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Bridging the Gap:

Building Effective Data
Systems on Sexual Violence
in Ireland

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What do we do?



SUPPORT



JUSTICE



ADVOCACY



TRAINING



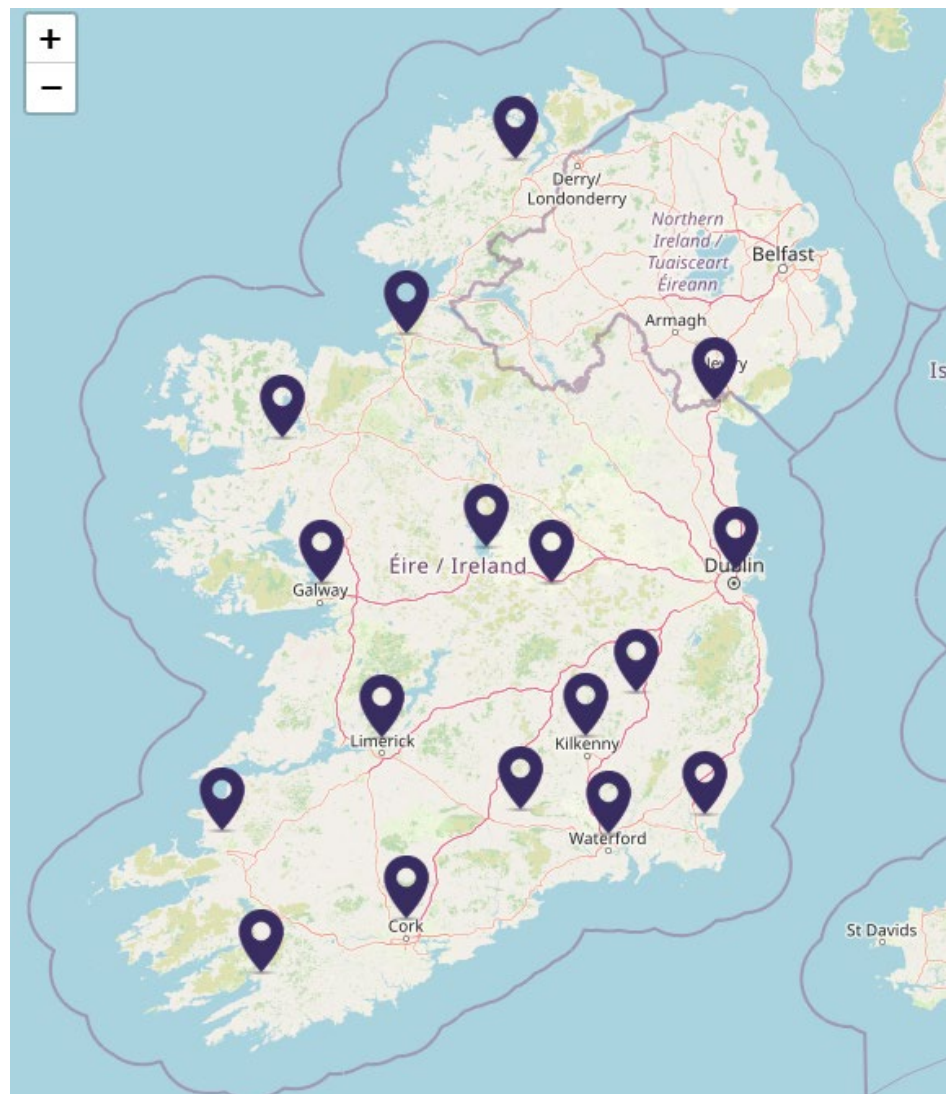
RESEARCH

Vision: An Ireland where we
live free of sexual violence

