

## North Yorkshire Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Child Sexual Assault Assessment Services (CSAAS)

**Children & Young People Aged 0-12 years  
Acute Pathway (0-13 days)**

### Advice available 24/7 via phone

Weekly clinic every Friday at Bridgehouse SARC - York  
Optional Clinic 7 per week at the Hazlehurst Centre SARC - Leeds

Mon – Fri 11:00 – 19:00

Saturday – 10:00 – 18:00

Sundays and Bank Holidays – 11:00 - 16:00

### Referral into MHL:

All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care as soon as possible.

All professionals are encouraged to ring MHL for advice.

*In the event of acute injuries, the child or young person will be taken to ED and MHL contacted.*

*Off-site appointments are possible in some circumstances.*

### Strategy Meeting:

Follow Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse suspected, organise a strategy meeting involving MHL.

### SARC Appointment:

Patient is brought to SARC with an adult who holds Parental Responsibility.

Social Worker or Police Officer must also attend SARC appointment.

All patients will be seen by a Forensic Medical Examiner (FME) and a Paediatric Crisis Worker.

### Within the appointment:

- Holistic assessment of the patient will be undertaken.
  - Patient will be examined for injuries.
  - Forensic samples taken if required.
  - Baseline STI screening is provided if required.
- Referrals made into external statutory organisations, healthcare, and support services.

### Following a SARC Appointment:

Every patient and/or family will receive a holistic follow up two weeks post SARC appointment.

Follow up STI screening completed if needed by our Specialist Sexual Health Nurse Advisor (0-12 years).

Each case is reviewed by our paediatric team.

Medical Reports and Statements are written with appropriate peer review.

### Points to consider:

Under 18s with learning disabilities, complex need or familial abuse should be seen within the paediatric service.

**Children & Young People Aged 13+ years  
Acute Pathway (0-13 days)**

**Advice available 24/7 via phone**  
Daily clinic at Bridgehouse SARC - York  
24/7 clinic including weekends and bank holidays

**Referral into MHL:**

All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care as soon as possible.  
All professionals are encouraged to ring MHL for advice.  
*In the event of acute injuries, the child or young person will be taken to ED and MHL contacted.  
Off-site appointments are possible in some circumstances.*

**Strategy Meeting:**

Follow Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse suspected, organise a strategy meeting involving MHL.

**SARC Appointment:**

Patient is brought to SARC with an adult who holds Parental Responsibility.  
Social Worker or Police Officer must also attend SARC appointment.  
All patients will be seen by a Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) and a Paediatric Crisis Worker.

**Within the appointment:**

- Holistic assessment of the patient will be undertaken.
  - Patient will be examined for injuries.
  - Forensic samples taken if required.
- Referrals made into external statutory organisations, healthcare, and support services.

**Following a SARC Appointment:**

Every patient and/or family will receive a holistic follow up two weeks post SARC appointment.  
Patient is referred into GU for baseline and follow up STI screening.

Each case is reviewed by our paediatric team.  
Statements are written with appropriate peer review.

**Points to consider:**

Under 18s with learning disabilities, complex need or familial abuse should be seen within the paediatric service.

**Children & Young People Aged 0-15 years  
Non-Acute Pathway (14+ days)**

**Advice available 24/7 via phone  
Non-Recent Clinic by appointment only at Bridgehouse SARC - York  
Clinic held on Fridays**

**Referral into MHL:**

All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care as soon as possible following a disclosure or concern of sexual abuse/assault of a child or young person with last incident happening 14 days ago or more.

All professionals are encouraged to ring MHL for advice.

**Strategy Meeting:**

Follow Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships Procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse suspected, organise a strategy meeting involving MHL.

**Non-Recent Clinic SARC Appointment (Wednesdays):**

Patient is brought to SARC with an adult who holds Parental Responsibility.  
Social Worker or Police Officer must also attend SARC appointment.

All patients will be seen by a Forensic Medical Examiner (FME) and a Paediatric Crisis Worker.

**Within the appointment:**

- Holistic assessment of the patient will be undertaken.
  - Patient will be examined for injuries.
  - Baseline STI screening is provided if required.
- Referrals made into external statutory organisations, healthcare, and support services.

**Following a SARC Appointment:**

Every patient and/or family will receive a holistic follow up two weeks post SARC appointment.  
Follow up STI screening completed if needed by our Specialist Sexual Health Nurse Advisor (0-12 years).

Patient is referred into GU for follow up STI screening (13 + years).

Each case is reviewed by our paediatric team.

Medical Reports and Statements are written with appropriate peer review.

**Points to consider:**

Under 18s with learning disabilities, complex need or familial abuse should be seen within the paediatric service.