

Who will know my child has been seen at Oakwood Place?

Information is routinely shared with Social Care, the Police and GP. Your Health Visitor and/or School Nurse will also be made aware of your child's attendance at Oakwood Place. This will be discussed with you when you attend.

Every effort is made to ensure you and your child are as comfortable as possible whilst at Oakwood Place. Staff will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Should your child require support following a sexual assault please speak to the Nurse Advisor to find out what help is available in your area.



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**Oakwood Place
Paediatric Service**



Oakwood Place offers a Specialist Paediatric Assessment Service for children under the age of 13.

Why have we been asked to attend Oakwood Place?

There may be concerns about what your child has said, what you have reported to another professional, or information which has come to the attention of agencies such as Police or Social Care.

Children are seen here for a variety of reasons ranging from suspected sexual abuse to genital urinary symptoms when other Healthcare Professionals have requested a second opinion from a specialist .



How will my child be referred into Oakwood Place?

An appointment is arranged following a discussion between the referring professional, such as a GP, Police Officer or Social Care, and the specialist Paediatrician or forensic doctor. You will then be given an appointment to attend Oakwood Place, or you and your child will be taken there at a time when the doctor is available.



Who will I see when I get there?

Oakwood Place is staffed by a team of Specialist Paediatricians, Forensic Examiners, Nurses and Crisis Worker

What happens at Oakwood Place?

Our Specialist Paediatricians will carry out a full assessment of your child including looking at the genital area with a magnifying instrument called a colposcope, which enables them to see clearly and record their findings. This is **not** put inside the child. Photographs may also be taken to be shared only with a Senior Specialist Doctor if a second opinion is required. Part of the assessment may also involve the collection of Forensic Samples if recent Sexual Abuse is suspected. This will be done by a specially trained Forensic Examiner.

In some cases testing for sexually transmitted infections may also be offered at Oakwood Place as part of the assessment.