

Man jailed for 10 years for sexually abusing daughters

A Cork father-of-five who sexually abused two of his daughters for most of their childhood has been jailed for 10 years.

The 59-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to 12 counts of indecent assault and one of rape against the eldest child.

The eldest of the girls said she felt like she had been sexually abused every day from the age of six to 11 and was raped between the ages of seven and eight, while the youngest sister was sexually assaulted from the ages of six to 10.

As well as the sexual abuse, the girls were subjected to Chinese burns and were made to stand to attention on a regular basis.

Mr Justice Paul Carney said he was taking into account the breach of trust involved, the age of the girls, the multiplicity and time-span of the offences, the sadistic cruelty involved and the effect on the victims.

He also considered the fact that one of the victims has forgiven her father.

He sentenced him to 10 years for the rape, 18 months for one of the sexual assaults and four years for the other sexual assaults, all the run concurrently.

The man has also been placed on the sex offenders' register.