



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sexual Assault Referral Centre

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Why was Treetops needed?

- Environment
- Lack of Sexual Offences Examiners, particularly female
- No Crisis Workers
- No Self Referral Facility
- No support for Young People
- No follow on support for Sexual Health including STIs
- Lack of support for Specially Trained Officers (STOs)
- No support to access specialist counselling
- No care pathways/co-ordination between the different agencies

Who we are & what we offer

- The SARC is available 24/7, 365 days a year
- Crisis workers
- Sexual Offences Examiners (SOEs)
- Young Persons Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA)
- Forensic medical facility
- 2 Video Recorded Interview suites
- Emergency contraception and PEP available

Statistical Data

22nd Nov 2006 – 31st Dec 2018

Total referrals

2006 = 31

2011 = 481

2016 = 434

2007 = 393

2012 = 420

2017 = 478

2008 = 429

2013 = 445

2018 = 581

2009 = 446

2014 = 446

2010 = 438

2015 = 512

Police Referrals

- We work closely with the Amberstone Team in Hampshire Police
- Clients can attend SARC for forensic medicals with Police at anytime, day or night, 365 days a year. (Clients under 13 will be seen by a Paediatrician as well as an SOE and seen during core hours)
- Police will contact the Crisis Worker to refer a client into the SARC. The Crisis Worker will then liaise with the SOE on duty if a medical is required or book the interview suite.
- Information gathered at SARC from the Crisis Worker and SOE is shared with the Police

Self Referrals

- Clients over 16 years old can refer themselves to the SARC without any Police involvement
- Self referral clients give an account of the assault to a Crisis Worker, which is documented. They may also have a forensic medical.
- Self referral clients can only be seen in hours 0900-1600 Monday – Friday with a pre booked appointment.
- Crisis Worker can support the client in reporting to Police if they wish. Information provided by a self referral client is not shared with Police, although can be used in intelligence gathering.

Contact details

Phone 0300 123 6616

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Core hours 0900-1600 Monday – Saturday

Northern Road, Cosham, Hampshire, PO6 3EP

“I may not remember what you said, I may not remember what you did but I will always remember the way you made me feel”

Maya Angelou