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The Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Implementation Plan
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Child and Family Agency

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Glossary of Abbreviations

Acronym	Meaning
CSO	Central Statistics Office
DEY	Department of Education and Youth
DCDE	Department of Children, Disability and Equality
DFHERIS	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
DHLGH	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
DOJHAM	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
DSGBV	Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
GNPSB	Garda National Protection and Services Bureau
GREVIO	Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
HLOB	High-Level Oversight Board
HSE	Health Service Executive
GNPSB	Garda National Protective Services Bureau
NCCA	National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NSIO	HSE National Social Inclusion Office

Foreword from the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

I am pleased to publish the third and final implementation plan under Zero Tolerance, the third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV). The Strategy demonstrates our national commitment to realising a society where there is zero tolerance of DSGBV. This implementation plan sets out the vital work to be undertaken over the next two years in pursuit of this vision.

The actions in this plan were developed in consultation with a wide range of government departments and state agencies that are responsible for strategy implementation, reflecting the whole-of-government commitment to prevent and combat DSGBV, and to respond to the needs of victim-survivors, including children. The actions are ambitious and aim to contribute to an increased awareness of DSGBV and a change in societal attitudes, an improved journey to and through the justice system, and the expansion of support services to victim-survivors.

There has been significant progress in the implementation of the Zero Tolerance Strategy to date – from the establishment of Cuan, the dedicated Agency for Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, to an increased budget for DSGBV services, the enactment of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Human Trafficking) Act 2024, and the reform of the Senior Cycle Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum in schools.

However, many challenges remain, and throughout my time as an elected representative, I have been listening to the views of victim-survivors and their representatives on critical issues that now require my attention as Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and that of my department.

Since my appointment as Minister earlier this year, I have made it clear that the combating and the eradication of DSGBV will be one of my core priorities while in office. Three key areas I have progressed include drafting legislation to remove the guardianship rights of a person who has been convicted of killing their intimate partner; working to develop a scheme to ensure any person in an intimate relationship can be informed if their partner has a history of domestic violence; and securing Cabinet approval for proposed legislation to ensure counselling records are only released where the Court decides that they contain material relevant to legal proceedings.

I am equally committed to driving refuge development and increasing the number of safe homes, while improving supports for victim-survivors, strengthening legal protections, and galvanising cultural change. It is my responsibility to ensure that the Cabinet are kept abreast of action on DSGBV, and that every department and state agency is engaged on the delivery of their commitments.

In conclusion, I look forward to working with partners within and beyond Government, particularly civil society and the DSGBV sector, to implement this plan, and to ensure its progress informs the development of the next National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

Jim O'Callaghan TD
Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Introduction from the CEO of Cuan

I welcome the publication of the 2025–2026 Implementation Plan of the Zero Tolerance Strategy, which is the first implementation plan developed by Cuan since our establishment last year.

The development of this plan involved several rounds of monitoring and reporting on progress in the delivery of Zero Tolerance to date, the delivery of a gap analysis, and consultations across government departments and state agencies. The plan was also informed by input from a wide range of external stakeholders, the Programme for Government 2025, and the *Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence baseline evaluation report on Ireland*.

For the first time, the actions in the implementation plan include performance indicators, which will allow us and our delivery partners to measure progress and assess impact. The performance indicators will act as a guide for us to stay on track, operate transparently and accountably, and ultimately help us to achieve our objectives under the Zero Tolerance Strategy.

The development of a bespoke monitoring framework will also allow Cuan to focus on more in-depth reporting to reflect on key achievements made across Government and wider society in the combating and prevention of DSGBV, and to analyse and address challenges or gaps in implementation.

Some of the actions in this plan follow from progress made between 2022 and 2024, and there are also new actions across the four pillars of Zero Tolerance to account for emerging trends and developments in the external environment, and to address gaps in progress to date.

At Cuan, we are committed to working with our partners across government, civil society and the DSGBV sector to continue driving a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to Zero Tolerance. In this regard, there are several new implementing partners listed in this plan, and it is our intention to further expand partnerships over its life cycle.

All our work at Cuan in supporting the implementation of this plan will be informed by the principles of co-design and collaboration which are the bedrock of the Zero Tolerance Strategy. Over the next two years, we will be actively consulting victim-survivors, including children, and working with civil society and the DSGBV sector to ensure that this plan is delivered with an intersectional and inclusive lens which recognises and responds to the gendered nature of DSGBV.

In conclusion, the team at Cuan are steadfast in our commitment to the implementation of this plan. Working closely with Minister O'Callaghan and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, we will use all the tools at our disposal to work with partners to build an Ireland where there is zero tolerance of DSGBV.

Dr. Stephanie O'Keeffe
CEO, Cuan

Policy Context

Zero Tolerance is Ireland's third National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (2022–2026). The strategy is grounded in the Istanbul Convention which Ireland ratified in March 2019, and was developed through co-design and collaboration with civil society and DSGBV services. At its centre, the strategy recognises that "it is only through an integrated approach across all sectors of society that the problem of DSGBV, which is an expression of historical unequal power relations... will be tackled."

The Zero Tolerance Strategy articulates a clear vision and direction for the prevention and combating of DSGBV and the protection of victim-survivors. However, significant and complex challenges remain, and the final two years of strategy implementation necessitate a strong focus on delivery and collective action if we are to make progress.

This implementation plan (the Plan) is guided by the legislative framework and the four pillars set out in the Zero Tolerance Strategy. The four pillars underscore the critical importance of adopting an inclusive, whole-of-government approach, driven by collaboration between government departments, statutory bodies, service providers and civil society.

Prevention

The Prevention Pillar focuses on supporting evidence-based actions designed to prevent DSGBV. The goal of this pillar is to work towards the eradication of the social and cultural norms that underpin and contribute to gender-based violence. The actions cluster under themes of education, training and awareness raising, and making places where people congregate, such as workplaces and education settings, safer.

Protection

The Protection Pillar focuses on actions designed to protect victim-survivors of DSGBV, both adults and children, and to guarantee access to therapeutic support and services. The goal of this pillar is to ensure that all victim-survivors have immediate and longer-term access to the safety, support services and advocacy they need, with due regard to their diversity. The actions cluster under themes of providing refuge, support services and information.

Prosecution

The Prosecution Pillar focuses on actions designed to advance effective law enforcement and judicial proceedings that enable victim-survivors to access the justice they deserve. The goal of this pillar is to ensure that the justice system implements the law and provides the consistent enforcement and judicial proceedings necessary to vindicate the rights of victim-survivors, including children. The actions cluster under themes of strengthening access to justice for victim-survivors and building awareness and capacity of justice sector professionals in relation to DSGBV.

Policy Coordination

The Policy Coordination Pillar focuses on actions designed to support effective policy coordination and implementation at both national and local levels. The goal of this pillar is that the state offers a comprehensive, coordinated, whole-of-government, authoritative, monitored and evaluated set of responses to DSGBV. This will be informed by engagement with relevant stakeholders, including expert bodies and service providers operating at international, national, regional, and local levels. The actions cluster under themes of creating strong oversight and implementation structures, research, data collection and coordination.

There has been considerable progress, across the four pillars, on the implementation of Zero Tolerance to date, as outlined in the progress reports on the Implementation of the Zero Tolerance Strategy 2024[1].

The plan takes account of the comprehensive approach of the Zero Tolerance Strategy and its ambitious intention to eliminate DSGBV in all its forms.

Twenty-two organisations — Government departments and state agencies — share responsibility for implementing the actions under this plan. The actions are informed, where relevant, by policies and strategies of other government departments, the Programme for Government 2025 and the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) baseline evaluation report on Ireland.

1 Available at https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-justice/publications/cuan-publications/

Overview of the Implementation Plan

This plan sets out the actions, ways of working and reporting structure for the final two years of Zero Tolerance implementation.

There are five phases to the implementation of Zero Tolerance over the period 2025–2026:

Phase 01
Preparation for Implementation

- Research and review of implementation to date
- Analysis of GREVIO recommendations to Ireland, the Programme for Government 2025, and related National Strategies and policy reports
- Consultation with Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, implementation partners, a Guidance Panel of the Board of Cuan, and discussions with the DSGBV sector and civil society
- Agreement of actions, performance indicators and reporting structure
- Approval by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
- Official publication

Phase 02
Implementation

- Delivery of agreed actions by all implementation partners as set out in the list of actions below
- Ongoing support and collaboration with implementation partners by Cuan
- Engagement with the DSGBV sector and civil society, and victim-survivors, including children

Phase 03
Monitoring, Reporting, and Measurement

- Implementation partners to report to Cuan biannually, at mid and year-end, in 2025 and in 2026 on progress of actions
- Analysis of all data returned to Cuan by implementation partners
- Preparation of biannual internal reports to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, the High-Level Oversight Board and the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs
- Preparation and publication of annual progress reports (2025 and 2026)
- Cuan to initiate work on outcomes measurement

Phase 04
Review & Evaluation of the Implementation Plan

Phase 05
Transition to the Fourth National Strategy on DSGBV

Preparing the Plan

This plan was prepared in line with the requirements, intentions and commitments to Zero Tolerance. Preparation took account of Cuan's statutory responsibility as set out in the Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Act 2023.

The successful implementation of the strategy is dependent on the whole-of-government approach that is at the core of Zero Tolerance. This calls on Government departments, agencies and statutory bodies to co-design, lead and support the delivery of actions.

