

Children & Young People Aged 0-15 years Acute Pathways (0-13 days)

Seven-day clinic, at The Hazlehurst Centre, Leeds

Mon – Sat 10:00-18:00

Sundays and Bank Holidays – 11:00 - 16:00

Advice available 24/7 via phone

Referral into MHL:

All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care as soon as possible

All professionals are encouraged to ring MHL for advice

In the event of acute injuries, the child or young person will be taken to ED and MHL contacted.

(Off-site appointments are possible in some circumstances.)

Strategy Meeting:

Follow Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships Procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse suspected, a Strategy Meeting is highly recommended, with MHL involvement

SARC Appointment:

Patient is brought to SARC with a parent/carer who holds Parental Responsibility.

A professional: Social Worker and/or Police Officer must also attend SARC appointment.

All patients will be seen by a Forensic Medical Examiner (FME) and a Paediatric Crisis Support Worker.

Within the appointment:

- Holistic assessment of the patient will be undertaken.
 - Patient will be examined for injuries.
- Forensic samples taken if requested by police (Police must be attendance to obtain samples from FME)
 - Baseline STI screening is provided if required.
- Referrals made into external statutory organisations, healthcare, and support services.

Following a SARC Appointment:

Every patient and/or family will receive a holistic follow up two weeks post SARC appointment. Follow up STI screening completed if needed by our Specialist Sexual Health Nurse Advisor (SSHNA).

Each case is holistically reviewed by our paediatric team.

Medical Reports and Statements are written with appropriate peer review.

Points to consider: *Under 18s with learning disabilities, complex need or familial abuse should be seen within the paediatric service.*

Children & Young People Aged 0-15 years Non-Recent Pathways (14 days and over)

Non-Recent Clinic (by appointment only), at The Hazlehurst Centre, Leeds

Appointments available: Monday-Friday

Disclosure, allegation, or concern for sexual abuse/assault of child or young person with last incident happening 14 days ago or more.

Referral into MHL:

All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care as soon as possible
All professionals are encouraged to ring MHL for advice
In the event of medical need, the child or young person will be seen by appropriate healthcare professional: A&E or GP and MHL contacted.

Strategy Meeting:

Follow Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships Procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse suspected, a Strategy Meeting is highly recommended, with MHL involvement

Non-Recent Clinic SARC Appointment

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Within the appointment:

- Holistic assessment of the patient will be undertaken.
 - Patient will be examined for injuries.
 - Baseline STI screening is provided if required.
- Referrals made into external statutory organisations, healthcare, and support services.

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