

‘Irish Jimmy Savile’ shared bed with pupils

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A DECEASED RTE presenter – branded Ireland’s Jimmy Savile – allegedly attacked children after telling them there was only one bed available during trips to the Gaeltacht.

A shocking TG4 documentary on the late Domhnall O Lubhlai – known as ‘Donal Lovely’ – has led to claims that he may have abused dozens of boys over two decades.

TG4 investigators said Mr O Lubhlai, who died last month, admitted to gardai that he sexually abused boys but was never brought to trial.

They said alcohol was given to children and when they reached their destination they were told there was only one bed so they would have to share with him.

Mr O Lubhlai worked for Gael Linn, organising children’s camps in the Gaeltacht and taught in schools in Clondalkin.

He founded one of the country’s largest Irish colleges, Colaiste na bhFiann, in the late 1970s, and presented an RTE show.

Alleged victim Gearoid O Crothar said he was abused for more than three and a half years in the early 1970s.