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Rape Crisis Centres



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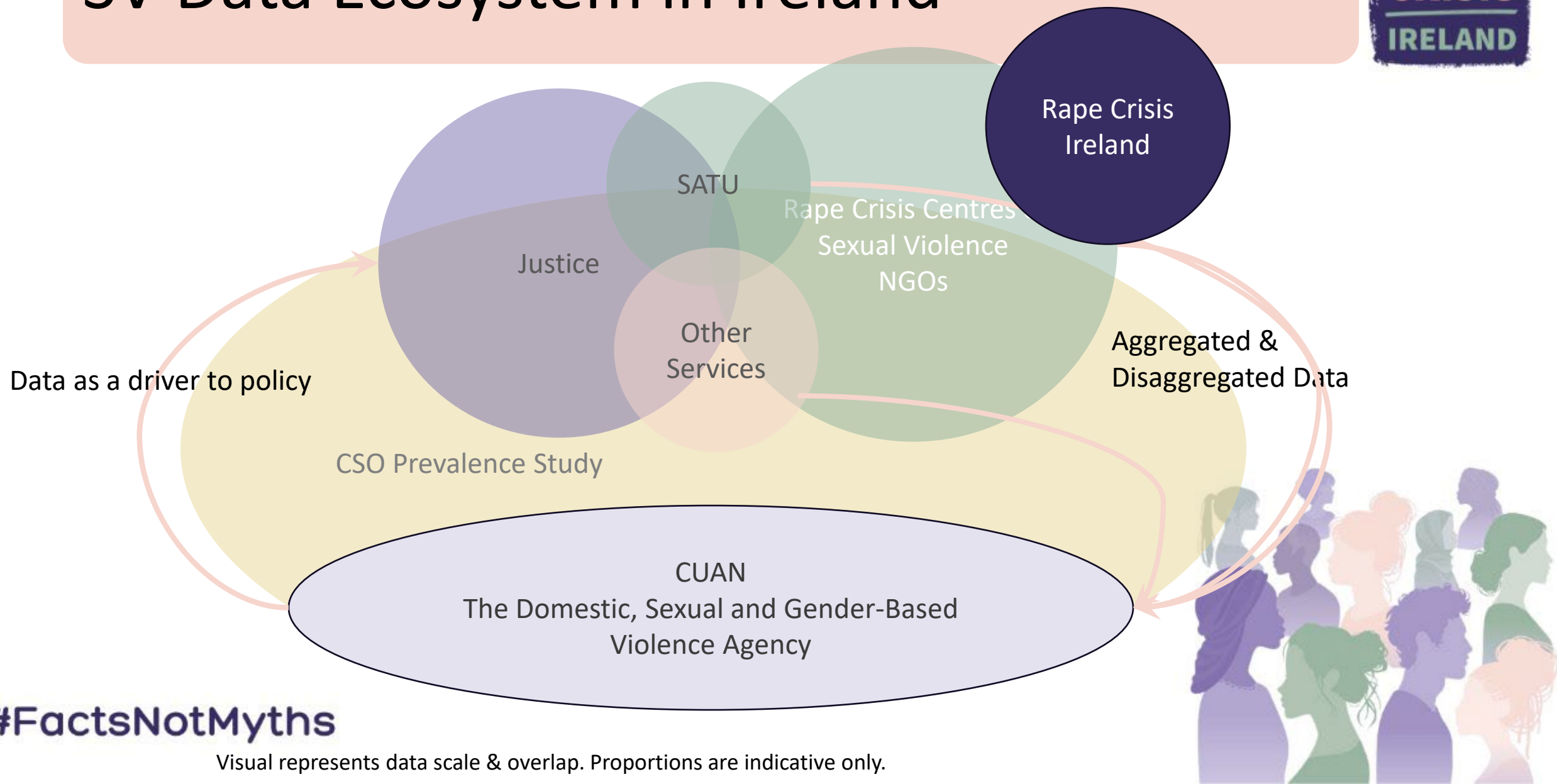


Data Systems in Sexual Violence

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SV Data Ecosystem in Ireland



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Visual represents data scale & overlap. Proportions are indicative only.

