

National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-based Violence  
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**National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2010-2014**

**Report to Strategy Oversight Committee of  
Progress in Implementation of Strategy  
for the period up to  
June 2010**

**Overall Strategic Objective:**

**The development of a strong framework for sustainable intervention to prevent and effectively respond to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence**



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		<p><b>1.3</b> Agree in partnership with the NGO networks and Cosc a national awareness training pack for all community groups and organisations that receive funding from the HSE</p>	HSE	<p><b>1.3</b> Number of groups trained by LHO by Q4 2010</p>	<p>1.3 The HSE have had two meetings of their Oversight Implementation Group to monitor the implementation of the HSE Policy (8/3/2010 and 27/5/2010). The membership of a Working Group on Training has been agreed and it is to be Co-Chaired by Dr Aisling Gillen, HSE and Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, DRCC. However, the current Industrial Relations impasse in the HSE has impacted negatively on the ability to make progress with this work. The National Network of Trainers in the HSE has nominated a lead person to participate in the Working Group. A meeting has taken place with Caroline Cullen, National Specialist, Children &amp; Families Social Services, HSE to discuss Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence within the context of the development of the new Children First Training roll-out. It was agreed at the May meeting of the Oversight Group that a short template will be developed for circulation to all providers of services in the arena of Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to gather in centrally all training materials being used in the sector.</p>
2	Promote and develop understanding and recognition of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence across the State sector	<p><b>2.1</b> Agree and deliver a suite of national training packs for all front-line staff in different health care settings, from agreed existing materials</p> <p><b>2.2 (a)</b> Conduct an analysis of training needs for all relevant justice sector organisations including identification of areas suitable for cross-sectoral training</p> <p><b>2.2 (b)</b> In the light of the training needs analysis, develop and implement training</p>	<p>HSE</p> <p>Cosc (Lead) - training committee and or service-led committees involving An Garda Síochána,</p>	<p><b>2.1</b> Number of front-line staff trained by each LHO by Q1 2011</p> <p><b>2.2 (a)</b> Justice sector training needs identified by Q1 2011</p> <p><b>2.2. (b)</b> Identification or development of suitable training</p>	<p>2.1 A Bord Altranais (Category 1) approved course is being run at the Rotunda Hospital in June 2010 entitled 'Care of Victims of Sexual Violence – a Nursing Care Update'. While this is essentially focussed on the role of the Assisting Nurse within the SATU setting it may also be relevant for other frontline staff who may be exposed to the issues involved.</p> <p>2.2 Letter to issue in late June to Justice Sector Training Managers to identify training provision, needs and cross-agency training opportunities. Letter to invite participation on Justice Sector Training Committee with first meeting to be convened by end Q3.</p>

