

Aftercare

When the examination is over, the sexual offence examiner and crisis worker will talk to you about how you are feeling and discuss any referrals into further support and care services. We will also check that you have a safe place to go to when you leave the SARC.

After you leave, if you have any questions or need advice, you can call us anytime.

With your permission, we will contact you six weeks after your appointment to see how you are doing and find out if you need any additional support.

Our service is available 24/7/365 days a year.

Call now to get advice and support and make an appointment.

 **0330 223 0099**



Millfield House SARC

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Local support services

Derbyshire Victim Services - call **0800 612 6505**
www.derbyshirevictimservices.co.uk

Mental health support

Derbyshire Mental Health Support Line – 0800 028 0077
Local NHS service for mental health support
SHOUT text **85258** for mental health support 24/7 free on most networks
CALM (male service) call **0800 58 58 58** (5pm-midnight)

Sexual violence support

SV2 - ISVA, CHISVA and therapy provider for all ages. Call **01773 746115** (9am-5pm) www.sv2.org.uk
SAIL Derbyshire - Independent Sexual Violence Adviser and therapy provider, call **0800 028 2678**
<https://www.sailderbyshire.org.uk/contact-us>
Rape Crisis National Support Line - call **0808 500 2222**
www.247sexualabusesupport.org.uk

Domestic abuse support

Safer Derbyshire - information about domestic abuse
www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk
The ELM Foundation - domestic abuse support service and refuge, call **08000 198 668** (www.theelmfoundation.org.uk)
KULPA APP - Record and safely store evidence of abuse on your phone to share with Police when you are ready to.
www.kulpacloud.com/#pageStart
Hollie Guard APP - emergency safety alert phone app with alarm. www.hollieguard.com

Substance misuse services

Information on support available and services within the county <https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/drugs-and-alcohol/drugs-and-alcohol.aspx>
Derbyshire recovery partnership: 0124 620 6514
<https://www.derbyshirerecoverypartnership.co.uk/>

Feedback

We love to receive feedback about our services, and any suggestions for improvements.

Knowing what we are doing right, and what we could do better, will help us to continue delivering excellent care.

You can leave us feedback in person at the SARC or via email to: Derbyshire.SARC@nhs.net



Derbyshire
Victim Services



**Millfield
House SARC**

Derbyshire

**Sexual Assault Referral Centre
Service Leaflet**



Confidential healthcare and support services for adults in Derbyshire following any form of sexual assault.

Call us 24/7/365 for help.



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www.millfieldhousesarc.co.uk



Service provided by:



Welcome to the Millfield House SARC

We offer free, confidential healthcare and compassionate support to adults in Derbyshire who have experienced sexual assault or rape.

Our service is available 24/7/365 days a year.

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At the SARC, we provide a medical assessment, a forensic examination (for the purpose of DNA collection), support services and aftercare referrals for further treatment, support and guidance. You will be offered these services based on your individual needs.

People aged 18 and older can access our service. You will need an appointment before coming to the Millfield House SARC.

You can either report the incident to the Police and they will arrange an appointment for you.

Or, if you wish to attend without Police involvement, you can call us and speak to one of our specially trained nurses who can arrange an appointment for you.

We will support you throughout.

**A SARC is a
Sexual Assault
Referral Centre**



Accessing our SARC service

You can report to the Police, who will gather information about your case, arrange a SARC appointment for you and bring you to the SARC. When you attend with the Police, they will wait in a separate area of the SARC until the examination is finished.

You can also attend without Police involvement (as a self-referral). Please call us to speak to one of our nurses and arrange your appointment time. This option allows you to receive important healthcare and have evidence collected, without reporting to the Police.

You can also be referred to us by another service (such as your GP or sexual health), but we will still need to speak to you to get your consent to make an appointment.

Before your appointment

Staff at the SARC can advise you on how to preserve evidence before you come to your appointment, such as not washing your body. We understand that this may have already happened and, if so, you can still attend your appointment.

We recommend bringing comfortable clothes to your appointment as you will likely be at the SARC for a few hours (dependent on individual needs).

In order to ensure patient confidentiality and privacy, the SARC team only take one appointment at a time. Therefore, please do not visit the centre earlier or later than your time of appointment.

We understand that this is sometimes unavoidable. If you are going to arrive early/late please call and let us know as soon as you can.

At your appointment

When you arrive at the SARC, you will meet our crisis worker and one of our sexual offence examiners. Your crisis worker will stay with you, to help and guide you, during your time at the SARC. Our crisis worker and nurse will assist you, answer any questions you may have and explain what happens during your visit.

We will complete a holistic medical assessment and, as part of the visit, we will talk to you about your healthcare needs, such as risk of infection or pregnancy. We can also provide medication such as emergency contraception, if needed.

Our team can also provide immediate sexual health counselling and information about screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). We do not conduct STI screening at the SARC, but we can support you and discuss referrals into sexual health with you.

Medical examination

Depending on when the incident occurred, you may be offered a forensic medical examination (conducted by our highly skilled and compassionate sexual offence examiners). This includes examining any physical injuries and collecting forensic samples. If an examination is something you are considering, it is best to contact us as soon as possible.

If you choose to attend for a medical examination, you can stop or change your mind at any time. You will still be offered full support from our team.

If you have attended with the Police, we will give any evidence to them, to support with your case. Or, if you have attended without Police involvement, we can keep your forensic samples secure at the SARC, giving you time to decide if you wish to engage with the Police at a later date, whilst preserving forensic evidence.