

Data regarding clients referred to the Legal Aid Board by Director of Public Prosecutions



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These data relate to:

1. Cases involving legal aid provision in respect of representing victim/complainants of sexual offences where their sexual experiences are sought to be adduced at trial.
2. Cases involving legal aid provision in respect of victim/complainants of sexual offences where they are to be cross-examined on their sexual experiences.

Data are up to close of business 21 October 2024.

	2022	2023	2024
No. of cases	83	74	88
Sex of client*			
- Male	6	3	4
- Female	77	71	84
Case Location**			
- Dublin	60	54	51
- Leinster (excluding Dublin)	5	9	12
- Munster	12	11	22
- Connacht/Ulster	6	0	3

Notes *presumed sex based on client first name; **based on Law Centre handling the case.

The Legal Aid Board has no current plans to disclose any more revealing data on such cases. This is because the client is referred to the Legal Aid Board as part of a wider process in which they have (allegedly) experienced a violation of their person/ are going to be subject to an examination of their sexual history. It is therefore not appropriate to seek further data at that time relative to the service the Legal Aid Board offers the client in the process. The Legal Aid Board also has no immediate business need for such additional data. Therefore, non-collection/publication of any additional data is in keeping with the GDPR principle of necessary collection.

Case outcome data are matters for the Courts Service or the Director of Public Prosecutions.