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		<p>programmes</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Work with third-level institutions to include understanding and recognition of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence in curricula including social services and legal studies curricula</p> <p><b>2.4</b> Continue to promote issues relevant to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence in training on student care among school professionals</p>	<p>Probation Service, Courts Service, Legal Aid Board, IYJS</p> <p>Cosc (lead) with NSC and NGO participation, HSE, OOP, Institutions concerned</p> <p>D/E&amp;S</p>	<p>programmes by Q2 2011</p> <p><b>2.2 (c)</b> Implementation of training programmes by Q4 2011</p> <p><b>2.2 (d)</b> Number of justice sector staff trained each year</p> <p><b>2.3 (a)</b> Develop pilots in some institutions by end Q2 2011</p> <p><b>2.3 (b)</b> Implement pilots from end Q4 2011 to Q1 2012</p> <p><b>2.3 (c)</b> Review pilots by end Q3 2012</p> <p><b>2.3 (d)</b> Extend to other institutions from end Q4 2012</p> <p><b>2.4</b> Number of school professionals trained</p>	<p>From 2011</p> <p>2.3 Initial contact has been made with interested parties in individual third-level institutions. In particular contact has been made with the School of Applied Social Science in University College Dublin which is co-ordinating an EU Leonardo Da Vinci Programme-funded inter-partner violence project. The project, which is nearing completion, involves Ireland and 6 other EU Member States. Its aim is to develop a curriculum and teaching methods handbook for use in third-level institutions across Europe. Cosc was represented at a dissemination meeting relating to the project which took place on 27 April.</p> <p>This project work will be on the agenda at the upcoming meeting with the Department of Education and Skills and advice will be sought from the Department on the best means of engaging with third-level institutions.</p>
3	Embed domestic, sexual and gender-based violence content in second- and third-level educational institution action on	<b>3.1</b> Develop and implement sustainable second-level educational programmes, applying learning from Cosc research on schools programmes and from the experience of programmes provided in this area	D/E&S(Lead) Education committee, Curriculum support services, Cosc	<p><b>3.1 (a)</b> Develop enhanced programme content by Q2 2011</p> <p><b>3.1 (b)</b> Number of schools/teachers who have availed of training in enhanced programme each year (from 2011)</p>	<p><b>3.1 and 3.2</b> A final draft of the report of Cosc's survey of awareness raising programmes in post-primary schools in Ireland has been completed. It is being circulated to the Department of Education and Skills for observations in the first instance. It will then be used to inform the work of the education committee. NGOs are anxious that current work being delivered in schools should be taken into account in the work of this group.</p> <p>Cosc has written to the Department of Education and Skills giving an overview of education-related work under the National Strategy. An early date for a meeting has been sought.</p>

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	healthy relationships	<p><b>3.2</b> Develop and implement programme for young people attending Youthreach and similar education programmes</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Work with third-level institutions and student media to increase understanding and practical information on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence</p>	<p>As above</p> <p>Cosc (Lead) with NSC and other NGO participation, Third-level institutions, Student health services</p>	<p><b>3.2 (a)</b> Develop content for delivery in Youthreach and similar programmes by Q2 2011</p> <p><b>3.2 (b)</b> Number of schools/teachers who have availed of training in enhanced programme each year</p> <p><b>3.3 (a)</b> Practical guidance for third-level colleges on risk of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence and services available by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>3.3 (b)</b> Number of colleges involved each year</p>	<p>In addition to the work being developed above the Rotunda SATU provides a formal Sexual Assault Risk Reduction programme for second level students through a Clinical Midwife Specialist (Deirdre Richardson). Less formal outreach education from other SATUs is also provided to second and third-level age groups.</p> <p>3.3 Preparatory work in developing practical guidance for third-level colleges has begun.</p>

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**High-Level Goal 2:**

**To deliver an effective and consistent service to those affected by domestic and sexual violence**

**Key Objectives**

- 4 To increase confidence in service provision for those affected by DV and SV
- 5 To promote high standards in service provision
- 6 To strengthen intra- and inter-organisational co-ordination to improve service effectiveness and consistency
- 7 To improve protection and support for victims
- 8 To address offending behaviour by perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence

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<b>4</b>	Ensure information on services is available to victims in user-friendly formats	<p><b>4.1</b> Promote effective dissemination to victims of accessible and consistent information on domestic, and sexual violence by State organisations</p> <p><b>4.2</b> Continue to encourage and support effective dissemination of information on domestic and sexual violence services provided by non-State organisations</p>	<p>Cosc (Lead) and all relevant State services</p> <p>Cosc (Lead) and all relevant NGO services</p>	<p><b>4.1</b> Accessible and consistent information effectively disseminated by State organisations</p> <p><b>4.2 (a)</b> Effective and strategic support provided to NGOs to deliver service information to victims</p> <p><b>4.2 (b)</b> Improved service awareness levels among victims</p>	<p>4.1 PASC has commenced preparatory work to assist in the evaluation of the web-sites of relevant state organisations in terms of accessibility and consistency.</p> <p>4.2 By the date of the Strategy Oversight Committee meeting on 16 June, Cosc will have completed its work on the 2010 scheme which provides grant funding to local and national groups to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence and the services that are available to victims. A total of 64 applications for grant aid were received.</p>
<b>5</b>	Ensure reasonable opportunity is provided for disclosure of domestic and sexual violence	<p><b>5.1</b> Agree and implement an assessment form with domestic violence questions for routine use for all staff in different health care contexts/environments with specific target groups</p>	HSE	<p><b>5.1 (a)</b> Assessment form agreed by Q1 2010</p> <p><b>5.1 (b)</b> Number of staff who received assessment forms at training by LHO by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>5.1 (c)</b> Number of screening forms completed</p>	<p>5.1 This is an agreed deliverable for the Training Working Group of the HSE under the Oversight Implementation Group and has not been advanced because of the Industrial Relations environment.</p>