Challenges of Sexual Violence Data



- Self Selecting
 - Criminal Justice: Reporting a Crime
 - SATU: Gathering evidence
 - Rape Crisis / Support / Services: Accessing support services
- Trauma
 - Reliving the experience
 - Historical Reporting

47% of people who experienced sexual violence in their lifetime disclosed to anyone

5% of those who experienced sexual violence as an adult and disclosed, reported to the police

12% of those who experienced sexual violence as a child and disclosed, reported to the police

Collecting good data



Collection

Storage

Analysis

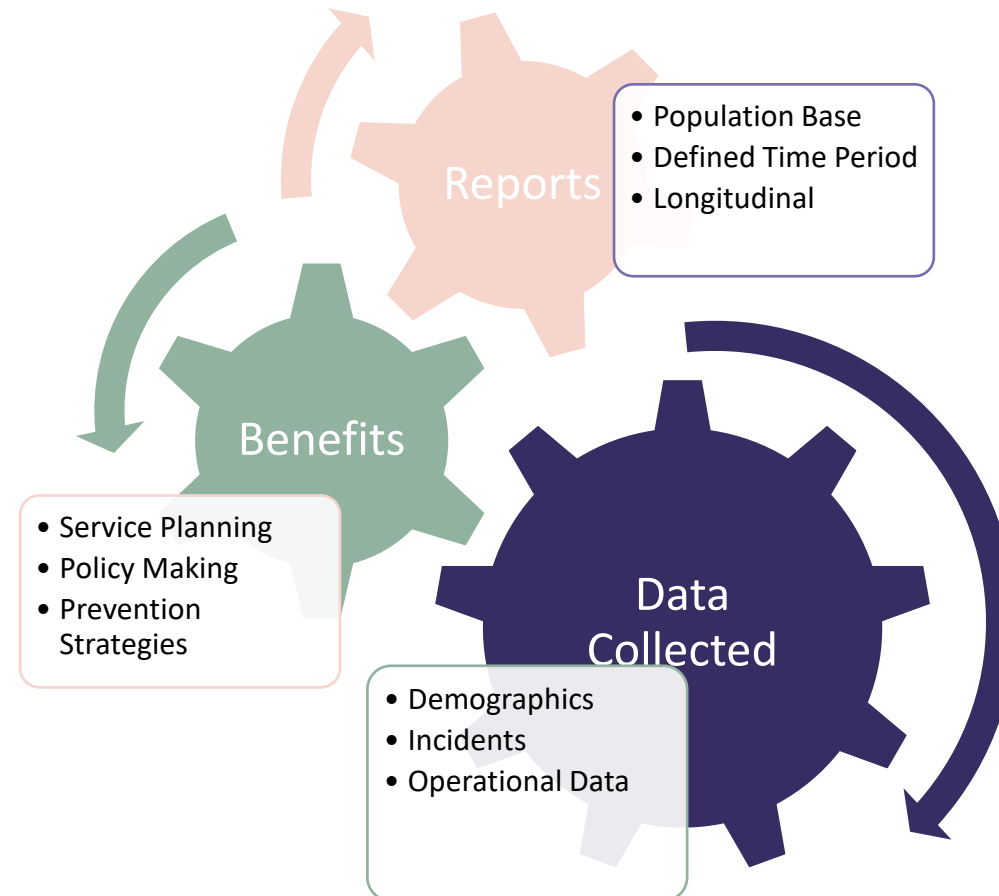
Sharing

Nationally standardised service-based administrative data

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Sexual Violence Data Collection



Working with Survivors of Sexual Violence

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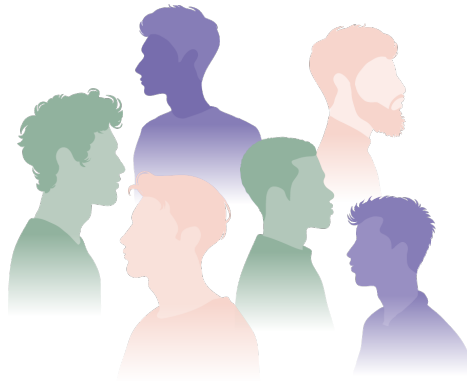


