

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

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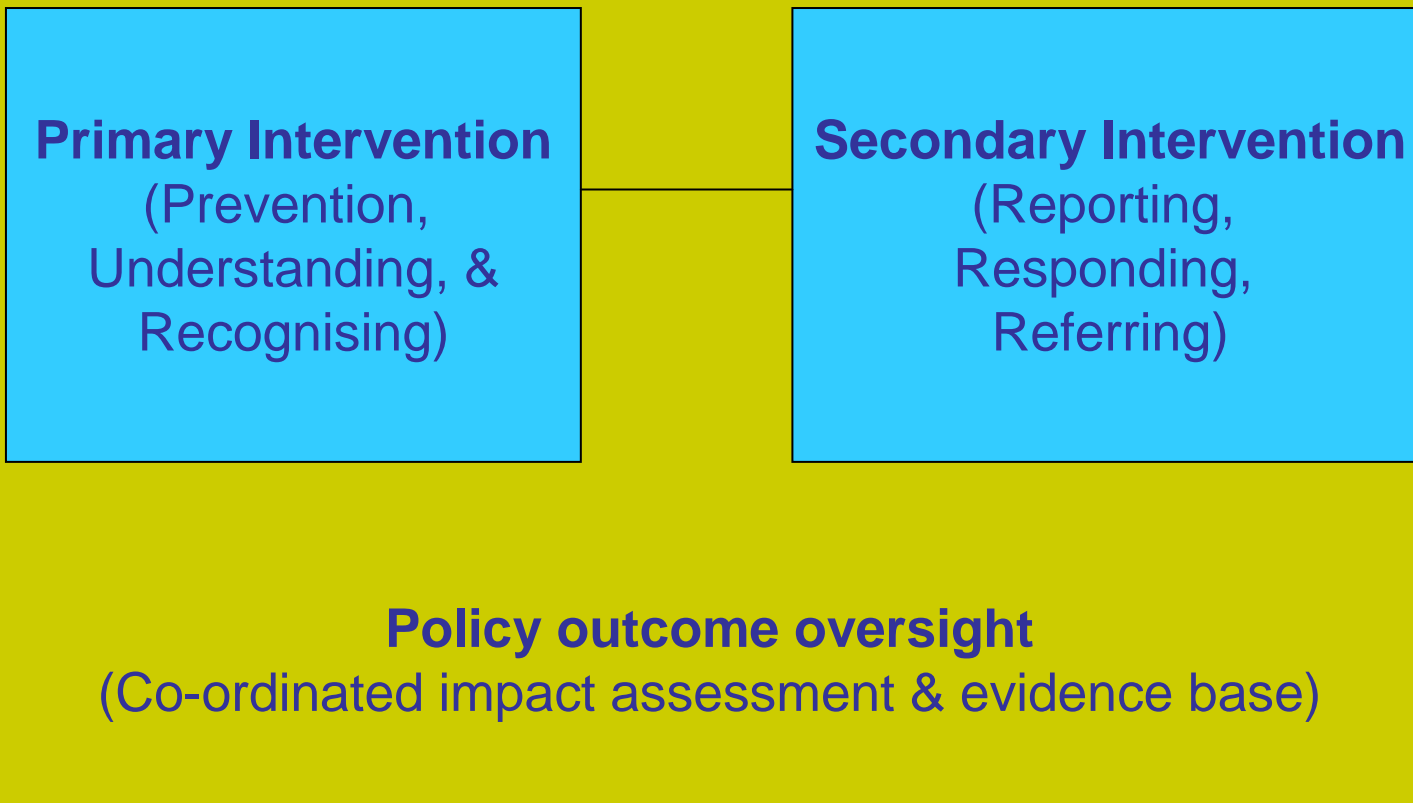
Cosc's Remit

- Working with Govt Depts, Agencies, & NGOs to ensure the delivery of a well co-ordinated service to support victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence
 - violence against women
 - violence against men
 - including older people.

