

Covid-19 & SARCs: The story so far...

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Clinical Director of the St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2003 – present). St. Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, was the first SARC in the UK. It has had over 31,000 clients with approximately 1500 forensic medical examinations per year.

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Learning Objectives

- To discuss the FFLM Guidance to date on SARCs and COVID
- Consider the impact of COVID on the care of complainants
- Reflect on the impact the changes have had on staff
- Explore what the future holds as the story unfolds