The implementation plan has three main parts:

- a set of actions (what will be done),
- a set of principles (the ways of working),
- and the Monitoring and Reporting Framework (how we will track and report progress internally).

All three parts require leadership and resources to successfully implement the plan. The plan contains 95 actions in support of the 23 objectives across the 4 pillars and is dependent for success on 22 implementation partners, as well as on the critical work undertaken by civil society and the DSGBV sector. It will be reviewed towards the end of 2026 and the results will gauge progress, impact and learning to inform the Fourth National Strategy on DSGBV.

Monitoring and Reporting Framework

Cuan has the statutory obligation to coordinate, monitor and report on the progress of work under this plan for the final two years of Zero Tolerance.

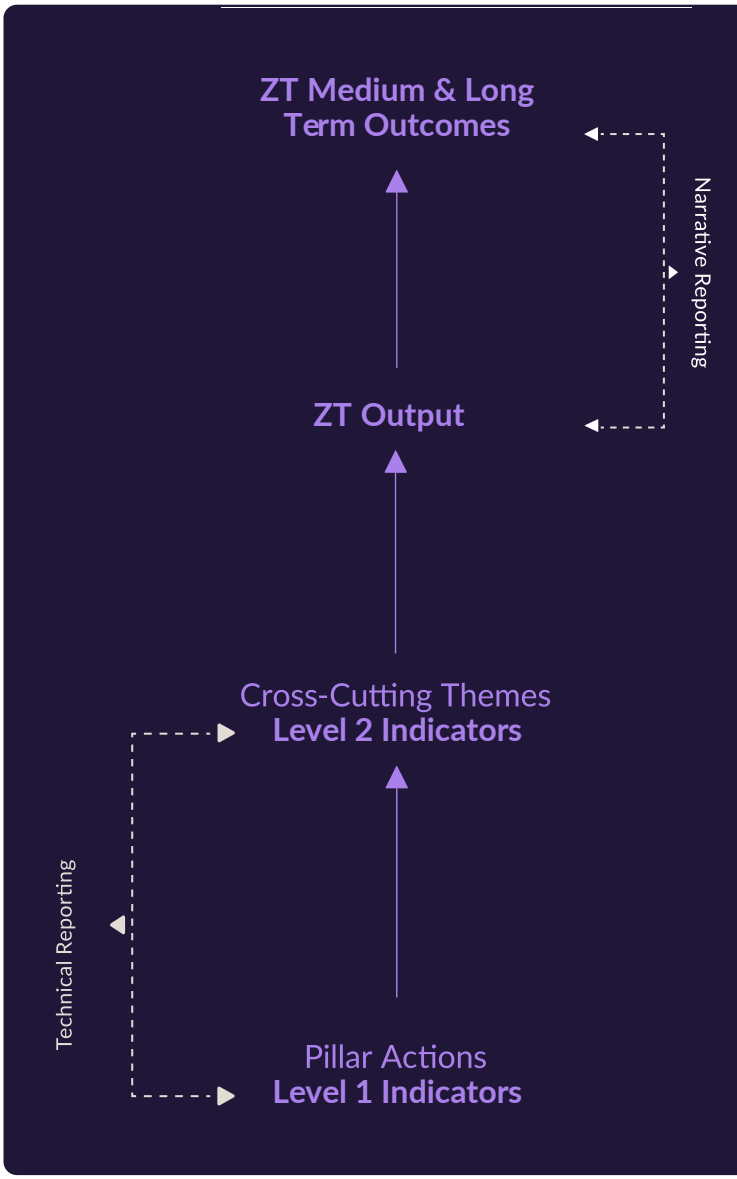
This section gives an overview of the purpose and content of the monitoring and reporting framework for the plan at a high level.

The monitoring and reporting framework is designed to track the implementation of Zero Tolerance. It is the first bespoke monitoring framework for Zero Tolerance implementation, setting out actions, performance indicators, and accompanying data collection methods to monitor progress over the specified timelines discussed and agreed with implementation partners. This signifies the start of a more robust monitoring and reporting process that Cuan will strengthen over the course of the plan.

The intention is to capture data to inform regular reporting that Cuan will prepare for the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, the HLOB and the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs, as well as externally.

The reporting will take account of the evolving context, external environment and emerging practice. It will inform continuous improvement as the work progresses towards zero tolerance of DSGBV and ensure transparency and accountability.

By implementing the monitoring and reporting framework, Cuan will be able to track the implementation of Zero Tolerance — how the 95 actions across the 4 pillars and 23 objectives have progressed towards the vision of zero tolerance and the enablers and challenges experienced by implementing partners.



Features of the Monitoring and Reporting Framework

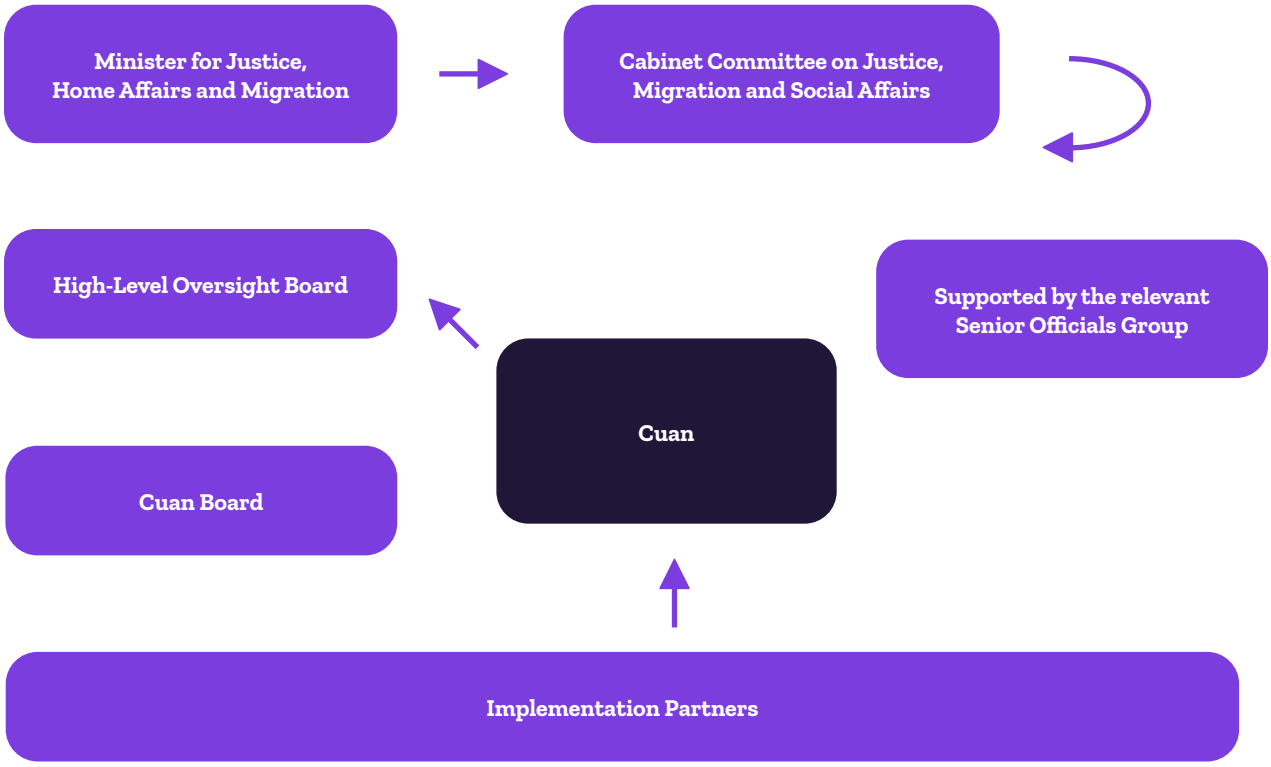
- Inclusion of the voices and experiences of victim-survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence through Cuan's external engagement
- A set of performance indicators to track the work at action level (Level 1) as well as indicators (Level 2) to track the process of implementation (e.g., partnership, collaboration, and intersectionality)
- The mechanisms for tracking will include a mix of bespoke surveys, administrative data gathering, research and evaluation studies, as well as demographic and official statistics from the Central Statistics Office on DSGBV
- Agreed timelines for reporting to Cuan for all implementation partners to meet the requirements of the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
- Agreement between Cuan and implementation partners of headline themes to spotlight each year for more intensive scrutiny in annual reporting (e.g., education, training, voice of the child, data)
- Continued use of a colour coding system (blue, red, amber, green) to classify the status of actions, known as the BRAG system, as a ready reckoner of status of the actions at the end of each reporting period

Monitoring & Reporting Framework Supporting Systems and Dependencies

01.	Connection of Zero Tolerance actions with the strategic intentions of the strategy/policy of each implementation partner
02.	Capacity of implementation partners to report on time and with accurate data.
03.	Leadership and commitment on the part of all implementation partners to bring the principles of implementation to life in practice.
04.	Establishment of baselines for the indicators that refer to an increase or a decrease in certain named phenomena. For example, baselines for awareness of DSGBV, reporting of incidents of DSGBV, and prosecutions.
05.	Cross-referencing as appropriate to other relevant research and evaluation activities, e.g., the work of the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).
06.	Application of appropriate software to capture and analyse the quantitative data gathered and present in dashboard format.
07.	Coherence and connection through effective use, as appropriate, of existing data-gathering mechanisms and research, e.g., CSO Sexual Violence Survey, the Domestic Violence Survey.
08.	Active involvement of civil society and the DSGBV sector including victim-survivors of DSGBV and a dedicated plan to listen to and incorporate their voices.
09.	Resources and guidelines to support delivery partners to report on time and with clean and accurate data (e.g., time, finance, human and IT).
10.	Resources and capacity within Cuan to support the gathering, inputting and analysis/interpretation of data and reporting of results.

