

CIVIL LEGAL AID FOR COMPLAINANTS IN RAPE AND CERTAIN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

Leaflet No. 14



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The term “**complainant**” in this leaflet refers to a person who has made a complaint to the Gardaí about rape and/or sexual assault and in respect of which criminal proceedings have been initiated against the person alleged to be responsible.

Services provided

The Legal Aid Board provides **legal advice** and **legal aid**, i.e. representation in court, to complainants in certain cases of sexual assault.

There are **two** different services available and each of them is dealt with in turn in this leaflet.

1. Legal advice service

Legal advice is available to a complainant in a prosecution for certain sexual offences who wish to seek advice about the matter. A person seeking **to avail** of this service does **not** have to undergo a means test or pay a contribution to the Board for this service.

2. Legal aid service

Legal aid is available to a complainant in certain sexual assault cases where the prior sexual history of the complainant is being raised by a person accused of one or more of the following offences:

- a rape offence;
- aggravated sexual assault;
- aiding, abetting, counselling and procuring aggravated sexual assault;
- aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring attempted aggravated sexual assault;
- incitement to aggravated sexual assault; or
- conspiring to commit any of the foregoing offences.

A person who seeks to avail of this service does not have to undergo a means test or pay a contribution.

Provision of solicitor/barrister

A solicitor and, where necessary, a barrister will be appointed by the Board to provide services in each individual case.

General information about both services

Essential services

These are essential and valuable services for complainants in rape and certain sexual assault cases. The Board recommends that complainants seek legal services at the **earliest** possible time.

The Board will try to nominate a solicitor and/or barrister at the first available opportunity and those applying will **not** be placed on a waiting list.

How to apply

A person looking for legal services can apply at any of the Board's law centres. For further information on applying for legal services see **Leaflet No. 11 – Applying for Legal Services**.

Details of the Board's law centres are available on www.legalaidboard.ie or by contacting:

Head Office: Legal Aid Board, Quay Street, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry.

Tel: (066) 947 1000

Fax: (066) 947 1035

Locall: 1890 615 200

Website: www.legalaidboard.ie

FULL-TIME LAW CENTRES

CAVAN	Newcourt Shopping Centre, Church Street, Cavan.	Tel: (049) 433 1110 Fax: (049) 433 1304
CLARE	Unit 6A, Merchant's Square, Ennis, Co. Clare.	Tel: (065) 682 1929 Fax: (065) 682 1939
CORK	Law Centre, 1A South Mall, Cork. Law Centre (incorporating Refugee Legal Service), North Quay House, Popes Quay, Cork.	Tel: (021) 427 5998 Fax: (021) 427 6927 Freephone: 1800 202420 Tel: (021) 455 1686 Fax: (021) 455 1690
DONEGAL	Letterkenny Town Centre, Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	Tel: (074) 912 6177 Fax: (074) 912 6086
DUBLIN	45 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. 48/49 Nth. Brunswick St./Georges Lane, Dublin 7. 44/49 Main Street, Finglas, Dublin 11. Tower Centre, Clondalkin Village, Dublin 22. Village Green, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Unit 6-8, Business Centre, Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 . Medical Negligence Unit, 7-11 Montague Court, Montague Street, Dublin 2. Refugee Legal Service, 48/49 Nth. Brunswick St., Georges Lane, Dublin 7. Dolphin House Service, Dolphin House, East Essex St, Dublin 2.	Tel: (01) 874 5440 Fax: (01) 874 6896 Tel: (01) 646 9600 Fax: (01) 646 9799 Tel: (01) 864 0314 Fax: (01) 864 0362 Tel: (01) 457 6011 Fax: (01) 457 6007 Tel: (01) 451 1519 Fax: (01) 451 7989 Tel: (01) 820 0455 Fax: (01) 820 0450 Tel: (01) 477 6200 Fax: (01) 477 6241 Freephone: 1800 238343 Tel: (01) 646 9600. Fax: (01) 671 0200 Tel: (01) 888 6998. Fax: (01) 888 6007
GALWAY	Law Centre, 9 Francis Street, Galway. Law Centre (incorporating Refugee Legal Service), Seville House, New Dock Road, Galway.	Tel: (091) 561 650 Fax: (091) 563 825 Freephone: 1800 502400 Tel: (091) 562 480 Fax: (091) 562 599
KERRY	1 Day Place, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	Tel: (066) 712 6900 Fax: (066) 712 3631
KILDARE	Canning Place, Newbridge, Co Kildare.	Tel: (045) 435 777 Fax: (045) 435 766
KILKENNY	87 Maudlin Street, Kilkenny.	Tel: (056) 776 1611 Fax: (056) 776 1562
LAOIS	Unit 6A, Bridge Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	Tel: (057) 8661366 Fax: (057) 8661362
LIMERICK	Unit F, Lock Quay, Limerick.	Tel: (061) 314 599 Fax: (061) 318 330
LONGFORD	Credit Union Courtyard, 50A Main Street, Longford.	Tel: (043) 334 7590 Fax: (043) 334 7594
LOUTH	Condil House, Roden Place, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	Tel: (042) 933 0448 Fax: (042) 933 0991
MAYO	Humbert Mall, Main Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	Tel: (094) 902 4334 Fax: (094) 902 3721
MEATH	Kennedy Road, Navan, Co. Meath.	Tel: (046) 907 2515 Fax: (046) 907 2519
MONAGHAN	Alma House, The Diamond, Monaghan.	Tel: (047) 84888 Fax: (047) 84879
OFFALY	Harbour Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.	Tel: (057) 935 1177 Fax: (057) 935 1544
SLIGO	Bridgewater House, Rockwood Parade, Thomas Street, Sligo.	Tel: (071) 916 1670 Fax: (071) 916 1681
TIPPERARY	Friarscourt, Abbey Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.	Tel: (067) 34181 Fax: (067) 34083
WATERFORD	Canada House, Canada Street, Waterford.	Tel: (051) 855 814 Fax: (051) 871 237
WESTMEATH	Paynes Lane, Irishtown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	Tel: (090) 647 4694 Fax: (090) 647 2160
WEXFORD	Unit 8, Redmond Square, Wexford.	Tel: (053) 912 2622 Fax: (053) 912 4927
WICKLOW	Bridge Street, Wicklow.	Tel: (0404) 66166 Fax: (0404) 66197

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