

Domestic Violence and Alcohol

Returning “Whole” to Home and Community

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SAFE Ireland

SAFE Ireland is the national representative body for domestic violence services in Ireland, 20 of these are women's refuges

We have a leading role in researching and disseminating good practice to our members, other professionals and statutory bodies as well as giving public voice to victims' experiences

We work to understand DV and its causes at a deeper level and to create new dialogues on this issue in Ireland and Internationally



"And Just Another Day"

Irish Context Domestic Violence

What we know

555 women were accommodated and/or received support from a DV service

They had 324 children with them

There were 140 helpline calls answered

7 women and 9 children were admitted to refuge

18 women could not be accommodated in Refuge because there was not enough space

Irish Context Domestic Violence What we know

National Statistics 2010

7,235 individual women received support from DV services

2,355 individual children were accommodated in refuge

On over 3,236 occasions services were unable to accommodate women and their children because the refuge was full or there was no refuge in the area

There were 38,629 Helpline calls answered

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What are the links ?

What's needed

Further Engagement

Research that centre stages women and children

System's Change

Cultural Change (Beliefs and Attitudes)

A greater understanding of Domestic Violence

Dialogue