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		5.2 Identify and promote best practice to encourage disclosure of domestic and sexual violence in relevant sectors including justice, housing, and education sectors	Cosc (Lead) Justice and Tripartite Committee, local authorities, D/EHLG, D/E&S	5.2 (a) Proposals for non-health sector disclosure (including suitable pilot) developed by Q4 2011 5.2 (b) Pilot implemented by Q2 2012 5.2 (c) Pilots reviewed (including number of forms completed) by Q2 2013 5.2 (d) Action taken in light of review by Q4 2013	
6	Promote clear, high-quality standards in service delivery for victims and perpetrators of domestic, and sexual violence	6.1 Publish a new edition of the <i>Victims Charter and Guide to the Criminal Justice System</i> , outlining the commitments to victims generally, and victims of sexual, domestic and gender based violence in particular, made by the eight State criminal justice agencies.  6.2 Identify best practice models for service delivery for victims and perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence  6.3 Encourage improvements to service delivery based on consideration of suitable best practice models  6.4 Identify and promote suitable state	Victims of Crime Office (Lead), Cosc and all relevant bodies  Cosc (Lead) and all relevant bodies  Cosc (Lead)  Cosc (Lead)	6.1 <i>Victims Charter</i> published by Q1 2010  6.2 Information on best practice models identified and circulated to service providers by Q3 2010 and regularly thereafter  6.3 At least 2 best practice models considered annually  6.4 Development of	6.1 Victims of Crime Office report delay in the publication of the revised Victims Charter. Now expected to be published by end June 2010.  6.2 Invitation to RACs to identify best practice models in their regions issued for return by end June 2010. Material already received on best practice models currently applied by service providers is being collated. This includes the National SATU best practice template.  6.3 <b>Best Practice Models</b> The first step - the preparation of a project framework paper - has been completed. The paper will inform the next step: the preparation of a best practice model discussion paper to inform policy makers and practitioners on issues around best practice .  6.4 A final draft of the report on mapping of domestic and sexual

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		<p>service responses in relation to domestic and sexual violence for vulnerable or high risk groups (including Travellers, people with a disability, older people, migrants, and young people)</p> <p><b>6.5</b> Work in partnership with the national NGO networks to develop standardisation within specialist domestic violence services</p> <p><b>6.6</b> Implement the recommendations on standardisation of sexual assault services as set out in the National Review of SATUs</p> <p><b>6.7</b> Ensure that the <i>Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children</i> are being adhered to by all specialist domestic violence services</p> <p><b>6.8</b> Develop and disseminate guidelines on working with children in domestic violence situations</p>	<p>OOP</p> <p>HSE (Lead)</p> <p>HSE (Lead)</p> <p>HSE</p> <p>HSE</p>	<p>intervention responses for the most vulnerable groups by Q4 2011</p> <p><b>6.5</b> Number of standards in place in all HSE-funded services by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>6.6</b> SATU review report implemented by Q4 2010(funding dependencies)</p> <p><b>6.7</b> Child protection policies in place in all HSE-funded services, based on requirements of <i>Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children</i> and Duty to Care Q3 2010</p> <p><b>6.8</b> Best practice guidelines outlined, disseminated and</p>	<p>violence services in Ireland has been completed. There will be consultation with relevant stakeholders prior to publication of the report.</p> <p>6.5 The membership of a Working Group on Standardisation has been agreed and this Group is to be Co-Chaired by Margaret Costello, HSE and Sharon O'Halloran, Safe Ireland. However, the current Industrial Relations impasse in the HSE has impacted negatively on our ability to make progress with this work. Margaret Costello is currently working on a baseline Report on the quantum of activity, funding, staffing and outputs of all HSE funded services in the country, as a precursor to the work of the standardisation group.</p> <p>6.6 (1) Second HDip in Sexual Assault Forensic Examination advertised. Interviews expected to take place in June 2010 and the course will commence in Sept 2010. This course will train a further cohort of Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialists to work within SATUs. (2) Secure database established within all SATUs, allowing standardized data collection and production of individual and collective annual clinical reports. A national clinical report from all six SATUs was launched on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 by Minister Mary Harney T.D. (3) Decision on commitment to providing permanent dedicated facilities for Letterkenny, Galway and Mullingar units anticipated by end 2010.</p> <p>6.7 This is a key deliverable for the Standardisation Working Group.</p> <p>6.8 This is a key deliverable for the Training Working Group. Existing examples of good practice will be reviewed as to their suitability for national roll-out.</p>