Tasks

- Awareness raising strategies
- Intervention Strategies in line with best international practice.
- Standards for service delivery and for Training programmes
- Perpetrator programmes.
- Supporting structures (NSC)
- Research
- Representing Ireland at international fora.
- Proposing legislative/policy change.

Conceptual framework



High Level Goals

1. To promote a culture of prevention and recognition through increased understanding of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence
2. To deliver an effective and consistent service to those affected
3. To ensure greater effectiveness of policy and service planning
4. To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the strategy

High Level Goal 1

To promote a culture of prevention and recognition through increased understanding of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Key objectives

- To increase understanding, recognition and practical information throughout society in Ireland
- To increase understanding and recognition in State-sector organisations
- To raise awareness among young people

High Level Goal 2

To deliver an effective and consistent service to those affected by domestic, sexual and gender-based violence

Key Objectives

- To increase confidence in service provision
- To promote high standards in service provision
- To strengthen intra- and inter-organisational co-ordination
- To improve protection and support for victims
- To address offending behaviour by perpetrators

High Level Goal 3

To ensure greater effectiveness of policy and service planning

Key Objectives

- To improve the effectiveness of policy planning through improved data capture and data co-ordination
- To ensure that policy development and service provision planning are evidence-based and take account of the experience of victims
- To ensure greater co-ordination between relevant organisations
- To provide a solid foundation for future action