Sexual Violence is Gendered



88%

of survivors
attending RCCs were
women or girls



96%

of perpetrators
were men
or boys

88.6% of incidents were a single male perpetrator

Male survivor: 87.6% of the time the perpetrator involved one or more males

Female perpetrator: 66.6% of the time the survivor was female

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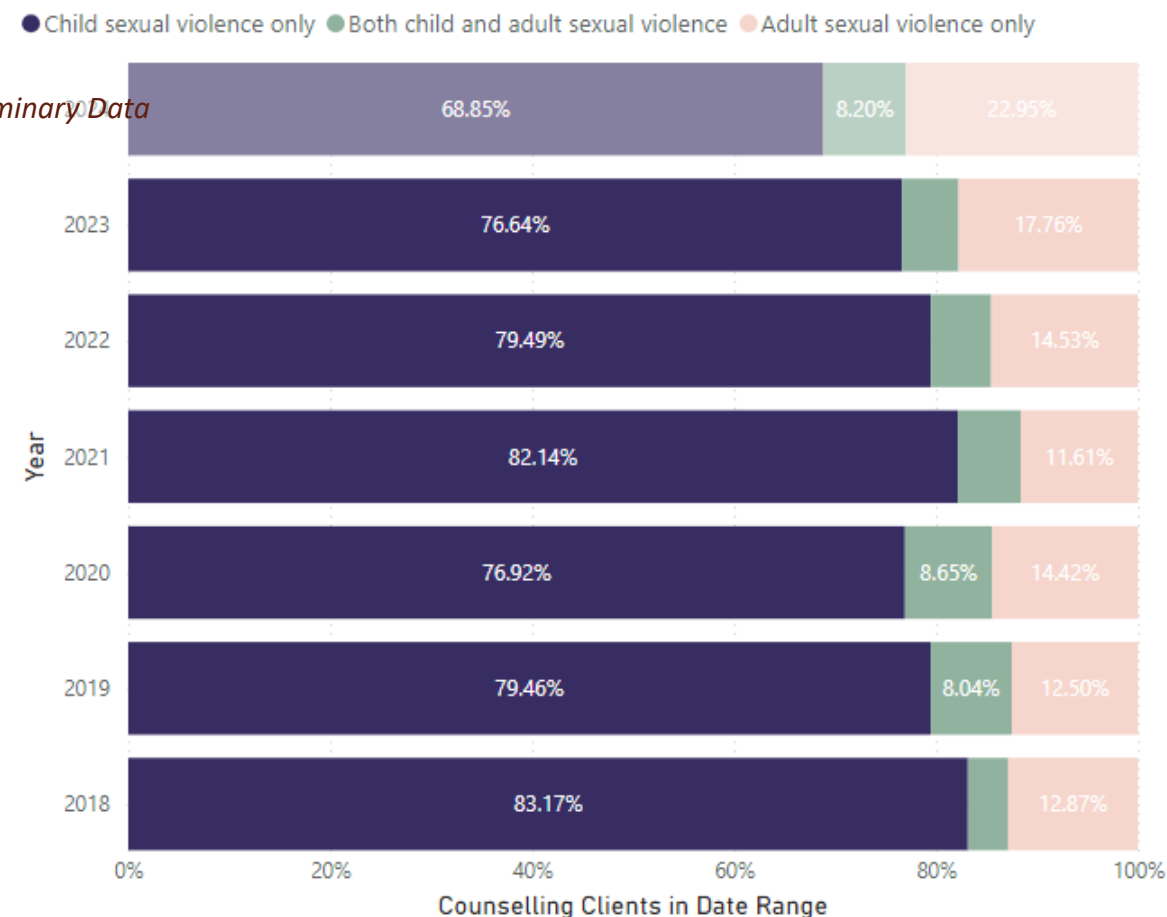
Incidents relating to survivors attending services in 2023

