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Building Reliable Evidence and Data to Develop Better Support Provisions and Drive Social Change

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In general, sexual violence has been a neglected area of research. The available data are scanty and fragmented.

The availability, **quality and usefulness** of the different data sources varies considerable both within and between countries

The quality of the data may be inadequate

Data may be confidential

Definitions used have varied considerably

World Report of Violence & Health, 2002, WHO





“Data collection is important at all levels, but it is **at local level** that the quality and completeness of data will be determined...

Systems must be designed which are simple, cost effective to implement, appropriate to the level of skill of the staff using them, and conforming to national and international standards.”

World Health Organization





“Given the paucity of Irish-specific quantitative and qualitative data regarding sexual violence, it is vitally important that the administrative data recorded in the course of service delivery to survivors of sexual violence is both **as complete and reliable** as possible. In order to achieve this goal, in future data recording needs to be nationally planned, coordinated and standardised.”

Dr Maureen Lyons, UCD, 2009





The Second International Conference on Survivors of Rape - a multidisciplinary approach

October 1-2, 2010 in Utrecht, The Netherlands

RCNI Presentation:

“What does the research and data tell us about male victims of rape in an Irish context”





Four sufficiently reliable Irish data sets informed the RCNI presentation:

1. **SAVI, National Prevalence Survey, 2002**
2. **Annual SATU (Forensic Examination) Report, 2009**
3. **RAJI, a National Study of Irish Legal System, 2009**
4. **RCNI Annual National Rape Crisis Statistics, 2009**





One of the most difficult challenges for Rape Crisis Centres is knowing whether the hard work of staff and volunteers is making a difference.

The RCNI National Rape Crisis Statistics 2009 is a vital resource to researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in our collective efforts to end sexual violence against women, men, and children.

The national data organised by RCNI is critical because it provides the kind of information necessary for long-term planning and evaluation.





"We need know the who's, the how's, the when's, and the what's in order to **develop effective services for survivors** and to move forward with **prevention initiatives**.

The RCNI data answer these questions and can be used to guide planning efforts in order to make the most of limited resources.

Frankly, I wish similar data were available in the United States as it would be an invaluable resource to my work as a sexual assault researcher and consultant to policy makers."

Rebecca Campbell, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University
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