

## Self-Referral Service Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

Oakwood Place is the dedicated SARC for Essex providing care to victims of rape and sexual assault.

**Self-Referral Service** – Oakwood Place SARC provides an alternate option for people who do not want to, or are undecided, whether to report an assault to police.

Clients may be offered a forensic examination in order to gather evidence, should they wish to report to police at a later date. Any evidence obtained can be stored securely for up to seven years or until a decision has been made.

Self-referral examinations are arranged by appointment between the hours of 8am-8pm seven days a week.

The opportunity to have a forensic examination depends on forensic timescales and the nature of the assault.

For further advice and information please contact

Oakwood Place 01277 240620

**A safeguarding referral will automatically be made for anyone under the age of 18 who attends Oakwood Place.**



OFFICE HOURS

9am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

Excluding bank holidays

01277 240620

## Self-Referral Pathway into SARC

Patient/client discloses rape or sexual assault



**Within 7 days** a forensic examination may be appropriate



**Outside of 7 days –** A forensic examination may be inappropriate, however support and advice is available

To arrange an appointment or for advice and information on support services available please contact Oakwood Place on **01277 240620** to talk to a nurse advisor.

**For out of hours enquiries - please call 0330 223 0099**

If the decision is to report to police, call 101 and ask to speak to a sexual offence trained officer.

[www.oakwoodplace.org.uk](http://www.oakwoodplace.org.uk)

Oakwood Place will not pass any information about the client or the assault without consent *unless someone is at risk of harm*