Women & Girls (n=3,369)



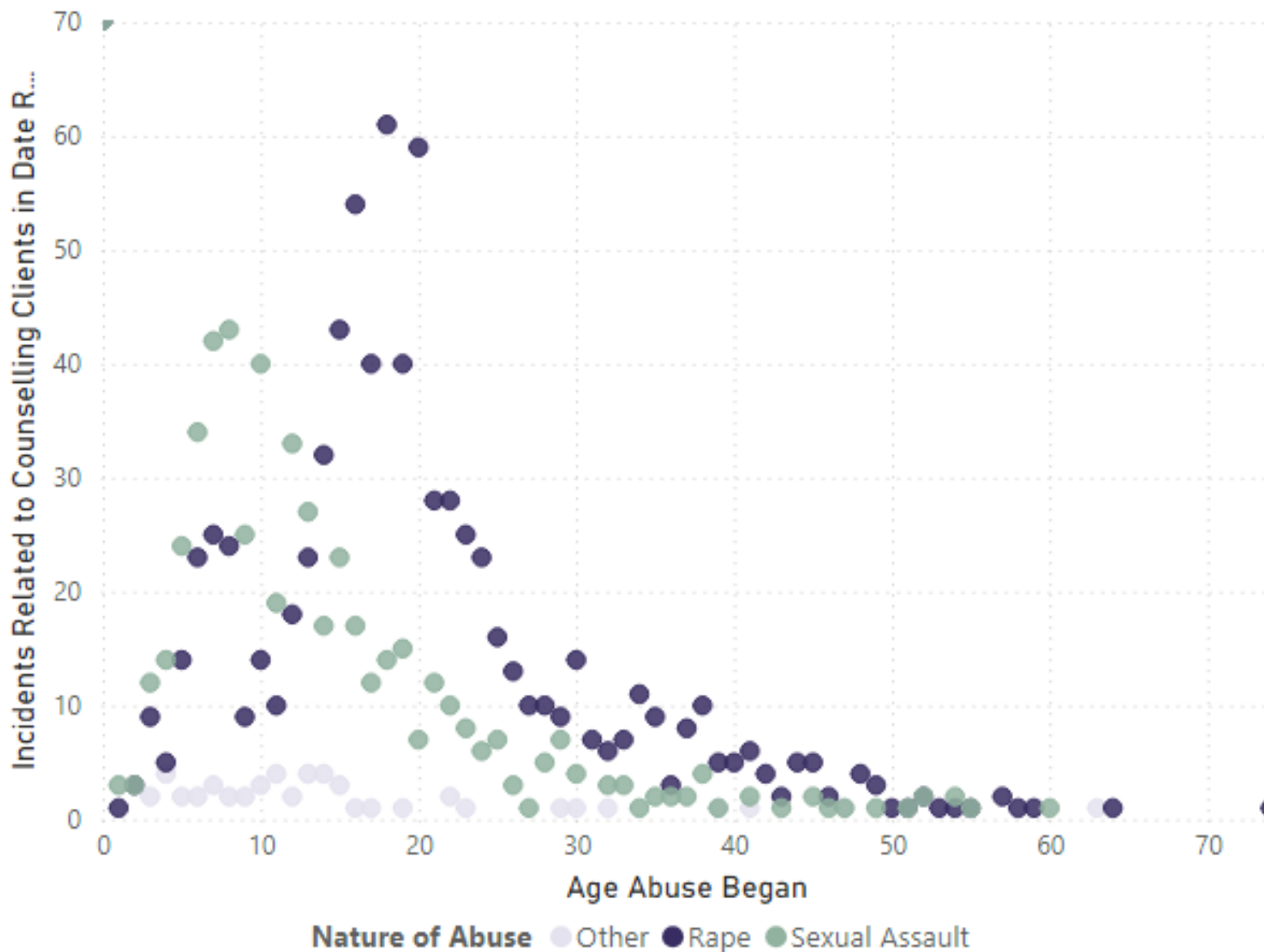
Men & Boys (n=425)

