

*SARC Child Care Pathway (joint investigation)*

**Disclosure/suspicion of sexual abuse  
Report to police and/or social services**

Consult with SARC

**Joint investigation  
Strategy discussion**

*within 1 day*

**Agree SARC examination/assessment appropriate**

**Referral to Children's SARC**

**Referral form completed by either social worker/investigating officer  
→ SARC**

Appointment arranged for  
Children's SARC examination/assessment

*within 2 weeks based on  
last contact*

Crisis worker greets child and family  
and outlines SARC procedures

Forensic physician obtains history from child and parent/or carer  
and obtains consent for the forensic medical examination

Assessment of immediate  
medical needs including  
Risk assessment HIV/HEP B PEP  
Emergency contraception  
STI screening

**Forensic medical examination  
including colposcopic examination with consent**

Safeguarding issues considered

Risk assessment self harm

Child offered a shower  
and change of clothing where indicated

**Immediate risk**  
↓  
Social care EDT

Crisis worker discusses follow on services  
with child and parent/carers

Forensic samples/documentation handed to police

Report to police and social worker

Child and family leave

**No immediate risk**  
↓  
Trust Safeguarding team  
next working day

Immediate referral to crisis team/A+E  
where appropriate

Centre decontaminated

**Case reviewed next working day**

*SARC Follow on Child Care Pathway (joint police/social investigation)*

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