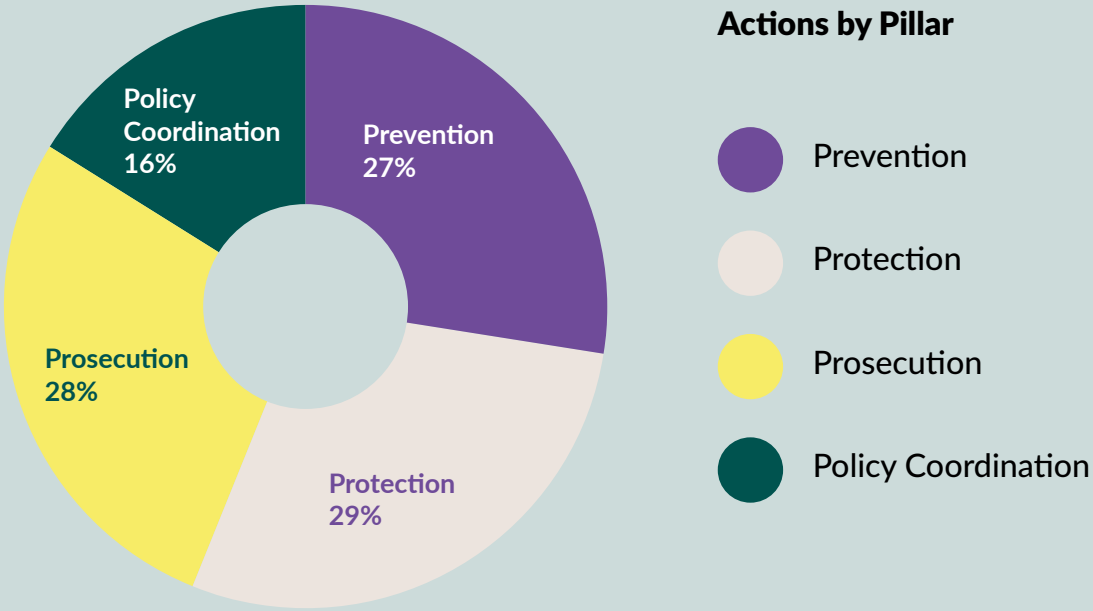
Governance Structure

The governance structures and leadership processes for Zero Tolerance and this plan are set out below



- The Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs provides political oversight of the strategy and its effective implementation and is supported by a Senior Officials Group
- The High-Level Oversight Board (HLOB) is co-chaired by the Department of the Taoiseach and Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and is supported by the Secretariat in the Department of the Taoiseach. The HLOB meets on a quarterly basis to ensure that the actions are being implemented successfully and within the designated timelines across all relevant bodies
- The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, have overall leadership and responsibility for DSGBV policy
- Cuan has a statutory responsibility to coordinate, monitor and report on the implementation of Zero Tolerance, and to support and advise public bodies on its implementation
- The Cuan Board is not responsible for the implementation of Zero Tolerance; it has oversight of the Cuan Corporate Plan — some of which intersects with the delivery of the Zero Tolerance Strategy, and it can act in a consultative capacity to the CEO
- Each implementation partner holds responsibility for delivery, monitoring and reporting to Cuan on the actions outlined in this plan

Action List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Protection 29%
Actions by Pillar
Prevention
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Prosecution
Policy Coordination

Prevention Pillar

Objective
Enhance the understanding of the general public of all forms of DSGBV and its root causes, and educate society to recognise the harm and prevent the human rights abuse that is DSGBV while making clear the pathways to safety and sanctions

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.1.1	**Develop effective, impactful and evidence-led public awareness campaigns aimed at changing attitudes, preventing and reducing the incidence of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence**	To raise awareness of DSGBV as a major societal issue. To encourage victim-survivors to come forward and make disclosures. To signpost victim-survivors to support services
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Two new public awareness campaigns developed and rolled out by end Q3 — Increase in overall public awareness of DSGBV — Victim-survivors more willing to make disclosures	— Increase in overall public awareness of DSGBV. Victim-survivors more willing to make disclosures — Increased awareness of support services
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.1.2	**Begin development of an evidence-based porn literacy strategy spanning public awareness and education**	To educate the public & young people around porn literacy as a key preventative initiative
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Establish porn literacy advisory group by end Q4 — Develop terms of reference for key research outputs to inform development of strategy by end Q4 — Introduce age appropriate porn literacy sessions as part of Consent Ed programme for secondary schools by end Q4	— Research outputs delivered by end Q2 — Public awareness campaign development underway by end Q3 — Development of Consent Ed porn literacy education resources for non-formal education
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

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Enhance the understanding of the general public of all forms of DSGBV and its root causes, and educate society to recognise the harm and prevent the human rights abuse that is DSGBV while making clear the pathways to safety and sanctions

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.1.3	**Work with national sporting bodies to ensure that a zero tolerance culture is established in sports environments**	To encourage prevention of DSGBV in the community
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Memorandum of Understanding established with Sport Ireland by end Q4 — To have supported the Game Changer project with e-learning modules for GAA clubs by end Q3	— To support the Game Changer project with a national public awareness campaign aimed at preventing DSGBV throughout 2026 — Impact measures in place with tracking system agreed
	Delivery Lead	Cuan
	Delivery Partner	Sport Ireland

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.1.4	**Promote awareness of the rights of victim-survivors in the context of the EU Victims' Rights Directive recast**	To ensure that victim-survivors are informed of their rights and provided with necessary resources to report a crime to An Garda Síochána, ensure that enhanced safety measures are tailored to the specific needs of vulnerable victim-survivors and to facilitate easier access to justice for victim-survivors
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Develop EU Directive information campaign including development of promotional materials by end Q4 (subject to the transposition of the Directive)	— Complete EU Directive information campaign by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Prevent DSGBV within Higher Education by enhancing understanding of DSGBV, consent, coercive control and healthy relationships and support the implementation of a victim-survivor centred approach to responding to DSGBV

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.2.1	**Address key recommendations emerging from the reports on National Surveys of Staff and Student Experiences of Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish HEIs**	To embed a victim-survivor-centred approach by the Irish Higher Education institutions
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Support the delivery of the Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education Implementation Plan. All 19 actions complete or commenced by end Q4	— Develop and deliver updated National Surveys of Staff and Student Experiences of Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish HEIs
	Delivery Lead	Higher Education Authority
	Delivery Partner	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.2.2	**Oversee and monitor Higher Education Institution (HEI) implementation of the Framework for Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education**	To gather information on instances of sexual violence and harassment and in Higher Education institutions with the end goal of ending such occurrences
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— All HEIs implementing the Framework to report to the HEA on progress against Framework outcomes — Increase in number of outcomes rated as 'achieved' by HEIs — Number of institutions implementing Speak Out	— All HEIs implementing the Framework to report to the HEA on progress against Framework outcomes — Increase in number of outcomes rated as 'achieved' by HEIs — Number of institutions implementing Speak Out. Number of anonymous reports via the Speak Out tool
	Delivery Lead	Higher Education Authority
	Delivery Partner	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

Objective
Prevent DSGBV within Higher Education by enhancing understanding of DSGBV, consent, coercive control and healthy relationships and support the implementation of a victim-survivor centred approach to responding to DSGBV

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.2.3	**Roll out Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education Awareness Raising Campaign**	To raise awareness of sexual violence and harassment
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Campaign messaging developed	— Campaign delivered — Participant feedback and social media metrics gathered and analysed
	Delivery Lead	Higher Education Authority
	Delivery Partner	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Cuan

Objective
Enhance the understanding of children and young people on what creates gender inequalities and what constitutes gender equality, consent and healthy relationships (using best practice evidence)

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.3.1	**Aligned with SPHE outcomes, progress existing DSGBV-prevention education programme (Consent Ed) in the formal education system and develop DSGBV-prevention education programme for non-formal education contexts**	To train teachers on healthy relationships to support the implementation of the SPHE curriculum. To reach young people in marginalised communities with healthy relationship education
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of teachers/educators trained, number of schools reached — Estimated number of students reached — Dedicated parents resources on DSGBV-prevention to support classroom learning developed by end Q3 — Advisory group set up to guide development of non-formal DSGBV education resources by end Q2 — Develop DSGBV education resources for use in non-formal education setting for launch in 2026	— Ongoing monitoring of teacher and educator training. Engagement plan with school senior management & boards on whole-of-school DSGBV prevention approach — Launch of non-formal education resources by end Q2
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Enhance the understanding of children and young people on what creates gender inequalities and what constitutes gender equality, consent and healthy relationships (using best practice evidence)

