

Children & Young People Aged 0-12 years Acute Pathways (0-13 days)

Weekly clinic every Friday at Bridgehouse SARC
Optional Clinics 7 per week at the Hazlehurst Centre SARC

Advice available 24/7 via phone

Mon – Fri 11:00 – 19:00

Saturday – 10:00 – 18:00

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

Presents to Police, Third sector agencies, GP, A&E or other health setting.
In the event of acute injuries, the child or young person will be taken to A&E and seen by the local acute paediatrician. All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care.

Follow Local Safeguarding Children's Board Procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse established, organise a strategy meeting involving MHL.

If a forensic examination is needed, an appointment is made at the SARC. All young people will be seen by a Forensic Medical Examiner and a Paediatric Support Worker
Under 18s with learning disabilities, complex need or familial abuse should be seen within the paediatric service.

At the strategy meeting, consideration will be given to parental responsibility, Gillick/Fraser competence/social care input, and the supportive network needed to ensure an effective examination.

Baseline STI screening is provided during the appointment at the SARC.

After each examination – the case is reviewed by our paediatric team

- 1) Review of case management including ongoing needs and referrals
- 2) Ensure injuries and documentation meets required standards
- 3) Ensures wider needs such as CSE, safeguarding and statutory obligations are undertaken
- 4) Reports and Statements are written with appropriate peer review

Appropriate quality assurance is undertaken: audit, implementation of quality standards, feedback including the 'voice of the child or young person' and thematic review of incidents and complaints.

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

Clinics 7 per week at Bridgehouse SARC

Advice available 24/7 via phone

Appointments available 24/7

Presents to Police, Third sector agencies, GP, A&E or other health setting.

In the event of acute injuries, the child or young person will be taken to A&E and seen by the local acute paediatrician. All referrals to MHL must be made by Police or Social Care.

Follow Local Safeguarding Children's Board Procedures – if sexual violence or child sexual abuse established, organise a strategy meeting involving MHL.

If a forensic examination is needed, an appointment is made at the SARC. All children and young people will be seen by a Paediatric Examiner and a Paediatric Support Worker

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

At the strategy meeting, consideration will be given to parental responsibility, Gillick/Fraser competence/social care input, and the supportive network needed to ensure an effective examination.

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

By appointment only at Bridgehouse SARC

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

Police & Social Care
To contact Sexual Abuse Assessment Service for Children and Young People Mountain Healthcare Pathway Support Service Team (PSS) – 0330 223 1154

Appointment made for assessment by Mountain Healthcare in their non-recent clinic. Child / young person to be seen by a Paediatric Examiner and supported by a Paediatric Support Worker. STI screening is provided during the appointment.

Onward referral to other agencies as appropriate.
Information sharing with social services, community paediatricians and GP.

A report on findings of the examination will be provided to the allocated social worker.
Statements are available on request.

Follow-up appointments within the community will be arranged.

Case review and quality assurance for non-recent cases is undertaken as outlined in the Acute Pathway.