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		<p><b>6.9</b> Ensure the assessment form for children at risk will contain key questions about domestic violence</p> <p><b>6.10</b> Ensure the assessment form for children at risk regarding domestic violence contains questions regarding children's welfare</p>	<p>HSE</p> <p>HSE</p>	<p>covered in service level agreements Q4 2010</p> <p><b>6.9</b> Number of children identified at risk re domestic violence are followed up</p> <p><b>6.10</b> As above</p>	<p>6.9 This is a key deliverable for the Training Working Group.</p> <p>6.10 This is a key deliverable for the Training Working Group.</p>
7	Promote inter-agency co-ordination through multi-agency projects	<p><b>7.1</b> Promote and further develop practices and protocols on inter-agency referrals and co-operation based on best practice</p> <p><b>7.2</b> Provide guidance on data protection implications of information sharing across services</p>	<p>Cosc (Lead) Justice and Tripartite Committees, HSE, Garda Síochána, Courts Service, Probation Service</p> <p>ODPC and Cosc</p> <p>DJELR</p>	<p><b>7.1 (a)</b> Assess extent to which specific referral protocols required by end Q4 2010</p> <p><b>7.1 (b)</b> Agree protocols in 3 key areas by end Q4 2011</p> <p><b>7.1 (c)</b> Agree further protocols required by end Q4 2012</p> <p><b>7.1 (d)</b> Implement by end 2014</p> <p><b>7.2 (a)</b> Guidance developed and disseminated by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>7.2 (b)</b> Provide for any necessary legislative change</p>	<p>7.1 The second edition of Interagency Guidelines for care of patients after Rape and Sexual Assault are currently at final draft stage and are with critical readers for review. Anticipate publication and launch before end of 2010. Cosc to invite State agencies and NGOs to identify inter-agency referrals occurrences and opportunities and arrange meetings of Justice and Tri-partite Committees in early Q3.</p> <p>7.2 Cosc to arrange meeting with ODPC re guidance on data protection implications of information sharing in early Q3.</p>
8	Improve collaboration and information	<b>8.1</b> Promote opportunities for networking, sharing information and best practice across State agencies	Cosc (Lead)	<b>8.1 (a)</b> Effective meetings of NSC and related committees (ongoing)	<p>8.1 NSC, PASC, LISC and RAC liaison committees met and reported as scheduled.</p> <p>(Members of above committees are asked to confirm/comment on the</p>