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.3.2	**Deliver teacher professional learning to support the introduction of new SPHE specifications**	To support the effective rollout of the updated SPHE/RSE curriculum
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of teachers participating in the relevant Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) programmes/courses during the 24/25 school year	— Number of teachers participating in the relevant Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) programmes/courses during the 25/26 school year
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.3.3	**Implement the rollout of the Senior Cycle SPHE specification to all students entering the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme in September 2025, including the provision of necessary resources**	To support teaching and learning about healthy relationships; gender, culture and social norms; abusive and violent relationships; and safely managing social situations where they or others might be at risk
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of schools delivering the SPHE programme for the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme between 2025 and 2026 — Publication of Relationships and Sexuality Education resource (RSE5) for Senior Cycle SPHE — Publication of Health and Wellbeing Resource for Senior Cycle SPHE	— Number of schools delivering SPHE programme
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Objective
Enhance the understanding of children and young people on what creates gender inequalities and what constitutes gender equality, consent and healthy relationships (using best practice evidence)

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.3.4	**Provide support to the education system on prevention, consent and healthy relationships**	To promote a healthy approach to relationships and related topics such as consent, gender, domestic and sexual violence in young people
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Development of 5th year Relationships and Sexuality Education resource (RSE5) to piloting stage	– Publication of RSE5 and development of 6th year Relationships and Sexuality Education resource (RSE6) to piloting stage
	Delivery Lead	HSE
	Delivery Partner	Department of Health Department of Education and Youth National Council for Curriculum and Assessment

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.3.5	**Progress the phased implementation of the updated SPHE/RSE specification for Senior Cycle to all schools, including the provision of necessary resources**	To support teaching and learning about healthy relationships; gender, culture and social norms; abusive and violent relationships, and safely managing social situations where they or others might be at risk
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of schools delivering the SPHE programme between 2025 and 2026 – Publication of RSE 5 resource for Senior Cycle SPHE – Publication of Health and Wellbeing 5 resource for Senior Cycle SPHE	– Number of schools delivering SPHE programme
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Objective
Enable frontline professionals and support staff to have the necessary analysis, skills, and expertise to identify potential DSGBV risks and make appropriate preventative interventions and referrals

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.4.1	**Deliver wellbeing supports for teachers dealing with sexual harassment and gender-based violence**	To support victim-survivors of sexual harassment and gender-based violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of teachers availing of services	— Number of teachers availing of services
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.4.2	**Continue the implementation and development of the National DSGBV e-learning training programme including the development of in-person skills-based sessions**	To provide high quality online learning, training, and development opportunities to support DSGBV frontline services
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Launch Training Module 4 – 'Refer' on www.HSeLanD.ie — Number of participants accessing the training and from where, i.e., partner organisations/ other sectors — Number of topic specific sessions delivered and number of participants per session — Number of skills-based sessions delivered and number of participants per session — Training resource manual updated and reviewed	— Number of participants accessing the training and from where, i.e., partner organisations/ other sectors — Number of topic specific sessions delivered and number of participants per session — Number of skills-based sessions delivered and number of participants per session
	Delivery Lead	HSE

Objective
Enable frontline professionals and support staff to have the necessary analysis, skills, and expertise to identify potential DSGBV risks and make appropriate preventative interventions and referrals

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.4.3	**Ensure that Legal Aid Board staff who deal with victim-survivors of DSGBV receive adequate DSGBV training**	To support the victim-survivor in a trauma-informed and sensitive manner
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of training modules introduced — Completion rates for each training module	— Number of training modules introduced — Completion rates for each training module
	Delivery Lead	Legal Aid Board

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.4.4	**Deliver training to Probation Service staff dealing with perpetrators and victim-survivors of DSGBV**	To equip staff with the skills and knowledge required to intervene sensitively with victims of DSGBV and assess/supervise perpetrators according to best practice
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Stalking risk assessment tool (SAM) training provided to relevant Probation staff for application in court-referred stalking cases in Q4 — Sex offender risk assessment training delivered to identified staff during by end Q2 — Spousal risk assessment tool (SARA V3) delivered to relevant staff by end Q4 — National SARA V3 mentor system rolled out in order to support staff in the application of SARA V3 - throughout 2025 — Domestic violence and victim awareness training made available to staff working IPV cases - from Q3	— Training in Stalking risk assessment tool (SAM) rolled with a view to upskilling relevant staff in the instrument, for application in Court referred Stalking cases by end Q2 — Sex offender risk assessment training delivered to identified staff during Q2 2025 — Spousal risk assessment tool (SARA V3) delivered to relevant staff by end Q2 — Ongoing implementation of National SARA V3 mentor system in order to support staff in the application of SARA V3 throughout 2026 — Domestic violence and victim Awareness training made available to staff working IPV cases
	Delivery Lead	The Probation Service

Objective
Make digital and media spaces safer through robust regulation as well as working with civil society and the media to foster awareness of the harm caused by domestic, sexual and gender-based violence (meeting the requirements Article 17 of the Istanbul Convention1)

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.5.1	**Supervise, monitor and enforce age assurance requirements and any other relevant measures, including content rating for regulated online services, taking into account relevant frameworks and emerging technologies**	To strengthen protections to limit children's exposure to pornography, recognising its role in fostering harmful attitudes towards sex, relationships and gender, and its contribution to sexual violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Progress will be assessed by: — Validating the implementation of relevant measures required by the Online Safety Framework — Evaluating the effectiveness of the measures in place — Where necessary, and following a formal investigation and a finding of non-compliance, taking appropriate enforcement actions	— Monitoring the effectiveness of measures in place
	Delivery Lead	Coimisiún na Meán

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.5.2	**Deliver information and education initiatives on online safety, including targeted resources for children and young people, parents/guardians, and teachers, in cooperation with relevant organisations**	To raise awareness and understanding of illegal content/activity and online harms, including for children and young people, parents/guardians, and teachers, and equip them with information on protective measures and reporting mechanisms
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Progress will be assessed through the creation and dissemination of educational resources through a variety of channels, and appropriate partnerships with key stakeholders	— Monitoring the effectiveness of measures in place
	Delivery Lead	Coimisiún na Meán

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Ref	Action	Rationale
1.5.3	**Implement, supervise and enforce the Online Safety Framework to improve online safety for women and girls**	By holding platforms to account we can reduce the harm that women and girls experience online and ensure their rights are upheld
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Progress will be measured based on the delivery of relevant action items to implement our Strategy that improve online safety for women and girls	— Monitoring the effectiveness of measures in place
	Delivery Lead	Coimisiún na Meán

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.5.4	**Provide resources and professional learning on online safety education for schools through Webwise**	To ensure children understand online safety risks, keep safe online and are protected from online abuse
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Ongoing expansion of resources and relevant events by Webwise — Resource downloads of Webwise materials — Professional learning attendance data provided at agreed intervals or upon request — Continued engagement by Webwise with relevant entities including Coimisún na Meán — Resource downloads of Webwise materials — Professional learning attendance data provided at agreed intervals or upon request — Continued engagement by Webwise with relevant entities including Coimisún na Meán	— Resource downloads of webwise materials — Professional learning attendance data
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Objective
Make spaces safer to reduce opportunities for sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.6.1	**Continue to take steps to increase the availability of public transport, including taxis.**	To make travel, particularly in the night-time economy, safer and more accessible for women and other vulnerable users
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of night buses available and areas serviced – Number of additional taxis made available by end Q4	– Number of night buses available and areas serviced – Number of additional taxis made available by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Department of Transport

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.6.2	**Continue to report on public transport passenger safety and personal security**	This report provides awareness of safety perceptions in 2024 and to allow operators and the Department to see safety shortfalls
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Report published by end Q1 – Identify baseline of the perceptions of the safety of vulnerable users when using public transport	– Implement recommendations of the report by end Q1 – Improve upon baseline of the perception of the safety of users by end Q1
	Delivery Lead	Department of Transport

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.6.3	**Continue awareness campaigns with the aim of promoting inclusivity, courtesy and respect for all when travelling on public transport and provide clear information on how to report anti-social behaviour**	To promote inclusivity, courtesy and respect for all when travelling on public transport and provide clear information on how to report anti-social behaviour
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of awareness campaigns running – Number of incidents of sexual harassment and gender-based violence reported	– Evaluate the impact of awareness campaigns
	Delivery Lead	Department of Transport

Objective
Make spaces safer to reduce opportunities for sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.6.4	**Increase awareness for the Driver Check App, which allows intending passengers to check that a taxi and driver are properly registered and licensed before getting in**	To promote and encourage the use of the Driver Check App enabling passengers to check that a taxi and driver are properly registered and licensed
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Increase the current 25% awareness level	– Further increase in awareness levels
	Delivery Lead	Department of Transport

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.6.5	**Implement the relevant actions in the Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice and the Cineáltas Implementation Plan**	To promote a school environment free from gender-based violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of schools and centres for education that have used the School Self-Evaluation (SSE) process to initiate a wellbeing promotion review and development cycle 1 over the life cycle of the Implementation Plan 2025-2026	– Use of the SSE process
	Delivery Lead	Department of Education and Youth

Objective
Make workplaces safer in the public, private and other sectors, reducing opportunities for sexual and gender-based violence, and promote public awareness of existing legislation that is in place, as well as training for staff