High Level Goal 4

To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the National Strategy

Key Objectives

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

National Strategy Oversight Cttee



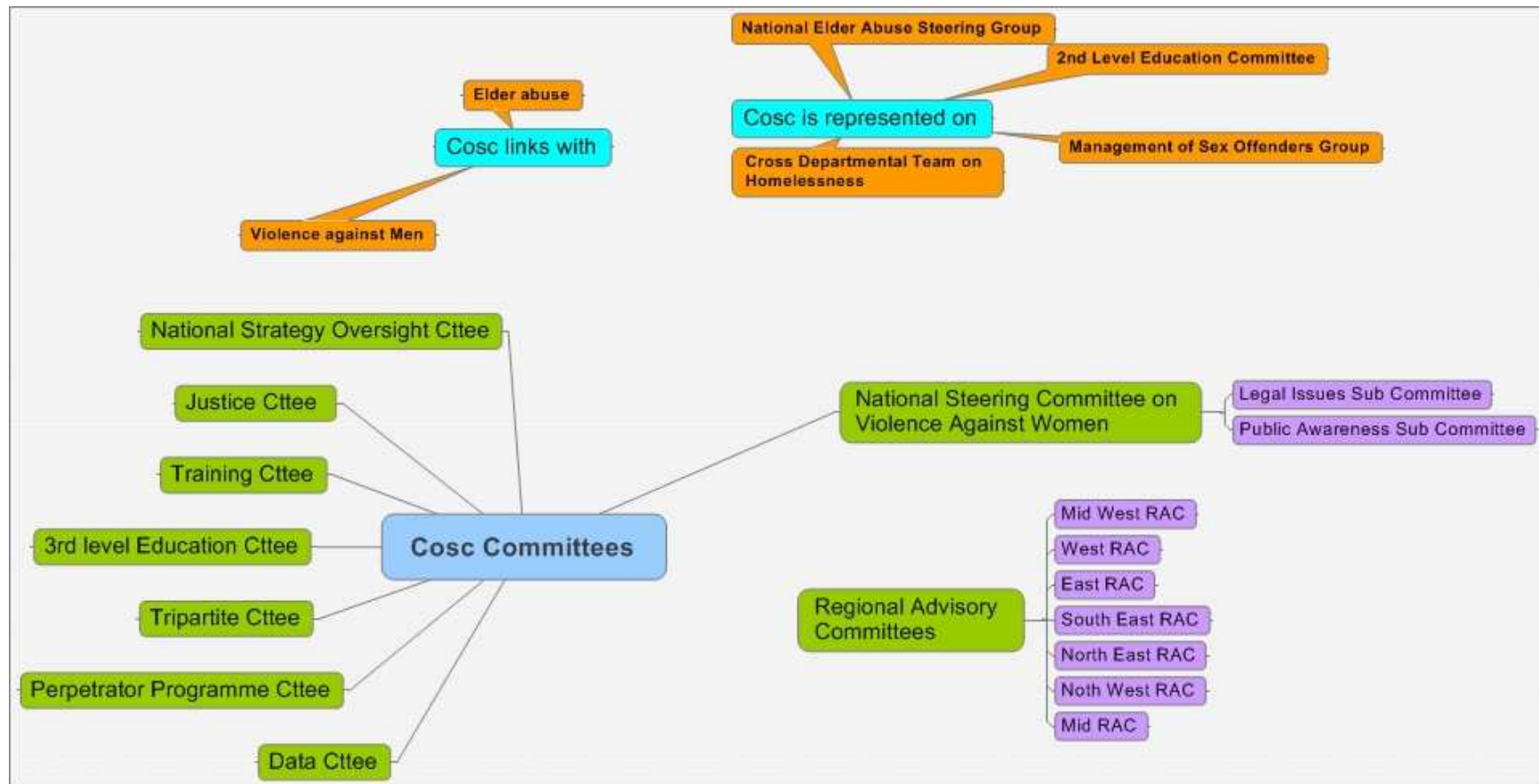
Headline indicators

- A reduction in the prevalence of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence
- An increase in the level of disclosure and reporting, as a result of improved opportunities for disclosure and confidence in the system
- That people in the community and in service provider organisations are better informed about how to respond to disclosures of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.

