



## Divisional Protective Services Unit – Consent an issue in majority of cases involving children

(Source: DPSU Laois Offaly figs in support of interview suite in Portlaoise )



**An Garda Síochána**

Ireland's National Police & Security Service



77.9% of young people stated that they have been in a teen dating relationship.

80.08% of young people stated that they have been verbally abused.

77.92% of the students stated that they wanted to learn more about teen dating awareness in schools.

(Source: Teen dating Abuse Survey ODVSS 2019 )





In a survey of 700+ students in 2018, "Almost all students said that they would like to have learned more about ... romantic relationships and the associated pressures of such relationships".

Dept of Education review of the RSE program in schools

<https://ncca.ie/media/4462/report-on-the-review-of-relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse-in-primary-and-post-primary-school.pdf> , pp. 16.



**Laois Domestic  
Abuse Service**



70% of individuals believe that consent is a problem in Ireland.

20% of respondents saying that occasionally people refuse sex because they need persuasion.

Real Consent in Ireland, 2021.





20% of attendances in SATU are aged 18 and under. There has been a 37% increase in the number of adolescent attendances to the SATU Network between 2017 and 2022.





*Number of referrals by primary report type for Sexual Abuse in 2021 = 4331  
Number of referrals by primary report type for Sexual Abuse in 2022 = 5240  
That is an increase of 909 referrals for 2022.*

National Tusla data



1 in 2 sexually active young people will get an STD by the age of 25, most will not know it