Ref	Action	Rationale
1.7.1	**Take forward actions on the recommendations in the Report from the Independent Review Group on Dignity and Equality Issues in the Defence Forces, as approved by Government in March 2023, and as set out in the Strategic Framework, agreed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence in October 2023**	To ensure the Defence Forces is a workplace underpinned by equality and mutual respect for all, through promoting cultural change and providing oversight and accountability structures to address allegations of discrimination, bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Grievance measures in place — Number of interpersonal complaints issues reported to the the Office of the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces — Number of interpersonal complaints reported to the Interim Grievance Manager — Supports available to serving members — Number of Defense Force members who attended Sexual Ethics and Responsible Relationship (SERR) workshops	— Number of interpersonal complaints issues reported to the Office of the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces — Number of interpersonal complaints reported to the Interim Grievance Manager — Supports available to serving members — Number of Defense Force members who attended Sexual Ethics and Responsible Relationship (SERR) workshops
	Delivery Lead	Department of Defence

Protection Pillar

Objective
Ensure that individuals who experience DSGBV can access adequate, extensive and accessible information on and offline

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.1.1	**Continue providing clear information on the family law system to victim-survivors of DSGBV attending Court, including issuing new court forms on family law matters. This information should include user-friendly and child-friendly guides to court processes**	To improve access to information so that people, children and families making their way through the family justice system will know where to go to get information when they need it, and will understand it
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of visits to site	— Additional resources developed as required
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.1.2	**Improve online resources to raise public awareness of the Victims Charter. Grow reach across society with high-profile public awareness campaigns and a specific focus on marginalised groups and the development of materials in different languages**	To ensure that individuals are aware of the support and help available when they fall victim to a DSGBV-related crime
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Develop promotional materials for new burst of Know Your Rights campaign in several languages and plain English — Deliver Victims Charter (Know Your Rights) Campaign by end Q4	— Deliver further iteration of Victims Charter (Know Your Rights) Campaign by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Ensure that individuals who experience DSGBV can access adequate, extensive and accessible information on and offline

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.1.3	**Promote changes to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (CICS)**	To ensure that victim-survivors can access information on the Scheme when they have suffered personal injuries as a result of a violent crime committed against them
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Update materials related to CICS – Develop information campaign including assets	– Deliver CICS campaign by end Q2
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.1.4	**Design and disseminate a public service directory and webpage for DSGBV information and resources**	To provide the public with up-to-date DSGBV information and resources
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Service directory and webpage designed and disseminated in collaboration with other relevant agencies – Number of DSGBV site visits – Number of resources developed and downloaded – Webpage contents are reviewed and updated biannually	– Webpage contents are reviewed and updated biannually – Number of resources developed and downloaded
	Delivery Lead	HSE

Objective
Ensure that individuals who experience DSGBV can access adequate, extensive and accessible information on and offline

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.1.5	**Create a dedicated website for the Women's Health Service to communicate and promote the service and reach relevant groups**	To promote the Women's Health Service and reach relevant groups
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Website is created and number accessing/using the website and for what purposes — Produce communication strategy and data piece around Women's Health Service to ensure targeting of specific hard to reach populations	— Webpage contents reviewed and updated annually — Monitoring sources of referral to service - attendances accessing services via website and other — Increase numbers - access and attendance to healthcare services
	Delivery Lead	HSE

Objective
Ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all people who experience DSGBV have access to integrated services in the short, medium and longer term

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.1	**Conduct preparatory work, including on data collection and monitoring, to inform the framework for the National Services Development Plan**	To ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all victim-survivors of DSGBV have access to integrated services
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Service delivery monitoring programme via Cuan hub operational by end Q4 — Framework for measurement of current service outputs in place by end Q4	— Analysis of need drawn from service monitoring data by end Q3 — Co-design process on service models completed by end Q3 — Service workforce models developed by end Q4 — Outline NSDP agreed by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all people who experience DSGBV have access to integrated services in the short, medium and longer term

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.2	**Support the sector to develop and enhance services to meet the diverse needs and circumstances of victim-survivors of DSGBV and collect and report on relevant data, including through the operation of the national helplines**	To ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all victim-survivors of DSGBV have access to integrated services that meet their diverse needs and circumstances
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Explore partnership opportunities with other state bodies to make existing training modules available to DSGBV sector by end Q4 — Training needs identification exercise commenced in Q4	— Training needs analysis completed by end Q2 — Training plan published by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.3	**Continue to develop a sustainable model of service delivery to include a phased roll-out of service enhancements and supports to sexual violence services**	To ensure services are responsive to current demand and service need
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Funding model defined to enhance strategic investment in SV services by end Q4 — Funding model defined to enhance adolescent counselling by end Q4	— Monitoring and reporting on service enhancements underway in Q3
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all people who experience DSGBV have access to integrated services in the short, medium and longer term

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.4	**Enhance support for women affected by DSGBV and promote awareness of healthy relationships among incarcerated women**	To improve supports for women affected by DSGBV
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of psychotherapists deployed — Number of consent workshops delivered	— Year-end evaluation to assess the potential for mainstreaming funding for these services
	Delivery Lead	Department of Health

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.5	**Continue to provide specialist medical attention and care for victim-survivors of rape and sexual assault through Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) services nationwide**	To ensure the availability of specialist medical attention and care for victim-survivors of rape and sexual assault
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Patients seen by a forensic clinical examiner within 3 hours of a request to a Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) for a forensic clinical examination – Target 90%	— Patients seen by a forensic clinical examiner within 3 hours of a request to a Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) for a forensic clinical examination – Target 90%
	Delivery Lead	Department of Health

Objective
Ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all people who experience DSGBV have access to integrated services in the short, medium and longer term

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.6	**Finalise an implementation plan for the new Local Integrated Service Delivery Model to enable a timely access and response to children and their families**	To provide consistent, quality, and integrated responses to children and families through regional and network structures to ensure timely and appropriate responses
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of Area Managers recruited (13) — Resource Analysis completed — Staff transition and casework reassignment completed — ICT and TCM changes completed — Delivery of communication and Engagement Plan & Change management strategy with Key Stakeholders including Cuan and C&V partner agencies	— Number of networks established (30)
	Delivery Lead	Tusla

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.7	**Support the sector to ensure continuous development of representative networks**	To ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all victim-survivors of DSGBV have access to integrated services that meet their diverse needs and circumstances
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Ongoing engagement to support the sector to identify and promote opportunities to maximise leadership, capability and collaboration through networks	— Collaborative framework for professional networks aligning to the Zero Tolerance Strategy developed by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Ensure availability of accessible quality specialist and community-based DSGBV services across the state so that all people who experience DSGBV have access to integrated services in the short, medium and longer term

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.8	**Identify a mechanism to proactively refer people in custody to the IPS Psychology Service**	To support the identification of people in custody with a history of domestic violence so that they can access the IPS Psychology Service
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Mechanism in place to identify people in custody with a history of domestic violence on committal to prison	– Mechanism in place and baseline number of referrals established
	Delivery Lead	Irish Prison Service

Objective
Ensure that victim-survivors (adults and children) have immediate and longer term access to safety, support and advocacy they need, with agencies held accountable for the protection of victim-survivors)

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.2.9	**Continue to provide clinical supports to victim-survivors of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**	To provide support to victim-survivors of FGM
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Total number of services users who presented for information – Total number of services users who presented for support	– Total number of services users who presented for information – Total number of services users who presented for support
	Delivery Lead	HSE

Objective
Enable victim-survivors of DSGBV to rapidly access and live in safe, accessible short and long-term accommodation as a priority

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.3.1	**Continue to progress the delivery of current DV refuge development programme pipeline across all priority locations identifying opportunities to accelerate delivery**	To ensure that all women and families have access to safe accommodation when they need it
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Review of existing accommodation delivery model completed by end Q2 — Delivery of 22 new DV refuge capacity units by end Q4	— Delivery of 12 new DV refuge units by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.3.2	**Progress the development of a comprehensive National Emergency Domestic Violence accommodation plan**	To respond to the needs of victim-survivors of domestic violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Working groups established across the sector to inform DV service models across a continuum of emergency accommodation by end Q4	— Monitoring and reporting processes for improved service delivery (to inform continued service improvement and service expansion) co-designed with the sector by end Q3
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Enable victim-survivors of DSGBV to rapidly access and live in safe, accessible short and long-term accommodation as a priority

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.3.3	**Disseminate recommendations from the Review of the 2017 Guidance for Housing Authorities for Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence with Emergency and Long-Term Accommodation Needs**	To assist the development of clear pathways into longer term accommodation/homes out of refuge and other forms of emergency accommodation
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Recommendations published by end Q3 — Circulated to all Local Authorities by end Q3	— Staff in 31 Local Authorities trained on new guidelines by end Q1
	Delivery Lead	Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage
	Delivery Partner	Cuan

Objective
Ensure a victim-survivor-centred wraparound service through the creation of clear integrated local pathways (building on the mapping of the victim-survivor journey work) for adults and child (female and male) victim-survivors to access the domestic violence and sexual violence information, services and supports

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.4.1	**Continue to provide a fast-track approval process to Domestic Violence Emergency Rent Supplement**	To support victim-survivors of domestic violence with short-term accommodation needs
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of people in receipt of DV emergency rent supplement at end Q4	— Number of people in receipt of DV emergency rent supplement at end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Department of Social Protection

