CHILD PROTECTION MEDICAL ASSESSMENT REFERRAL PROCESS

Children may be referred for a child protection medical by children's services or police

Child appears seriously ill

Child is to be taken to hospital emergency department without delay.

Suspected physical, emotional abuse or neglect

OUT OF HOURS
17:00 - 09:00
Monday – Friday
24hours on Weekends and Bank Holidays

< 12 months

Contact UHS Switchboard on **02380 777 222** and ask to speak to Paediatric Consultant on call.
In agreement with Paediatric Consultant, child can be taken to UHS Paediatric ED. The assessment of the child will occur that day or the child will be admitted to hospital until reviewed by a senior paediatrician

12 months +

Ensure child is safe and Children's Services will arrange for assessment the next working day by Solent NHS Child Protection Team

IN HOURS
09:00 - 17:00
Monday- Friday

Send **detailed** referral to child protection admin at Adelaide via secure email:
SNHS.ChildProtectionAdmin@nhs.net
And contact child protection team by telephone to alert them to referral:
0300 123 6662

Referral will be forwarded to duty specialist nurse and doctor who will contact you to discuss the case.

If the child is to be seen, a time will be arranged for social worker and family to attend the Magnolia Suite.

(Referrals should be received where possible by 3pm and child to arrive at Magnolia by 4pm.)

Suspected Sexual Abuse

SARC will not take any referrals from Southampton between 09:00 and 17:00 Monday – Friday.

OUT OF HOURS
17:00-09:00
Monday – Friday
24hours on Weekends and Bank Holidays

09:00 – 17:00

Ring SARC on
0300 123 6616

Under 13's same day or next day assessment will be arranged either through Solent NHS Child Protection or SARC

Over 13's assessment will be arranged at SARC.

17:00 – 09:00

Ring SARC on
0300 123 6616
Over 13's forensic medical examiner is available for advice.

Under 13's ensure child is safe. Assessment will be arranged for the next working

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UHS: University Hospital of Southampton
SARC: Sexual Assault Referral Centre
Child Protection Admin are based at Adelaide Health Centre, Solent NHS.