



14 November 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the usual work processes of managing people reporting rape and sexual assault to SARCs has been altered.

In an attempt to reduce the risk of COVID-19 virus transmission, face to face contacts are being restricted wherever possible.

Where a decision has been made not to have a Forensic Medical Examination completely undertaken face to face, the use of telephone and videoconferencing, including where appropriate self-taken swabs, has been suggested.

This guidance commenced 16 March 2020 in line with FFLM guidance.

This SARC case was affected by these changes.

SARC Number

Date

Forensic Clinician

Changes in usual practice were:

- Not seen in usual SARC setting
- Some history undertaken remotely prior to face to face examination.
- No Face to Face FME
- Self-Taken swabs
- Other