Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs) — Ireland's Six-Unit, HSE-Funded 24/7 Forensic and Medical Care Network, with Annual Public Reporting but No Outcome Evaluation

Gender Equality · Good practice · Ireland

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Ireland's six HSE-funded SATUs (Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Mullingar, Galway, Letterkenny) give 24/7 forensic and medical care after sexual violence, with or without a Garda report. 1,077 people attended in 2025; 87% of urgent cases were seen within 3 hours (target 90%).

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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