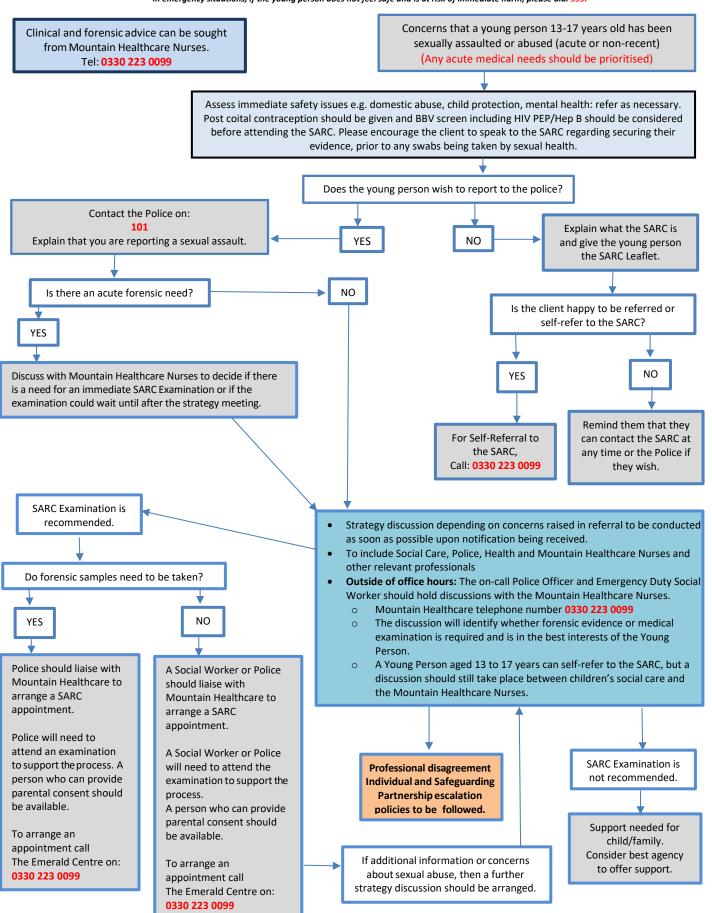




## Referral Process for Emerald Centre Paediatric SARC service (13-17 years old)

In emergency situations, if the young person does not feel safe and is at risk of immediate harm, please dial 999.



The nature of the assault will determine the collection of certain forensic samples. The below timeframes are for guidance and should ALWAYS be discussed with a

Vaginal Penetration – 7 days

Anal Penetration – 72 hours Oral Penetration – 48 hours

Digital Penetration – 48 hours

Injuries can be documented when present. Clothing, tampons, toothbrushes, etc. can all be saved to provide evidence.

Therapeutic needs ALWAYS come before forensic samples.
Contact The Emerald Centre, if in doubt on **0330 223 0099** during office hours (9 am - 9 pm) and out of hours (for advice only).

A Young Person (13-17 years) can be seen at The Emerald Centre (Monday – Sunday) (9 am - 9 pm), if in their best interests.

If there is no referral to SARC or the Young person does not consent, then professionals should ensure that access to medical care and relevant support services is facilitated.