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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 216-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about Sexual Assault Referral Centres. Please find the Trust's response attached.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Evans

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Freedom of Information Request: Routine Enquiry

Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) provide a one stop health shop for those who report sexual assault. A key aspect of SARC healthcare concerns a victim's mental health status. The NHS England Service Specification No 30 for SARCs strongly advises that there are agreed pathways to Mental Health Services in place, especially for CAMHS, Crisis Teams, CMHTs and IAPT services. A new strategy for sexual abuse and assault was published by NHS England this year (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/strategic-direction-for-sexual-assault-and-abuse-services/>).

The following FOIs are asked in this context, i.e. the relationship between SARCs and Mental Health Services.

a) Does your Trust have a strategy in place that addresses the needs of the victims of sexual assault, referred from a SARC, who might require mental health care? **No**

There is no specific strategy or agreement but our local SARC are aware of how to access MH services.

If so, please attach a copy of the strategy in your reply.

b) Is there an accountable officer at Trust Board level responsible for the implementation of this strategy? **No**

If so, what is the name and title of this individual?

The Trust is not commissioned for this area of work, please contact NHS England

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Email: england.contactus@nhs.net

c) Does your Trust train staff in the use of an assessment tool that elicits the severity of the trauma a SARC service user might have experienced? E.g. The Trauma Screening Questionnaire? **N/A**

If so, what tool does your Trust use?

d) . Does your Trust have a formal pathway in place as follows:

- Between a SARC and Crisis Teams **No**

If 'yes' can you please attach a copy of the pathway?

- Between a SARC and any IAPT service you might provide **No**

If 'yes' can you please attach a copy of the pathway?

- Between a SARC and CAMHS Teams **No**

If 'yes' can you please attach a copy of the pathway?

- Between a SARC and Community Mental Health Teams **No**

If 'yes' can you please attach a copy of the pathway?

- Between a SARC and a Trauma Pathway **No**

If 'yes' can you please attach a copy of the pathway?

e) Does your Trust record the number of referrals you receive from a SARC service? **N/A**

If YES, can you please let us have the latest figures you have by month for the last 12 months?

f) Can you please give the name, job title and of the person who completed this?

NAME: Completed by Lisa Evans Information Governance Officer, in conjunction with operational colleagues

JOB TITLE:

Would you be willing to be contacted? **N/A**

if YES, please provide your preferred contact details?