Sir Jimmy Savile 'gave schoolgirls cash for sex'

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UP to 10 women have alleged they were sexually abused by the late TV presenter Sir Jimmy Savile, who had strong links to Ireland.

The accusations, which range from rape to indecency, are claimed to have occurred during the height of his fame on girls as young as 13.

They will be aired in a shocking documentary that will be shown on Wednesday.

Two of the women featured in the ITV programme even allege he gave them money, cigarettes, records and spots in the audience of his shows in return for "sexual favours". Savile had already been the subject of a two-month sex pest investigation by reporters from BBC's Newsnight programme, who launched a probe into allegations about inappropriate behaviour by the Jim'll Fix It legend towards schoolgirls.

The flamboyant star, who rose to fame as a BBC radio DJ in the early days of pop radio and then as an early *Top of The Pops* presenter, regularly travelled to Dublin, where he was a hugely popular visitor and a welcome celebrity face.

In the Seventies he undertook many fundraising events in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic in Dublin.