2024 Preliminary Data



Age Spread of Sexual Violence

Year: 2023 (n = 1,279)

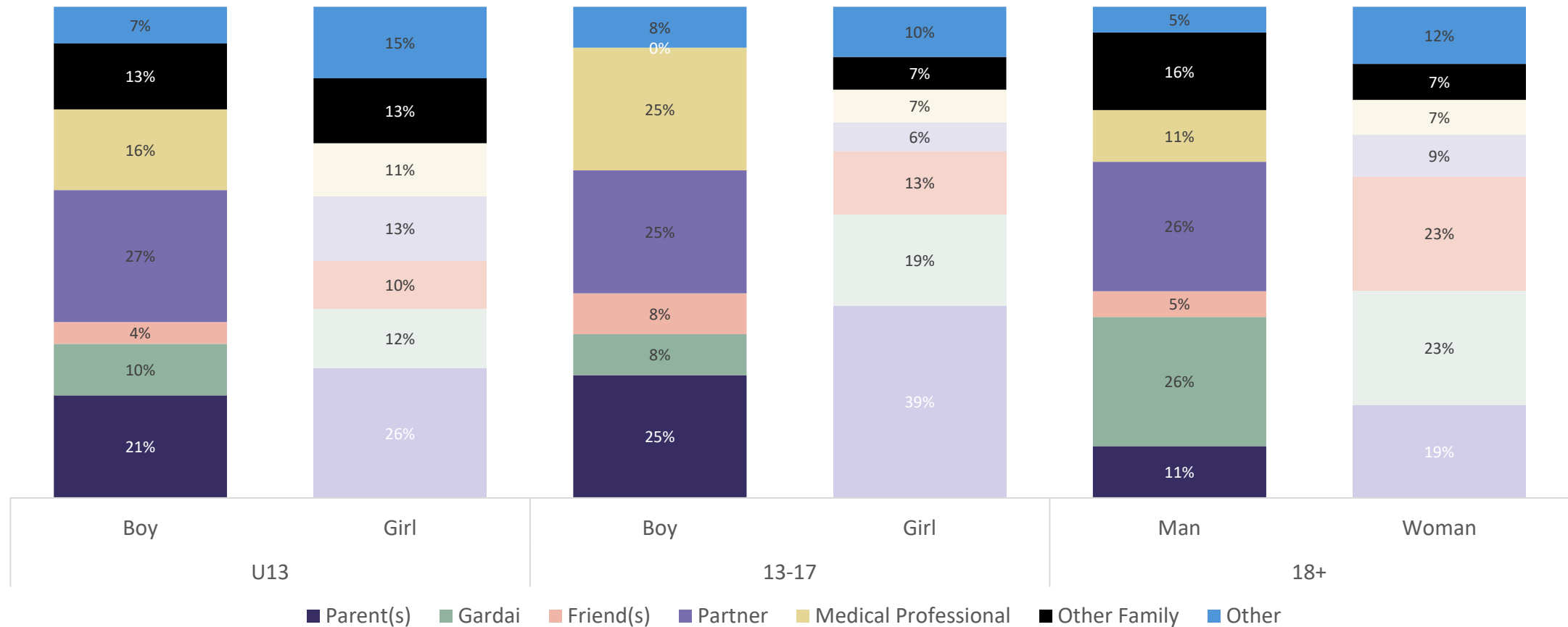




First Disclosure

Year: 2023 (n = 946)

Who Disclosed to First



Robust data
can drive
national
response

Support without
compromising
dignity or
autonomy

Evidence is the
bridge between
awareness and
action



Better data:
better
decisions

Keep in Touch!



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