

Student discloses a sexual assault/offence

When did this incident occur? Establish Date/ Time Frame in order to identify correct pathway:

Forensic (within 7 – 10 days)

Historic (10+ days/Past)

Case to be referred into SVLO team. You should also provide the student with the following immediate guidance:

Advice and Guidance:
 Have they any physical injuries that need medical attention? 999 / A&E if urgent.
 Discourage the student from:

- Washing (including hair), brushing teeth, showering or bathing
- Drinking or eating anything (including non-essential medication)
- Smoking
- Going to the toilet or discarding any sanitary products/ condoms
- Removing, washing, discarding or destroying clothing/bedding, towels etc. from the time of the incident or after. Do not disturb the scene.
- Non-physical evidence – texts, Facebook messages etc. should also be saved

This is to preserve any evidence until they have made a decision on how they would like to proceed. Forensic evidence can be collected up to seven days after incident.

Advice and Guidance:
 Refer to SESO / SVLO process and areas of remit.

Reporting the Incident to the Police

Obtain the student's consent (ensure that this is their decision)

Report to Police on 101

A STO (special trained officer) will attend to see student wherever they are comfortable

STOs/ Police take initial account from the client. They will arrange forensic medical at SARC.

SARC – Self referral
 To preserve evidence without police involvement until able to make a decision on how to proceed. Transport can be arranged via CST.

Self-referrals are accepted Monday to Friday within operational hours 9am – 3pm (last booking at 3pm) Contact Grange Park SARC on 0300 7900 166

Crisis Workers will book an appointment in SARC and arrange a Forensic Medical. Any relevant evidence retained will need to be brought into the SARC. Crisis Workers will give further details on this process. FME will take initial account and complete medical examination.

Sexual Health FAST Track
 Do not want to proceed with Forensic Medical but concerned about pregnancy, STIs.

Student should be signposted to contact Grange Park for sexual health advice only:
<https://grangepark.org.uk/>

Student will be seen by doctor and /or a nurse and a full history and risk assessment completed to ensure appropriate testing.

Aftercare - The Doctor/ Clinician will arrange for Emergency Contraception, PEPSE, HEP B and follow up for STI (to include chlamydia, gonorrhoea swabs, blood tests for HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B & C. If a student does not want to be examined then self-testing can be completed.

Referrals to Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and other support services will be made. SARC will notify Keele University SVLO team if student self-refers with consent for further support and academic liaison/including supporting exceptional circumstances etc.

Police retain evidence.

Evidence held in SARC for up to seven years or until student wants to proceed.