

Referral Process for the Suffolk Paediatric SARC Service (13 –17 year olds)

Advise can be sought from Mountain Health Care on 0330 223 099 24/7

Concerns that a Child 13-17 years old has been sexually abused (Historic or Acute)
 If there are Acute medical needs then the paediatric medical pathway needs to be followed first (injuries needing medical attention need to be prioritised over SARC examination).

Children and Young People services (CYPs)
 Sexual Abuse Referral Centre (SARC)

Refer to Customer First (MARF): have you got consent if appropriate/safe to

Threshold/Strategy/Multiagency Discussion depending on concerns raised in referral :- To be conducted as soon as possible upon notification being received

*Gain/confirm consent if appropriate * To include CYPs, Police, Health (to include Mountain Health Care Nurse) Outside of office hours & weekend then On-call DI & Emergency Duty Social Worker to hold discussion with nursing team from Mountain Healthcare

***Acute case-** Need to consider forensic window and opportunity for forensic sampling and documentation of injuries **Historic cases**—Forensic nurse to be included in discussion so that advice can given (forensic examination will not take place but referral into SARC for support can take place) . If the young person reports sexual abuse and does not want police involvement (self referral) a discussion should still take place which should conclude CYPs, health and forensic nurse examiner.

*Invite SARC nurse to discussion—Call mountain healthcare (0330 223 009). This is to get specialised sexual abuse advice and to share multiagency information with Mountain Health Care to aid in examination. Need to consider Risk Assessment, Sexual Health needs, Emotional Wellbeing, and Distressed families.

SARC Referral Recommended

Professional disagreement regarding decision:- Escalation policy to be followed

SARC Referral not recommended

Police/CYPs intervention or Self referral

*Social Worker/Police to liaise with Mountain Health Care /SARC to make appointment. **Mountain Healthcare 0330 223 0099 SARC 01473 668947**

*Identify if Social Worker/Police need to attend examination and confirm with SARC. Young person can also be accompanied by parents or another appropriate adult.

*If no police or social worker involvement young person can self refer into SARC

Section 47/Social Worker assessment needed
 If new information about Child Sexual Abuse then Re Strat

Support needed for Child/family
 *Consider best agency to offer support /CAF
 *Consider referral to fresh start new beginnings

NFA to CYPs (No further action)

If there is no referral to SARC or the child declines consent then professionals should ensure the child knows how to access any additional medical care or other services they may require

Post examination

- ◆ Police Summary Report to be shared with Police
- ◆ Safeguarding referral completed detailing that examination completed.
- ◆ GP notification. * Child ISVA support. *STI screening organised