Sexual Assault Referral Centre; SARC

Redditch Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

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Drivers for SARC

- 'Without Consent' 2006
- 'Together we can end violence against women and girls', a strategy November 2009
- Stern Review December 2009
- 'Rape the Victim Experience Review' Sara Payne MBE November 2009
- 'Mainstreaming the commissioning of local services to address violence against women and girls' December 2009
- National Operating Framework; 4.16; Dept of Health December 2009
- ACPO Rape Support Programme West Mercia 13th,14th October 2009

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NST Dept of Health 'Rape' April 2010

SARC

A SARC aims to promote recovery and health following a rape or sexual assault on victims, whether or not the victims wish to report to the police.

SARC services are likely to be delivered by a range of public, independent and third sector providers, ideally all in one location.





10 Minimum elements for SARC

- 1. 24 hour access to crisis support, first aid, safeguarding, specialist clinic and forensic care
- 2. Appropriately trained Crisis Workers
- 3. Choice of Gender of Physician, wherever possible
- 4. Access to Forensic Physicians and others who are appropriately trained



- 5. Dedicated forensically approved premises
- 6. Medical consultation includes risk assessment of harm. Immediate access to emergency contraception, post exposure prophylaxis, and other acute mental or sexual health services
- 7. Access to support, advocacy and follow-up provided through an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor





- 8. Well Co-ordinated Interagency arrangements
- 9. The SARC has a core team to provide 24/7 service to meet NHS standards of clinical governance and WTD
- 10. A minimum dataset and appropriate data collection procedures in each SARC.





National Operating Framework 2010-11 DoH

4.16; PCTs will continue to work as a member of the crime and disorder reduction partnership to identify and share information effectively in order to support local action on reducing violent crime – especially serious youth violence, including knife crime, and violence against women and children...... PCTs have a crucial role in working with local partners to ensure that a properly resourced sexual assault referral centre can be in place in every area by 2011. The National Support Team on Response to Sexual Violence and additional central funding will be available to help with this process."

Not amended in June 2010



Statistical Information Reports of Rape

West Mercia

2008-09 262

2009-10 250

Worcestershire

2008-09 105 (40%)

2009-10 113 (45.2%)

North Worcestershire

2008-09 48 (18.3%)

2009-10 63 (25.2%)

Redditch

2008-09 34 (13%)

2009-10 37 (14.8%)



NST Response to Sexual Violence West Mercia report 27th April 2010

One off meeting between ACC and PCT chief executives to agree a shared vision for West Mercia SARC

Terms of reference and membership of SARC joint Commissioning Group should be revisited to create a SARC Strategic Board.

NST recommend that the Strategic Board develop and agree a costed action plan to ensure delivery of high quality service for victims of sexual violence in West Mercia, with clearly defined timelines.

The duty of care to victims of sexual violence should be addressed as a matter of urgency..



The Strategic Board may wish to consider an interim approach to ensure the needs of victims are met adequately.

NST recommend Strategic Board reviews current procurement arrangements for FMEs

Consistent appropriate fast track arrangements are developed and implemented to ensure access to STI management, emergency hormonal contraception and Post Exposure Prophylaxis for victims.

Commissioners should ensure access to the new 5-day emergency hormonal contraception.



Good Practice

Needs and Gaps analysis document used to support the development of a strategy on sexual violence and abuse in women and girls in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin is the highest standard we have seen to date.

The 'West Mercia Sexual Assault Referral Centre; A business case' is a well structured, evidence based and informative document that should be helpful to commissioners in West Mercia and elsewhere in the country.

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Where are we now

• ISVA provision Worcestershire; WRSASC

 SARC Board being established; 1st meeting due in October 2010

 Joint Chair ACC Simon Chesterman, and Professor Rod Thomson, Director of Public Health Shropshire PCT.



- Additional Chief executive representation at PCT level; Dr Richard Harling, Worcestershire; Rev Pam Bickley Telford and Wrekin; Dr Ali Akeem Herefordshire.
- •Vision agreement to be confirmed in October 2010.
- Worcestershire PCT Needs Gap analysis in process. Shropshire analysis underway.
 Herefordshire needs gap analysis completed.



Key Challenges nationally and locally for SARC delivery

- Government Spending Review September 2010
- National Operational Framework amendments 2010; including removing PCTs in 2013, removing Strategic Health Authority 2013; introducing GP Commissioning services
- Cost neutral interim solutions
- Sustainable funding arrangements



Thank you

Any Questions?

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