Objective
Ensure a victim-survivor-centred wraparound service through the creation of clear integrated local pathways (building on the mapping of the victim-survivor journey work) for adults and child (female and male) victim-survivors to access the domestic violence and sexual violence information, services and supports

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.4.2	**Continue the implementation and expansion of the Barnahus model**	Provision of a coordinated inter-agency response to support child victim-survivors of sexual violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Recruitment of manager for Barnahus East to allow Barnahus East to become fully operational — Continued development of sustainable funding model for Barnahus implementation — Recruitment of 5 specialist interviewer posts — Continued delivery of Joint specialist interview training programme. A training course commenced last Autumn — Premises operational for Barnahus South	— Complete feasibility and scoping for the development of potential satellite clinics as part of a phase 2 implementation programme with the EU/Council of Europe. This is subject to final approval of a phase 2 with the EU college of commissioners in March 2025
	Delivery Lead	Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Objective
Recognise and support the child/young person as an individual victim-survivor who experiences DSGBV using child-friendly and age-appropriate communications

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.1	**Establish a partnership with the DCE Participation Hub**	To support development of a Zero Tolerance Engagement Model for Children focused on the Voice of the Child
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Process for engagement agreed between Cuan and Hub na nÓg and two operational sessions to advance progress completed	— Best practice in inclusion of children and young people's voice embedded in Cuan's strategic engagement and communications approach
	Delivery Lead	Cuan
	Delivery Partner	Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Objective
Recognise and support the child/young person as an individual victim-survivor who experiences DSGBV using child-friendly and age-appropriate communications

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.2	**Progress the work of the Voice of the Child Working Group to examine current arrangements to hear the voice of the child in private and family law and Alternative Dispute Resolution**	To support the child/young person as a victim-survivor using child-friendly and age-appropriate communications
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Pilot service commissioned	— Pilot operational, with guidelines and template in use
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.3	**Develop age-appropriate information resources to support children going through family justice processes. The resources should improve children's understanding of family justice processes and, where needed, signpost them to appropriate supports**	Develop and deliver child-friendly information to explain family justice processes to children, enabling them to understand the nature of the decisions that can be made concerning them and how their voice can contribute to these decisions and processes
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Consultation with children conducted and concluded to establish preferred format of resources by end Q4 — Information content co-developed with relevant stakeholders, agencies, NGOs and service providers by end Q4 — Resources and creative assets produced in partnership with Javelin creative agency by end Q4	— Scoping of awareness-raising initiative to promote resources by end Q1 — Scoping of process to evaluate resources in conjunction with stakeholders and service providers by end Q2 — Scoping exercise to identify secondary audiences for phase 2 by end Q3
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Recognise and support the child/young person as an individual victim-survivor who experiences DSGBV using child-friendly and age-appropriate communications

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.4	**Scope and develop an operational framework to introduce Operation Encompass in the Irish system, including identifying any necessary legislative changes and consulting with relevant stakeholders**	To ensure children experiencing domestic violence receive timely support in school
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Necessary legislative amendments are identified and initiated — Scoping of pilot project in collaboration with relevant stakeholders	— Consultation with key stakeholders concluded — Implementation and documentation of pilot project informs plans for scale-up
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
	Delivery Partner	Cuan Department of Education and Youth

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.5	**Implement the Tusla DV Informed Child Protection and Welfare Guidelines**	To support all staff in applying domestic violence informed (CPW) practice in their use of our National Approach for CPW
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— To support all staff in applying domestic violence informed (CPW) practice in their use of our National Approach for CPW	— Number of staff who have completed the training — Summary report on staff feedback on increased knowledge pre-post training
	Delivery Lead	Tusla

Objective
Recognise and support the child/young person as an individual victim-survivor who experiences DSGBV using child-friendly and age-appropriate communications

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.6	**Produce and promote a video for the Empower Kids Project with Barnardos**	To capture the experiences of children involved in domestic violence-related investigations
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Video produced — Number of platforms video is released on	— Number of viewings on each platform
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.5.7	**Review and evaluate the service model for dedicated Child Court Accompaniment**	To ensure children who are victim-survivors or witnesses of DSGBV are supported throughout their engagement with the justice system
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Review and evaluation of dedicated child court accompaniment services commenced in Q4	— Recommendations considered as part of the NSDP in Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Ensure those, primarily women, in prostitution have access to safety, health care, support and exit routes

Ref	Action	Rationale
2.6.1	**Provide supports for people/women working in and exiting the sex trade as part of delivery of the National Sexual Health Strategy and Women's Health Service**	To provide support to women impacted by prostitution, sex trafficking and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Actions will be identified within the new sexual health strategy, being published by the Minister for Health by end Q2 — Cross-departmental working group in place to oversee implementation by end Q3	— Cross-sectoral working group in place, specific to this action, to develop KPIs to support monitoring
	Delivery Lead	Department of Health
	Delivery Partner	HSE

Prosecution Pillar

Objective
Ensure that all professionals and front line workers involved in DSGBV work with adults and children in the courts and in the justice, legal and policing systems have the skills and understanding of DSGBV to equip them with the necessary expertise they require

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.1.1	**Implement a programme of mandatory DSGBV training for those working in Family Law, including technical skills and further specialist training depending on the role**	To develop and train the family justice workforce to one that is trauma informed, empathetic and responsive to the needs of all users of the family justice system including children and survivors of DSGBV while continuing to provide a professional quality service to users of the family justice system
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	–	– Number and titles of training courses and modules delivered – Number of participants in training programmes delivered. To include further roll out of trauma-informed modules for training Courts Service employees
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Objective
Ensure that all professionals and front line workers involved in DSGBV work with adults and children in the courts and in the justice, legal and policing systems have the skills and understanding of DSGBV to equip them with the necessary expertise they require

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.1.2	**Implement the improved Fiosrú response to investigating complaints of DSGBV and managing complaints pertaining to the handling of DSGBV cases by An Garda Síochána**	To enable Fiosrú to provide reassurance to relevant victims' groups, Human Rights advocates and partner agencies, particularly An Garda Síochána, that strong oversight and implementation structures will be put into place, as recommended in the Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual & Gender-Based Violence to support delivery of the strategy, with structures to oversee delivery of appropriate services
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Training of staff in the awareness of and investigation of DSGBV — Review of internal processes on the making of systemic recommendations to An Garda Síochána — Upgrade of Fiosrú reporting systems to ensure relevant cases are identified	— Training of staff in the awareness of and investigation of DSGBV — Review of internal processes on the making of systemic recommendations to An Garda Síochána — Upgrade of Fiosrú reporting systems to ensure relevant cases are identified
	Delivery Lead	Fiosrú

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.1.3	**The Judicial Council, as part of its statutory remit, will continue to provide continuous professional learning to judges to include DSGBV and family law; and will engage where appropriate with relevant agencies**	To ensure that all judges involved in DSGBV work have the necessary knowledge, skills and expertise to perform their role
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Education and training programme provided to judges in DSGBV and/or associated areas. — Relevant education and training programme developed to meet the emerging requirements of Family Court judges and DSGBV.	— Education and training programme provided to judges in DSGBV and/or associated areas. — Relevant education and training programme provided to meet the emerging requirements of Family Court judges and DSGBV.
	Delivery Lead	Judicial Council

Objective
Reform the operation of the family law courts to ensure victim-survivors are better protected

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.1	**Implement new suite of user-friendly, accessible forms for high volume applications in the District Court including Domestic Violence**	To have a justice system that is informed, responsive and accessible for vulnerable court users
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— New suite of forms adopted by the Rules Committee and implemented across all District Court offices	— Action complete
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.2	**Explore the use of remote court hearings to support victim-survivors of DSGBV**	To ensure safety and additional protection for victim-survivors of DSGBV
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Feasibility and proof of concept developed and agreed	— Pilot to be commenced and evaluated
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.3	**Utilise Courts Service data (where available) to identify reasons for delays in hearings**	To gather data on delays and address any gaps
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	—	— Linked to action 4.3.1 to ascertain DSGBV data requirements to better understand reasons for delays
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Objective
Reform the operation of the family law courts to ensure victim-survivors are better protected

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.4	**Produce and implement an operational plan for the implementation of the Family Courts Act 2024. The plan should include details of how the needs of victim-survivors of DSGBV including children will be met**	Ensure a focus on the needs of DSGBV victim-survivors including children in the implementation of the new Family Courts system
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Plan to be commenced	— Plan to be finalised
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.5	**Strengthen protections to guard against the disclosure of counselling notes as part of court proceedings including a victim-survivor perspective**	To ensure that victim-survivors are better protected
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Policy proposal developed in respect of limiting disclosure of counselling notes informed by legal advice and stakeholder consultation; including assessment of resourcing implications	— Appropriate legislative amendments progressed
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.2.6	**Develop a plan for the phased commencement of the Family Courts Act 2024 and support its implementation**	To reform the operation of the family law courts
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	—	— Submit draft implementation plan to the Minister by end Q1
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Work to reduce attrition rates and enhance access to the legal system for individuals experiencing DSGBV

