

## SOCA UK

SOCA UK was set up in 1998 for all the men and women who as children spent various amounts of time in the Irish Industrial School System and left Ireland to live in the UK.

Since September 2004 it has operated a house in Dublin for survivors to help them return to Ireland and visit various places which are still playing a big part in their lives. SOCA UK is hoping to have a UK based free telephone helpline in operation soon, as well as a low-call line for survivors who live outside the UK.

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# BECAUSE LIFE GOES ON...

Information on Services for  
Adults Abused in Institutions



## Services for Adults Abused in Institutions

This leaflet provides information on services available for adults who experienced abuse, trauma or neglect in institutions. This information may also be useful for partners or relatives of people with these experiences.

This abuse may also have been experienced in the family, or in the community and may have been physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or neglect.

The services and support groups in this leaflet were established after it became recognised that a large number of adults had been abused as children in Ireland.

## Benefits of Using Support Services

If you have experienced abuse and it is affecting your life today, we would encourage you to make use of these services.

Talking to someone about experiences you have had may be a great relief and help you to take more control of your life today.

The organisations detailed below provide a range of services including education and training, phone counselling, face to face counselling and supportive information and advice.

## Aislinn Centre

The Aislinn Education and Support Centre is based in Dublin and provides healing for survivors of institutional abuse.

It does this through providing education and training in a supportive environment, to help people develop their skills and gain employment. Courses can be taken in areas such as computers, drama, art, cookery or personal development.

**Aislinn Education and Support Centre,  
Jervis House,  
Jervis Street,  
Dublin 1.**

**Tel: 01 8725771 Fax 01 8725694  
Email: [aislinned@eircom.net](mailto:aislinned@eircom.net)**

## Connect

Connect is a free phone support and counselling service for any adult who experienced abuse, trauma or neglect in childhood. The service is also available to partners or relatives of people with these experiences.

With Connect you can talk in confidence with a trained counsellor who can listen or help with questions you have. Connect is an out of hours service available Wednesday to Sunday, from 6-10pm.

**To speak to a counsellor call freephone: 1800 235 235**

**UK and Northern Ireland call: 00800 235 235 55  
(free from landlines)**

**More information at: [www.connectcounselling.ie](http://www.connectcounselling.ie)**

## National Counselling Service (NCS)

The HSE National Counselling Service (NCS) is for adults who were abused in childhood and was established in September 2000 in response to the recognition that a large number of adults had been abused as children while in care in State institutions in Ireland. This followed the public apology by the Taoiseach in May 1999.

The NCS offers confidential face-to-face counselling, free of charge, to adults who experienced physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect during childhood. Counselling is available at 60 locations throughout Ireland.

**For an appointment at a location of your choice Freephone:  
1800 235 234**

**More information at: [www.hse-ncs.ie](http://www.hse-ncs.ie)**

## Right of Place

Right of Place helps and supports survivors of institutional abuse in Ireland. It provides education, re-training and other support programs to survivors including: access to counselling, family tracing, social welfare, repatriation, social housing schemes and pensions.

Right of Place has ongoing communication with The Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, The Redress Board and The Education Finance Trust to keep members up to date on developments.

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