

Contacting the SARC Scenarios

Out of Hours (Forensic)

A **Child age 15** discloses rape/assault by penetration to their parent. Parent reports the disclosure to the Police on a Sunday afternoon.

Action for Police/Social Care to take:

As the child is over 14, contact the SARC Doctor at the Saturn Centre for their view and to arrange a medical. In this case, it is a Sunday so call Mountain Healthcare on 0330 223 0099 and ask to speak to the on-call SARC Doctor.

B **Child age 9** discloses rape/assault by penetration to their parent. Parent reports the disclosure to the Police on a Sunday afternoon.

Action for Police/Social Care to take:

As the child is under 14, contact the SARC Doctor at the Children's SARC / Pebble House (01273 242288 or switchboard Brighton General Hospital 01273 696011) for their view and to arrange a medical. The SARC Dr for this age is available every day 9am to 5pm daily. The Dr can give advice and arrange a Forensic Health Assessment that day or the next. If advice is needed in the evening (after 5pm contact Saturn centre or call 0330 223 0099)

Non Forensic

Child age 12 discloses to their teacher that they have been sexually assaulted by an older pupil and that the assault took place more than 3 months ago. The teacher makes a referral to Social Services.

Action for Police/Social Care to take:

Contact the Doctor at the Children's SARC (Pebbles) for their view. The decision regarding the need for and timing of a medical assessment requires advice from the Children's SARC doctor. Even if outside of the forensic window, the SARC should always be consulted as there may be medical evidence, it may be necessary to identify and treat children for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, or other harm they may have come to, as well as assessing the child's emotional well-being.

Non Penetrative

Child age 12 discloses to their learning mentor that their cousin has sexually assaulted them which has involved touching them on the outside of their clothing. The school make a referral to Social Services.

Action for Police/Social Care to take:

Refer to a manager for a discussion to see if there is any benefits of referring the child to the SARC e.g. for the child to see a doctor to talk through their worries. It is possible that this may be the beginning of more disclosures.