

General Scheme of the new Domestic Violence Bill

Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Minister for Justice and Equality, published the Heads and General scheme of the new Domestic Violence Bill on 24th July. The general scheme has been approved by Government. The preparation of reformed and consolidated legislation on domestic violence delivers on a Programme for Government commitment. [read more>>](#)

Funding for provision of freezers to store forensic evidence collected from people who attend Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs)

Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Minister for Justice and Equality recently announced that her Department will fund the provision of freezers to store forensic evidence collected from people who attend Sexual Assault Treatment Units (located in Dublin, Mullingar, Galway, Cork, Waterford and Letterkenny), but who do not immediately wish to report the matter to An Garda Síochána. [read more>>](#)

Cosc Awareness Raising Grant Scheme relating to Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2015

Cosc awarded grants to 6 organisations to run national campaigns in 2015 to raise awareness of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. [read more>>](#)

Final Progress Report of First National Strategy and Development of Second National Strategy

The tenth and final progress report on the National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2010-2014 has been prepared by Cosc from information provided by key state bodies with responsibility for the activities of the strategy. [read more>>](#)

General Scheme of the Victims of Crime Bill

The Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., secured Government approval on 14th July for the drafting, on a priority basis, of a new Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Bill and has published the Heads and General Scheme of the Bill. [read more>>](#)