MOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE

THE SATURN CENTRE

Crawley Hospital, W Green Dr, Crawley RH11 7DH

Referral Process for the Sussex SARC Young person service (0-17 years old)

Clinical and forensic advice can be sought from Mountain Healthcare's Forensic Doctors/Nurses 24/7 - 365
Tel: 0330 223 0099

Concerns that a young person 0-17 years old has been sexually Abused (acute or non-recent)
0-13 must be referred via police or social care

Contact Mountain healthcare via PSS - 0330 223 0099

Strategy discussion depending on concerns raised in referral to be conducted as soon as possible upon notification being received.
STRAT To include Social Care, Police, and Mountain Healthcare Doctor/ Nurse and other relevant professionals
Outside of office hours: on-call Sexual Offence Officer and Duty Social Worker to hold a discussion with Mountain Healthcare Doctor/ Nurse
The discussion will identify whether forensic evidence or medical examination is required and is in the best interest of the Young Person. A Young Person aged 14 to 17 years can self-refer to the SARC, but a discussion should still take place (If possible) between children's social care and Mountain Healthcare Doctor/ Nurse

SARC Examination Recommended

Arranging a SARC appointment
All appointments to be arranged via calling PSS on: 0330 223 0099
If a police case, they should attend with the young person.
Young persons aged over 14 years can self-refer to the SARC, they must attend with an appropriate adult.

Holistic examinations may include the following depending on requirement: forensic samples, documentation of injuries, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, HIV, prophylaxis treatment and testing or referral for sexually transmitted infections.
Medical summary report to be shared with police. 14-17 Self-referral, summary report will be sent to GP with consent.
Health safeguarding alert to be sent to designated safeguarding team,
GP notification, referral to child Independent Sexual Violence Advisor and other support services where appropriate.

Professional disagreement between Individual and Safeguarding Partnerships, escalation policies to be followed

SARC Examination not recommended

If there is additional information or concerns about sexual abuse, then a further strategy Meeting should be arranged

Support needed for young person/family Consider best agency to offer support

If there is no referral to SARC or the Young person does not
consent, then professionals should ensure that access to medical care and relevant support services are facilitated. Providing appropriate referrals.

A Young Person (0-17 years) can be seen 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week if in their best interest.