



March 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 F2F Forensic Medical Examination, 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
- No Face to Face FME
- Self-Taken swabs
- Other