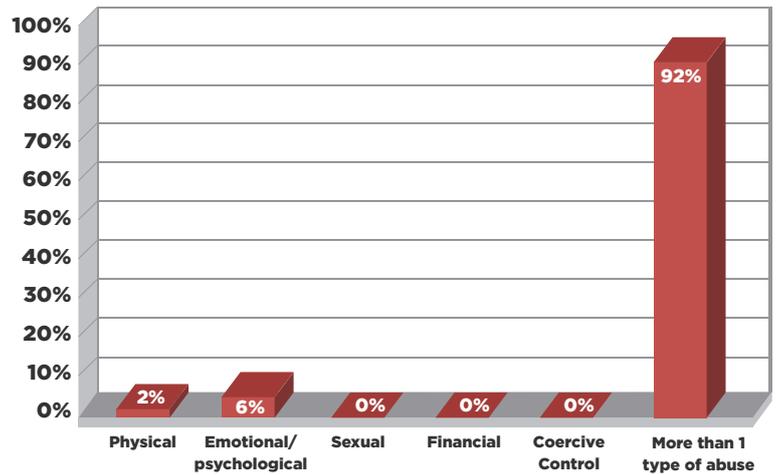
(Children Refuge)

As the largest cohort of women that received support through Refuge were 18-35 years age range, 59%, this prompted an increase in the younger children, 44%, in the 1-4 years age range.

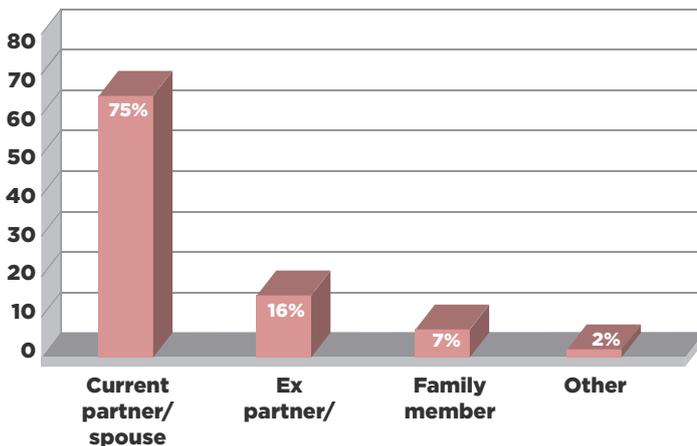


Abuse Type

In 92% of cases, two or more types of abuse were named, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial.



Relationship to Alleged Abuser



75% of clients suffered abuse from a current spouse/partner/boyfriend. Those clients being abused by an ex accounted for 16% of refuge residents, which has increased slightly from the previous year, 12%. 7% reported being abused by other family members, for example, parent or adult son/daughter.

Where residents Moved to from Refuge

Went home to relationship (with or without a court order)	20%
Went to stay with family/friends	11%
Transitional Housing / Safe House	8%
Unknown as did not return to refuge	20%
Private Rented accommodation	2%
Homeless services	15%
Hotel Air BnB	7%
Other, incl. another refuge	6%
Asked to leave	11%

Some of the above outcomes slightly decreased from 2021, for example, 20% went home to relationship compared to 27% in 2021, and the number going to transitional housing or safe house was only 8% compared to 11% in 2021, this being influenced by lack of step down accommodation and housing crisis.

Saoirse Housing Association CLG INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	€	€
Income		2,627,119	2,452,715
Expenditure		(2,586,062)	(2,355,345)
Surplus before interest		41,057	97,370
Interest receivable and similar income		-	2,133
Interest payable and similar expenses	6	(6,779)	(7,058)
Surplus for the financial year	18	34,278	92,445
Total comprehensive income		34,278	92,445

Saoirse Housing Association CLG

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

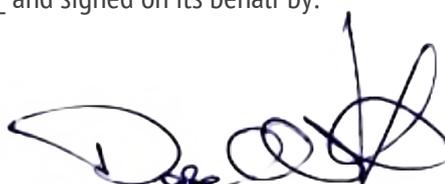
	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	979,793	998,931
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	47,572	29,862
Cash and cash equivalents		665,426	855,074
		712,998	884,936
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(184,471)	(368,812)
Net Current Assets		528,527	516,124
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		1,508,320	1,515,055
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(884,676)	(925,689)
Net Assets		623,644	589,366
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account	18	623,644	589,366
Members' Funds		623,644	589,366

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the board on 14/06/23 and signed on its behalf by:



David Laird
Director



Darren O'Neill
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Saoirse Housing Association CLG

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Saoirse Housing Association CLG ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council, applying Section 1A of that Standard.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2022 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 3 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by The Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements;
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on Which We are Required to Report by Exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of Directors for The Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for The Audit of The Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: The description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

The Purpose of Our Audit Work and To Whom we Owe Our Responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Noel J Delaney

for and on behalf of

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Certified Public Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Date: 15/06/2023



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Disability, Integration and Youth



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

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