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	sharing in relation to service provision	<p><b>8.2</b> Regular liaison between Cosc and the HSE Assistant National Director for Children and Families Social Services and the HSE Assistant National Director for Older Person's Services regarding progress on all HSE-related action on domestic and sexual violence</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Support Regional Advisory Committees to improve collaboration and the implementation of national policies on domestic and sexual violence</p> <p><b>8.4</b> Explore areas of work to identify those suitable for cross-border co-operation to address domestic and sexual violence</p>	<p>Cosc and HSE</p> <p>HSE</p> <p>Cosc (Lead) with advice from NSC, RAC and NGOs; D/FA, HSE, Garda, Courts Service, Probation Service</p>	<p><b>8.1 (b)</b> Conduct annual reviews of collaboration activity at regional/national level.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Progress made on HSE-related domestic and sexual violence actions</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Effective meetings of RAC and related committees (ongoing)</p> <p><b>8.4 (a)</b> Areas of work to identified by Q3 2010 <b>8.4.(b)</b> Consider setting up projects to take forward suitable areas of work by Q1 2011</p>	<p>opportunities provided for networking, sharing of information and best practice across State agencies that their participation has provided)</p> <p>Review to be conducted in Q4.</p> <p>8.2 Monthly phone contact and/or face to face meetings between the Executive Director of Cosc and the National Specialist Family Support and the National Lead Domestic and Sexual Violence. 2 meetings and 2 conference call contacts to date 31/05/2010</p> <p>8.3 RACs meeting as scheduled and contributing to NSC, Cosc and HSE through meeting attendance, telephone and written communication. A Review of the RACs by the HSE is currently underway, in partnership with Cosc. It is addressing Terms of Reference, membership, mandate, structure, geographical coverage, leadership and outcomes.</p> <p>8.4 Meeting sought with N.I. officials in Q2. Awaiting confirmation of availability.</p>
9	Ensure reasonable accessibility to counselling services for victims of domestic and sexual violence	<p><b>9.1</b> Review the availability of counselling services as part of its work on standardisation and improved data collection within HSE-funded services for victims of domestic and sexual violence</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Develop proposals for improvement</p>	HSE (Lead) with HSE-funded services for victims of domestic and sexual violence	<p><b>9.1</b> Review completed by Q1 2011</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Proposals for improvement developed and implemented by</p>	<p>9.1 Proposal to set up a fifth Working Group under the HSE Oversight Implementation Group on Adult Victims of Child Abuse. The Chair of the National Forum for the Directors of National Counselling Service to be asked to request nominations of 2 to 3 Directors from the National Counselling Service forum to assist the Implementation Group to scope out the sector service providers, their remit and function. This information will inform the establishment of a Working Group.</p>

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				services and the HSE by Q2 2011	
10	Ensure effectiveness and consistency in housing responses	<p><b>10.1</b> Develop policy guidance for local authorities on their housing remit in relation to domestic violence, setting out a clear understanding of domestic violence and the importance of housing as a homelessness preventative and responsive action. The guidance would also cover the range of accommodation options to be considered and implemented by local authorities covering preventative, emergency and long-term accommodation solutions with related housing supports, as necessary, to help persons maintain their new housing tenancies.</p> <p><b>10.2</b> In the context of minimising the extent of victim homelessness arising from domestic violence, evaluate approaches and experiences of initiatives such as safe</p>	<p>D/EHLG (Lead) through Cross-Departmental Team on Homelessness, in consultation with the National Homeless Consultative Committee, as appropriate; Cosc, Local authorities, HSE</p> <p>As above</p>	<p><b>10.1 (a)</b> Policy guidance to be developed through the Cross-Departmental Team on Homelessness with Cosc, in consultation with the National Homeless Consultative Committee, as appropriate. This guidance will be supported by research on relevant aspects, experience, and best practice internationally.</p> <p><b>10.1 (b)</b> Policy Guidance developed by Q4 2010, to address matters relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of housing need and consistent application of 'homelessness'</li> <li>2. Housing allocation policies</li> <li>3. Nature and extent of provision of emergency accommodation</li> </ol> <p><b>10.2</b> Evaluation completed by Q4 2011 with consequential</p>	<p>10.1 Preliminary work underway in relation to development of guidance and matter raised recently at joint meeting of the Cross Departmental Team on Homelessness and the National Homelessness Consultative Committee.</p> <p>Cosc Executive Director to present to the Housing Committee of the City and County Managers Association in late June.</p>

