

Redditch Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel –
Questions for Worcestershire PCT Regarding Sexual Assault Referral
Centres (SARCs)

The Redditch Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel have recently been reviewing the subject of Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs). The Panel are particularly interested in the community safety implications of SARCs and the potential need for such a base within the West Mercia Police Force area and particularly within north Worcestershire.

As part of this process the Panel is keen to interview a representative of Worcestershire PCT about the potential establishment of a SARC within the area. The Panel are keen to address the following questions to Worcestershire PCT as part of this process:

- 1) What is your provision at the moment for victims of sexual violence?
- 2) What funding could you provide to support a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in the West Mercia area?
- 3) Please could you briefly outline what changes are due to be made to the NHS and in particular to local PCTs?
- 4) How are these changes to NHS and PCT provision of services likely to impact locally on potential support for a SARC?
- 5) Is there anything further which you would like to add on behalf of the Worcestershire PCT regarding SARCs?