

SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE AND DIGITAL ABUSE & HARASSMENT

QUICK FACTS

National survey of social workers, probation officers & social work students in Ireland (2023)

92% of survey participants use social media

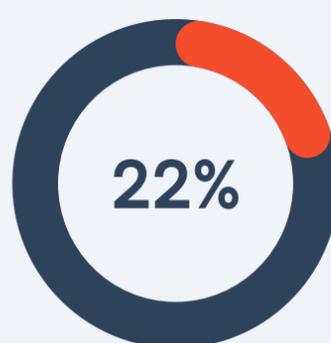


379 participants completed the survey (82.32% female)



PREVALENCE

22% of survey participants had experienced abuse or harassment on social media or online either in their work or personal life. The figure was 15.3% when only abuse/harassment in work was accounted for. Participants did not have to be on a social media platform to receive abuse or harassment.

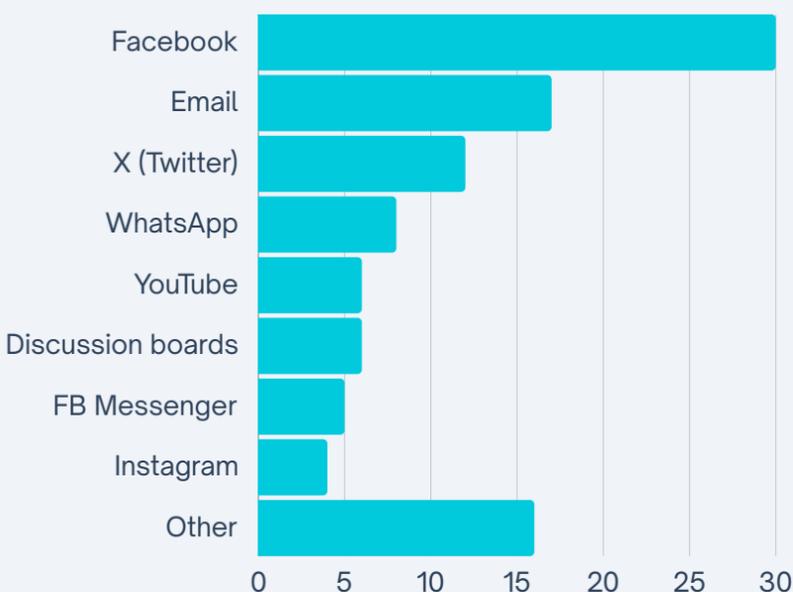


Of the survey participants who experienced social media, online or digital abuse, most were in a child and family social work practice context.



SOURCES

Platforms / sources of social media, online or digital abuse (including email)



A QUICK GUIDE: WHAT TO DO IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU

Assess risks to you, colleagues, and/or family. Review your social media settings and content.



Inform your employer, if work-related. Request supports and resources.



Utilise agency policies & procedures.



Report (where necessary): platform, police, agency reporting systems.



Access supports.

Detailed advice and information on the link / QR code below.



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