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		rooms, security support, etc., and consider role in Irish context		programme of action developed	
<b>11</b>	Examine a one-stop-shop option for greater accessibility to services for victims of domestic and sexual violence	<p><b>11.1</b> Develop proposals for multi-agency one-stop shop for victims of domestic and sexual violence</p> <p><b>11.2</b> Implement pilot of one-stop shop</p> <p><b>11.3</b> Review pilot and implement outcome of review</p>	Cosc (Lead), HSE, Garda Síochána, FSA, D/CRGA	<p><b>11.1</b> Proposals developed by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>11.2</b> Pilot implemented by Q3 2011</p> <p><b>11.3 (a)</b> Pilot reviewed by Q3 2012</p> <p><b>11.3 (b)</b> Proposals revised and implemented by Q3 2013</p>	11.1 Paper on development of One Stop Shops presented to NSC at March meeting. OSS sub-committee convened in April for initial discussions. Further development of paper, visit to OSS models and further meeting of sub-committee to be brought forward in Q3.
<b>12</b>	Minimise attrition in domestic and sexual violence cases, where appropriate	<p><b>12.1</b> Develop a greater understanding of the extent and nature of attrition in domestic and sexual violence cases</p> <p><b>12.2</b> Develop proposals to minimise attrition in domestic and sexual violence cases, where appropriate, including an examination of the feasibility of pre-trial hearings in sexual violence cases</p>	<p>Cosc (Lead) Justice Committee, Garda Síochána, Courts Service, DJELR</p> <p>As above</p>	<p><b>12.1</b> Justice Committee to consider attrition research and to make proposals to Cosc by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>12.2</b> Proposals considered and implemented on a phased basis if necessary</p>	<p>12.1 Justice Committee to be issued with material on attrition research findings by end June for consideration and discussion at meeting to be convened in Q3.</p> <p>12.2 Discussion on pre-trial hearings held by LISC and paper on proposals presented by Chair of LISC to NSC in June.</p>
<b>13</b>	Use vetting arrangements to provide greater protection for victims of domestic and sexual violence	<p><b>13.1</b> Improve legislative provisions on vetting</p> <p><b>13.2</b> Strengthen vetting arrangements for those who may come into contact with potential victims of domestic and sexual violence</p>	D/H&C, OMCYA, DJELR	<p><b>13.1</b> Vetting legislation improved and brought into operation by Q4 2011</p> <p><b>13.2</b> Legislation effectively enforced (ongoing)</p>	13.1 The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, is at an advanced stage of drafting the Heads for the National Vetting Bureau Bill. It is intended to submit the Heads of Bill to Government shortly.
<b>14</b>	Strengthen measures to manage the risks posed by sexual and	<b>14.1</b> Provide for pre-sentence risk assessments for the courts in relation to convicted sexual violence perpetrators	DJELR Management of Sex Offenders Group, Prison Service,	<b>14.1</b> Policy formulated in light of finalised Report of Management of Sex Offenders Group by	14.1 Cosc is monitoring progress of, and contributing to the work of, the working group on the integrated management of high risk offenders.