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.3.1	**Advance previous work in the Northwest of Ireland to establish a national community based victim-survivor-led Restorative Justice Service**	To establish further reach for the national community-based victim-survivor-led Restorative Justice Service
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of areas this service has been expanded to (3): Westmeath, Roscommon, Mayo — Number of Restorative Justice (RJ) outreach workers recruited (2) — Number of Probation Service staff trained in RJ interventions – 60-80 staff throughout 2025 — RJ funded project network in place with quarterly meetings to ensure consistency of practice nationally — Victim centric approach to all court referred cases implemented as evidenced in Court assessment reports and the management of supervision cases — Probation Service active contribution to Victim Liaison Officer Network meetings which take place on a quarterly basis — Restorative Justice Victim Service's Unit (Probation Service) to provide a single point of contact for victim queries, victim support and Restorative Justice interventions	— Plans to extend Restorative Justice service to counties Donegal and Sligo — Recruit one additional RJ outreach worker for NW region — 40-50 staff trained in RJ Interventions throughout 2026 — Ongoing RJ funded project network meetings quarterly during 2026 to ensure consistency of practice — Ongoing victim centric approach to all court reports and supervision case management throughout 2026 — Ongoing quarterly contribution to Victim Liaison Officer Network throughout 2026 — Restorative Justice Victim Service's Unit (Probation Service) provides a single point of contact for victim queries, victim support and RJ interventions
	Delivery Lead	The Probation Service

Objective
Reduce demand for prostitution

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.4.1	**Consider and progress recommendations arising from the Review of Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017**	To protect vulnerable persons, mainly women and girls, that are forced into prostitution through trafficking, drug addiction, homelessness and poverty and to support their exit routes from prostitution
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Policy proposals developed based on consultation with An Garda Síochána and research into neighbouring jurisdictions in respect of recommendations to improve enforcement — Scoping of awareness-raising initiative in coordination with relevant stakeholders	— Appropriate legislative amendments progressed — Awareness-raising activities implemented
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
	Delivery Partner	An Garda Síochána

Objective
Strengthen the policing and prosecution of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.1	**Expand the management of high-risk offenders through Operation Devise**	To protect those in intimate relationships with perpetrators of DSGBV-related offenses
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number and type of expanded categories of offenders targeted through Operation Devise	— Subject to operationalisation of anticipated DV mechanism being advanced by Minister O'Callaghan
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Objective
Strengthen the policing and prosecution of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.2	**Equip all frontline members of An Garda Síochána with body-worn cameras to improve accountability and safety**	(1) Improved safety for Members (2) Reduce complaints of police misconduct (3) Save time in court preparation and appearances (4) Lower costs for investigations and court appearances (5) Ability to collect evidence for trial (6) Increased professionalism / improve accountability (7) Less challenges around arrests (8) Assist judicial system (9) Better policing outcomes
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of cameras/equipment purchased, distributed and training attended — 600 cameras in use in Dublin / Limerick and Waterford — 850 Members trained in the use of cameras	— Number of cameras/equipment purchased, distributed and training attended
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.3	**Expand the scope of Operation Cosnaím**	To ensure that An Garda Síochána, in partnership with Tusla (Child and Family Agency), respond to children in care at risk of sexual exploitation and children at risk of child trafficking and abuse
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Number of Operation Cosnaím referrals received	— Number of Operation Cosnaím referrals allocated to DPSUs for investigation
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Objective
Strengthen the policing and prosecution of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.4	**Maintain the number of Divisional Protective Services Unit (DPSU) nationwide**	To ensure ongoing expertise and focus in the policing of DSGBV
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Maintain the number of DPSUs nationally – Number of staff employed in DPSUs	– DPSU training delivered as scheduled – GNPSB seminars for frontline members delivered as scheduled – Protocol cases – Garda investigation files submitted to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions within given timelines
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.5	**Support frontline members of An Garda Síochána to refer victim-survivors of domestic abuse to specialist DSGBV services and maintain referral records**	To ensure a consistent approach to the referral of victim-survivors to specialist services across the country
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of Domestic Abuse Leaflets issued	– Number of referrals recorded
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.6	**Deliver DSGBV core training and Continuous Professional Development to all members of An Garda Síochána**	To ensure frontline Gardai are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond effectively to victim-survivors of DSGBV including children
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number and titles of training courses – Number of participants in training programmes delivered	– Number and titles of training courses – Number of participants in training programmes delivered
	Delivery Lead	An Garda Síochána

Objective
Strengthen the policing and prosecution of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.7	**Scope and map the process to progress appropriate recommendations from the Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews**	To support the needs of surviving family members and reduce instances of domestic homicide and familicide
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Guardianship of Infants (Amendment) Bill drafted and progressed — Consultations in respect of establishment of process for Domestic Homicide Reviews conducted	— Implementation of other appropriate recommendations from Familicide Study progressed
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
	Delivery Partner	An Garda Síochána

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.5.8	**Consider recommendations arising from the Report on the Effectiveness and Efficiency of An Garda Síochána's response to Domestic Abuse and implement as appropriate**	To ensure effectiveness and efficiency in An Garda Síochána's response to domestic abuse
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— To confirm the finalisation and implementation of the draft policies and procedures on domestic abuse — Include An Garda Síochána's response to domestic abuse is included on Governance and Performance and Compliance Meetings as appropriate — Discuss with Policing and Community Safety Authority their monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations for An Garda Síochána contained of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate Report on Domestic Abuse - An inspection of the Garda Síochána's approach to prevention, protection, prosecution and victim support	— Include An Garda Síochána's response to domestic abuse is included on Governance and Performance and Compliance Meetings as appropriate — Discuss with Policing and Community Safety Authority their monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations for An Garda Síochána contained of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate Report on Domestic Abuse - An inspection of the Garda Síochána's approach to prevention, protection, prosecution and victim support
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account and prevented from victimising/re-victimising, to include domestic violence and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.1	**Develop the national framework for working with perpetrators through co-design with programme providers and relevant agencies**	To provide a structured evidence-based approach that focuses on accountability, rehabilitation and prevention of future harm
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Multi-agency programme group established by end Q4	— Model of perpetrator response defined within the NSDP by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.2	**Develop a system, in consultation with An Garda Síochána, to ensure a person in an intimate relationship can be informed of a serious risk to them where a new partner has a history of domestic violence**	To ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are prevented from victimising/re-victimising
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Proposals in respect of an appropriate domestic violence disclosure scheme developed and informed by legal advice and consultation with relevant stakeholders	— Legislative amendments progressed as necessary and appropriate
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
	Delivery Partner	An Garda Síochána

Objective
Ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account and prevented from victimising/re-victimising, to include domestic violence and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.3	**Legislate to empower Courts to remove guardianship rights from parents/ guardians who kill or seriously harm another parent/guardian of their child as part of the ongoing work to implement appropriate recommendations from the Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Death Reviews**	To ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account and prevented from victimising/re-victimising
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Government approval for the referral of the General Scheme to pre-legislative scrutiny — Drafting of General Scheme	— Legislative process progressed
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.4	**Work in collaboration with perpetrator programme delivery partners to support the development and availability of perpetrator treatment programmes nationally**	To ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account with a focus on rehabilitation, accountability and prevention of future harm
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Programme provider engaged to co-develop a 1-1 motivational/readiness for change programme for use by probation staff with IPV perpetrators — Referral and Information Exchange Protocols implemented with MOVE Ireland and MEND DV programme providers — National Inter-Agency Programme (NIAP) co-delivered with TUSLA in nominated areas to young people convicted of sexually harmful behaviours	— Identified staff trained in 1-1 motivational/ readiness for change programme for use by probation staff with IPV perpetrators and programme piloted — Referral and Information Exchange Protocols implemented with MOVE Ireland and MEND DV programme providers — National Inter-Agency Programme (NIAP) co-delivered with TUSLA in nominated areas to young people convicted of sexually harmful behaviours
	Delivery Lead	The Probation Service

Objective
Ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account and prevented from victimising/re-victimising, to include domestic violence and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.5	**Develop a model of intervention for people in custody with a history of domestic violence**	To enable people in custody with a history of domestic violence to have an individualised treatment pathway which will attend to their clinical and risk needs
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Review of the relevant literature and evidence based practise on the treatment of the factors relevant to domestic violence completed	— Model of intervention developed to address the treatment needs of people in custody with a history of domestic violence (resource-dependent)
	Delivery Lead	Irish Prison Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.6	**Progress the development of a system for multi-agency risk management of intimate partner violence offenders**	To support multi-agency management of intimate partner violence offenders
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Scoping of mechanism to oversee the multi-agency management of intimate partner violence offenders under the oversight of the Offender Management Governance and Strategy Group (OMGSG)	— Resourcing requirements identified to support implementation
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Objective
Ensure perpetrators of DSGBV are held to account and prevented from victimising/re-victimising, to include domestic violence and sexual violence perpetrator programmes