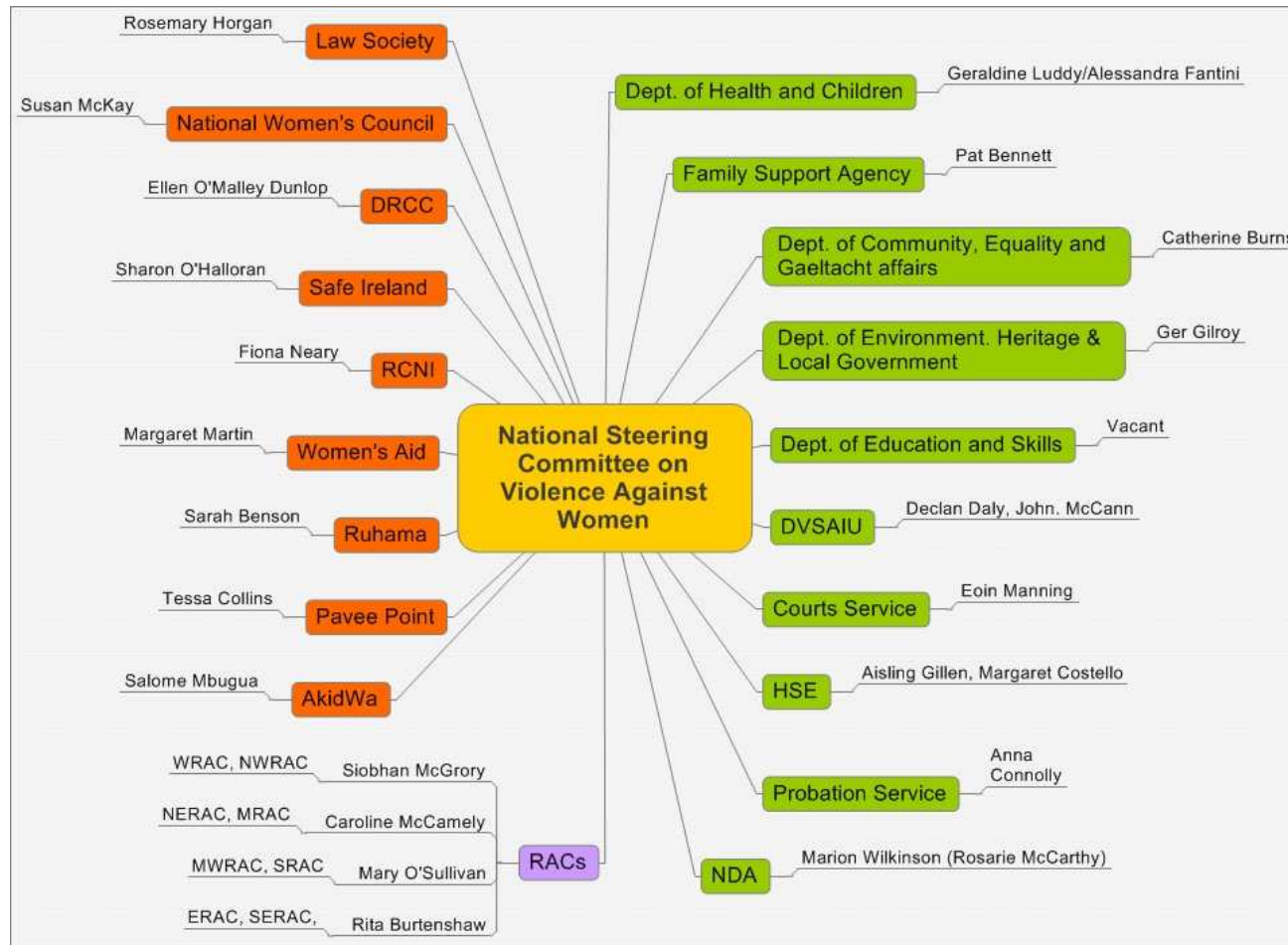
Vision for Irish Society 2014

- *Clearer societal acknowledgment of the unacceptability of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence*
- *Greater recognition and a broader understanding of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence*
- *Greater confidence in high-quality and consistent services*
- *Increased safety for victims*
- *Increased accountability of the perpetrator*
- *Structured and improved planning and monitoring to ensure continued effectiveness.*

Committee Structure



NSC Membership



RAC input

2010

- Q2 - Inform NSC & Cosc of Best practice models (Action 6)
- Q3 - Identify where local referral protocols required (A7)
- Q4 - Proposals for areas of cross-border co-operation (A8)
- Q4 - Annual Review of collaboration at regional/national level (A8)

2011

- Q1 - Inform Cosc of research being undertaken/proposed (A21)
 - Q2 - Consider local implications of referral protocols (A8)
 - Q3 - Consideration of housing issues and work under Action 10. (A10)
 - Q4 - Annual Review of collaboration at regional/national level (A8)
- Further areas for RAC assistance and advice will be identified as actions progress.

Campaign



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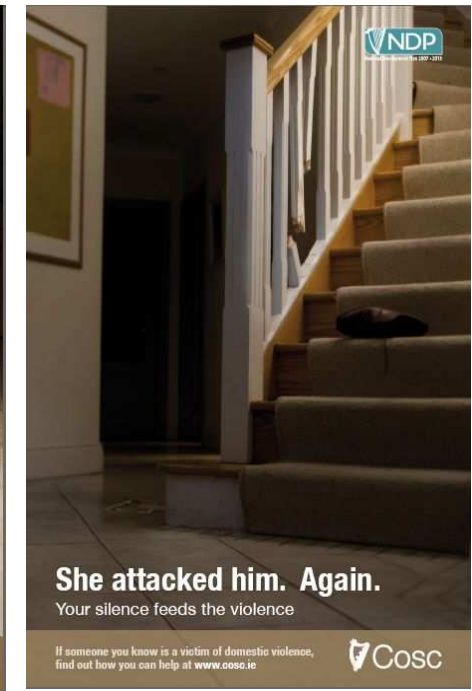
 



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Thank you



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