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	domestic violence perpetrators	<p><b>14.2</b> Further develop current risk management arrangements for convicted sexual violence perpetrators</p> <p><b>14.3</b> Explore the feasibility of multi-agency risk management arrangements for unconvicted sexual violence perpetrators</p> <p><b>14.4</b> Develop and implement risk management arrangements for high-risk domestic violence perpetrators</p>	<p>Garda Síochána</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Cosc (to facilitate)</p> <p>Cosc (to facilitate) Justice Committee</p>	<p>Q4 2010</p> <p><b>14.2</b> Implementation (including bringing into operation of legislation) by Q4 2011</p> <p><b>14.3</b> Feasibility of multi-agency approach explored by Q2 2013</p> <p><b>14.4</b> Domestic violence perpetrator risk management model developed and implemented by Q4 2013</p>	
15	Strengthen measures to deal with sexual violence perpetrators	<p><b>15.1</b> Monitor and review implementation of new prison treatment programme for convicted sexual violence perpetrators</p> <p><b>15.2</b> Integrate custodial and community intervention programmes for convicted sexual violence perpetrators</p> <p><b>15.3</b> Develop best practice actions for dealing with sexual violence perpetrators in the community and outside the criminal justice system</p>	<p>DJELR, Prison Service</p> <p>DJELR, HSE, Probation Service, Garda Síochána, Prison Service</p> <p>Cosc (to facilitate), Garda Síochána, HSE</p>	<p><b>15.1</b> Sexual Violence programmes reviewed by end 2013</p> <p><b>15.2</b> Review operation of community programme provision by end 2012. Implement review outcome by end 2013</p> <p><b>15.3</b> Identify best practice suitable for implementation by end 2013</p>	15.1 Cosc is monitoring progress on the implementation of the new prison treatment programme for convicted sexual violence perpetrators through the working group on the integrated management of high risk offenders.
16	Strengthen measures to deal with domestic violence perpetrators	<b>16.1</b> Strengthen Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes to ensure their greater effectiveness	Cosc (Lead) with Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme Committee	<b>16.1 (a)</b> Plan (including mechanisms for co-ordination with victim support services and capture of victim feedback) developed	16.1 Meetings of the Perpetrator Programmes Committee took place on 12 March and 26 May. The committee advises Cosc on the development and implementation of policy and practice in relation to domestic violence perpetrator intervention programmes and a particular focus currently is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussion of arrangements for the Perpetrator Programmes Outcomes Study, and</li> </ul>

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				<p>by Q3 2010</p> <p><b>16.1 (b)</b> Plan implemented from Q2 2011</p> <p><b>16.1 (c)</b> Increased co-operation and co-ordination with victim support services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consideration of data requirements in financial and administrative matters.</li> </ul> <p>A preliminary research proposal for the Perpetrator Programmes Outcome Study has been developed by Cosc and agreed by the Perpetrator Programmes Committee. Cosc to progress this research work with a Research Advisory Group. The initial membership of the group has been settled and the first meeting of the group took place on 2 June.</p> <p>Cosc currently reviewing data collection practices by a selection of domestic violence perpetrator programmes. This will facilitate the progress of the research study by, in particular, assisting the finalisation of the conceptual framework and the progress to research design and operationalisation stages.</p>
17	Update the law on sexual offences	17.1 Review and improve legislative provisions on sexual offences	DJELR with Cosc	<p><b>17.1 (a)</b> Sexual offences legislation brought into operation by Q4 2011.</p> <p><b>17.1 (b)</b> New legislation effectively enforced (ongoing)</p>	17.1 Progress in relation to updating sexual offences legislation is being monitored. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with the work in relation to Actions 14 and 15 relating to managing risk posed by and strengthening measures to deal with sexual offender.
18	Update the law on domestic violence to give further protection to victims	18.1 Improve legislative provisions protecting victims of domestic violence	DJELR with Cosc	<p><b>18.1 (a)</b> New domestic violence provisions brought into operation by Q4 2010</p> <p><b>18.1 (b)</b> New legislation effectively enforced (ongoing)</p>	18.1 Ongoing liaison with the Civil Law Division of D/JLR on developments to improve legislative provisions protecting victims of domestic violence.