Ref	Action	Rationale
3.6.7	**Work in partnership with other agencies to develop and strengthen risk assessment mechanisms for use with perpetrators convicted of DSGBV-related offences and implement safety measures for adult and child victim-survivors**	To promote partnership between all sectors of the Criminal Justice System to strengthen risk assessment mechanisms and safety measures
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Implement SORAM nationally (Probation Service and An Garda Síochána lead agencies supported by TUSLA and Local Authorities), screening and managing adult sex offenders in the community. Local SORAM meetings to take place 10-12 weekly or on an emergency basis as required — Sex offender risk assessment training co-delivered with An Garda Síochána trainers where possible and applicable during 2025 — Spousal risk assessment tool (SARA V3) used in all court-referred intimate partner abuse cases — RM 2000 and Stable & Acute risk assessment tool (where applicable) used in all court-referred adult sex offender cases. Common risk assessment tool used in partnership by Probation Service and An Garda Síochána — TUSLA child protection notifications undertaken where required in all DSGBV cases. Sharing of risk assessment information on a case-by-case basis with TUSLA upon request throughout 2025 — Probation staff to support victim-survivors of DSGBV to avail of specialist support services as required — National Peer Mentoring system in place to support staff in the application of AIM 3 risk assessment tool used with all court-referred juvenile sex offenders	— Implement SORAM nationally (Probation Service and An Garda Síochána lead agencies supported by TUSLA and Local Authorities) screening and managing adult sex offenders in the community. Local SORAM meetings to take place 10-12 weekly or on an emergency basis as required — Sex Offender Risk assessment training co-delivered with An Garda Síochána trainers where possible and applicable throughout 2026 — RM 2000 and Stable & Acute risk assessment tool (where applicable) used in all court-referred adult sex offender cases ongoing in 2026. Common risk assessment tool used in partnership by Probation Service and An Garda Síochána — TUSLA child protection notifications undertaken where required in all DSGBV cases. Sharing of risk assessment information on a case by case with TUSLA upon request throughout 2026 — Probation staff to support victim-survivors of DSGBV to avail of specialist support services as required — National Peer Mentoring system in place to support staff in the application of AIM 3 risk assessment tool used with all court-referred juvenile sex offenders
	Delivery Lead	The Probation Service

Policy Pillar

Objective
Create strong oversight and implementation structures to deliver on the Strategy, with regional coordination structures to oversee delivery of services on the ground

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.1.1	**Grow strategic partnerships to strengthen whole-of-society action on combatting DSGBV**	To support achievement of objectives and expand whole-of-society and whole-of-government actions towards eliminating domestic, sexual and gender based violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Strategic partnership model designed — Partnership baseline established — Expansion metrics for 2026 agreed	— Partnership monitoring and reporting in place as part of Zero Tolerance Monitoring Framework
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.1.2	**Establish a collaborative partnership between Cuan and the National Office for Community Safety**	To ensure the new approach to Community Safety is DSGBV-informed, and community safety stakeholders are equipped to support victim-survivors of DSGBV
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Establish National Community Safety Steering group (with representation from Cuan) — Consultations regarding the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety held with input from victim-survivor voice and the wider DSGBV sector	— Cuan messaging will be amplified at local level through Local Community Safety Partnerships — Toolkit to support local DSGBV community safety response developed with Cuan and DSGBV sector
	Delivery Lead	National Office for Community Safety Partnerships

Objective
Create strong oversight and implementation structures to deliver on the Strategy, with regional coordination structures to oversee delivery of services on the ground

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.1.3	**Develop and deepen partnership with the Policing and Community Safety Authority to strengthen evidence-based policy responses to DSGBV**	To ensure a DSGBV-informed approach is taken in partnerships across the sector
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Identification of areas for joint working and collaboration with regard to and in support of the statutory functions of both agencies, including, DSGBV priorities community safety, research, public awareness and data	— Partnership established with monitoring and reporting in place as part of Zero Tolerance Monitoring Framework
	Delivery Lead	Cuan
	Delivery Partner	Policing and Community Safety Authority

Objective
Ensure an effective, robust research and evaluation strategy

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.2.1	**Engage and build active partnerships with statutory agencies, research institutes, academia and researchers in the community**	To develop Cuan's research capacity and to support the knowledge and exchange of evidence and best practice in the field of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Strengthen and grow national research networks for DSGBV by end Q4 — Dissemination plan for Cuan research reports in place	— Growth in national and international DSGBV research partnerships by end Q4 — Knowledge Translation Plan published
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Develop enhanced coordination of data collection strategies

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.1	**Review existing courts datasets on DSGBV to determine how they can be improved across District and Circuit Court Family and in the development of the Crime Unified Court-Management System**	To develop better ways to manage, collect and share information within the justice system, maintaining privacy and dignity of users but allowing for better case management, statistical reporting and evidence based decision making
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	—	— Review of existing and potential future data sets completed
	Delivery Lead	Courts Service

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.2	**Conduct preparatory work and establish structures for the National Domestic Violence Prevalence Survey**	To gather prevalence data on domestic violence to support evidence-based State responses
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— List of variables submitted to CSO for pretesting by end Q2 — Creation of variable list for pilot survey by end Q4	— Pilot survey completed by end Q3
	Delivery Lead	Central Statistics Office

Objective
Develop enhanced coordination of data collection strategies

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.3	**Produce a research and data plan that sets out the current DSGBV data landscape in Ireland**	To assess the current sources of reliable statutory administrative DSGBV data and outline the current data deficit and make recommendations to respond to DSGBV data requirements and ensure commonality of approach to the collection and sharing of data across the Justice Sector
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Cuan commissioning plan for DSGBV research 2026–2027 completed; Scoping report completed for the National Domestic Violence and Abuse Survey; Data needs and data capture assessment completed – Commission four research studies on DSGBV in 2025 aligned to the Third National Strategy by end Q4	– Data plan, including and Outcomes Framework for DSGBV published by end Q4
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.4	**Continue the development, collection and reporting of data on those presenting to homeless services citing domestic violence as a contributing factor**	To develop coordinated data across Government to inform DSGBV service and policy development
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Number of people presenting to homeless services citing Domestic Violence as a primary factor	– Number of people presenting to homeless services citing Domestic Violence as a primary factor
	Delivery Lead	Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage
	Delivery Partner	Cuan

Objective
Develop enhanced coordination of data collection strategies

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.5	**Facilitate better collation and sharing of data by developing a single unique identifier and standardising data categorisation across the justice sector to support policy research and inform DSGBV service development**	To enable progress on other key actions including the proposed DV disclosure scheme
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Consultations in respect of single unique identifier concluded	— Agencies undertake system readiness and data cleansing to facilitate data standardisation.
	Delivery Lead	Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.3.6	**Contribute to the development of a multi-agency system for the management of high-risk intimate partner violence offenders**	To promote partnership between all sectors of the Criminal Justice System to strengthen risk assessment mechanisms and safety measures
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Probation Service participation on the Offender Management Governance Group — Scoping procedure to identify high-risk cases, which require multi-agency management commenced	— Probation Service participation on the Offender Management Governance Group — Development of a multi-agency model to manage high-risk cases identified by An Garda Síochána and Probation Service
	Delivery Lead	The Probation Service

Objective
Ensure issues of policy intersectionality are highlighted and prioritised

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.4.1	**Ensure the development of the National Policy Framework on Alternative Care includes consideration of the requirement for multidisciplinary responses to the impacts of domestic or sexual violence on children in the care of the State**	To ensure availability of accessible quality DSGBV services across the state
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Consideration given to responses on domestic and sexual violence in respect of children in care	— Inclusion of any arising measures concerning multidisciplinary reponses to the impacts of domestic or sexual violence, in the Policy Framework
	Delivery Lead	Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.4.2	**Engage with relevant international and government fora on DSGBV issues**	To learn from best practice in other jurisdictions and inform the development of public policy and practice
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Participation in international and national policy fora — Number of meetings attended and number of submissions made	— Participation in international and national policy fora — Number of meetings attended and number of submissions made
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Make clear connections and agree targets with other equality and inclusion strategies and related legislation (that focus on socially excluded groups)

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.5.1	**Review Section 7 of the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023, which provides for domestic violence leave**	The review will examine the operation of the leave and the need for any additional support for workplaces
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Commencement of the review	— Review completed and findings published
	Delivery Lead	Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Objective
Ensure there is a priority focus on DSGBV services being inclusive, and improve outcomes for socially excluded groups

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.6.1	**Conduct an independent review of the supports for people in custody who have experienced sexual, domestic or gender-based trauma**	To identify the equivalence of care in the prison when compared to the community
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Review commenced by end Q2	— Review completed by end Q2
	Delivery Lead	Irish Prison Service

Objective
Recognise the voice of the victim-survivor (adults and children and young people) and provide an opportunity for their voices to be heard at different levels

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.7.1	**Strengthen consultative structures to engage victim-survivors, children, civil society, and sectoral organisations on the implementation of this Strategy, the development of services, research and public awareness campaigns**	To ensure our activities are intersectional and informed by lived experience and victim-survivor voice
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	— Zero Tolerance Governance and Engagement Structures agreed and published — Number of meetings of relevant groups and committees held — Expertise procured to support victim-survivor engagement — Engagement with the Barnardos Empower Kids Project	— Number of meetings of relevant groups and committees held — Expertise in place to support victim-survivor engagement — Engagement with the Barnardos Empower Kids Project
	Delivery Lead	Cuan

Objective
Recognise the child as an individual victim-survivor who experiences DSGBV

Ref	Action	Rationale
4.8.1	**Commission a scoping exercise of the current child protection and welfare environment with specific reference to DSGBV including new and emerging trends and their impact on children**	To inform a review of Children First Guidances
	KPI 2025	**KPI 2026**
	– Commence review	– Produce report with findings of scoping exercise, and progress review and update the Children First Guidelines accordingly
	Delivery Lead	Department of Children, Disability and Equality

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