

Referral Process to Specialist Forensic Paediatric Service



Advice can be sought on:

Phone:
0330 223 1262

The paediatric team will return the call within 3 hours of the initial contact.

The requesting professional must then refer to social care/police

Acute cases

Child Sexual Abuse (or suspected Child Sexual Abuse) reported where offence is current, with opportunity for Forensic Sampling or Documentation of Injuries and Distressed Families

Chronic Abuse cases (Non-recent)

Child Sexual Abuse (or suspected Child Sexual Abuse) reported, with no opportunity for Forensic Sampling.

Strategy Discussion held (between 0800-2000 hours)

Conducted within 4 hours of notification being received.

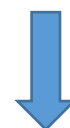
Minimum agencies: Children's Social Care, Health Team, Police; and the current SARC/Forensic Paediatrician/Forensic Nurse Examiner.

The discussion will identify whether forensic evidence from a SARC referral is required and is in the best interests of the child/young person.

[Outside of office hours then Social Care Emergency Duty Team to hold discussion with Police Lead at that time and the current SARC/Forensic Paediatric service provider].



If there is no referral or the child/young person refuses consent then professionals should ensure the child knows how to access any additional medical or other services they may require.



SARC referral requested

- by Police (Joint agency investigation)
- by Social Care (single agency)

Referral to SARC under call out procedure

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An appointment time will be made.

Post examination

1. Safeguarding referral – to summarise assessment findings
2. Safeguarding alert to lead safeguarding nurses to be shared with relevant health professionals
3. GP notification
4. ChISVA
5. STI screening