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**High-Level Goal 3:**

**To ensure greater effectiveness of policy and service planning**

**Key Objectives**

- 9 To improve the effectiveness of policy planning through improved data capture and data co-ordination
- 10 To ensure that policy development and service provision planning are evidence-based and take account of the experience of victims
- 11 To ensure greater co-ordination between relevant organisations
- 12 To provide a solid foundation for future actions on domestic and sexual violence

	Action	Activities	Lead body and Implementation structure	Progress indicator	Progress to Date
19	Improve data on domestic and sexual violence	19.1 Work with all relevant organisations to develop and improve domestic and sexual violence data (including data collected for administrative and research/policy purposes)	Cosc (Lead) data committee, HSE, Garda Síochána, Probation Service, Courts Service, CSO, OOP	19.1 (a) Data plan developed by Q4 2010  19.1 (b) Data plan implemented by Q2 2011	19.1 Work on finalising the report on the data project is nearing completion. A meeting took place with the contractor on 3 June after which it is expected that the report will be quickly finalised.  The report will inform the work of a Cosc-led data committee. A framework document has been prepared in relation to the work to be undertaken by the committee. This document, together with the data project report, will inform the committee's work towards the development of a data plan. It is expected that the first meeting of the data committee will take place shortly.
20	Ensure improved impact evaluation	20.1 Develop an evaluation framework for assessing cross-organisational strategic impact to ensure maximum system effectiveness  20.2 Encourage consultation with representative groups in the development of policy and services	Cosc (Lead), HSE, Garda Síochána, Probation Service, Courts Service, OOP and Independent external organisation  Cosc (Lead) with NSC and NGO participation	20.1 Effective arrangements to monitor and review organisational response in place in all key State organisations by Q4 2012  20.2 Consultation held with representative groups on development of policy and services – ongoing	20.1 Preliminary work in relation to impact assessment has begun.  20.2 Cosc continues to liaise with NGO representative groups on a regular basis

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	<b>Action</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Lead body and Implementation structure</b>	<b>Progress indicator</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>
<b>21</b>	Promote the design of planned research to ground policy development and service planning	<b>21.1</b> Encourage the development of a co-ordinated research programme	Cosc (Lead), HSE, OOP	<p><b>21.1 (a)</b> Co-ordinated research programme planned and implemented each year</p> <p><b>21.1 (b)</b> Research disseminated and policy implications followed up – ongoing basis</p>	<p>21.1 The research programme for 2010 has been developed and disseminated. Published on Cosc web-site.</p> <p>As regards co-ordination, a request for information from stakeholders on their current plans for research work is to be issued in the June edition of the Cosc e-zine. It is intended to repeat this request for information on a regular basis.</p>

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**High-Level Goal 4: To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the National Strategy**

**Key Objectives**

- 13 To ensure that all actions within this strategy are monitored and progressed in a timely and comprehensive manner
- 14 To ensure that due account is taken from the lessons learned of the implementation from this strategy

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Lead body and Implementation structure</b>	<b>Progress indicator</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>
<b>22</b>	Monitor progress in the implementation of this strategy	<p><b>22.1</b> Collate bi-annual reports on strategy progress</p> <p><b>22.2</b> Liaise on draft progress reports</p> <p><b>22.3</b> Submit progress report, including material derived from liaison process, to Oversight Committee</p>	Cosc (Lead) to collaborate with Govt Depts, State agencies and NSC and report to Oversight Committee	<p><b>22.1</b> Bi-annual reports collated on time</p> <p><b>22.2</b> Liaison takes place bi-annually on draft progress reports</p> <p><b>22.3 (a)</b> Reports, including material derived from liaison process, submitted to Oversight Committee on time</p> <p><b>22.3 (b)</b> Strategy Progress report submitted to Government on time</p>	<p>22.1 Report for June 2010 prepared 2 June following receipt of State contributions.</p> <p>22.2 Report issued to NSC and RACs 3 June for feed-back</p> <p>22.3 Report submitted to Strategy Oversight Committee on 9 June 2010. Report to be submitted to Government by end December 2010.</p>
<b>23</b>	Ensure effectiveness of strategy implementation	<p><b>23.1</b> Review effectiveness of strategy to prepare for future work</p>	Cosc (Lead)	<p><b>23.1 (a)</b> Conduct comprehensive first review of progress by end Q2 2012 and second review by end Q2 2014</p> <p><b>23.1 (b)</b> Prepare review reports for Oversight Committee by end Q3 2012 and by end Q3 2014</p>	