WoS Sexual Assault Service – Hub Archway Glasgow – 0141 211 8175

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

RESPONDING TO A DISCLOSURE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE 7 Minute Briefing

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1. ASK

Following disclosure of sexual violence.
Consider the following:
Is the person or another at risk of immediate significant harm - ***yes, contact the police***
Does the person have physical injuries requiring immediate attention – ***yes, support access to medical attention***

2. VALIDATE

Accept the disclosure and acknowledge the seriousness of what has been shared by the person and that it can be difficult to share a disclosure.

All disclosures will be managed irrespective of physical and / or mental health and wellbeing or social status.

3. RESPOND

Support the person to share only what they are comfortable with.

Establishing the full details of the disclosure is not necessary.

Support the person in what to do next.
The details of the options available are below or on discussion with sexual assault services staff

4. OPTIONS

a) Do they want to report to police?
Call 101 and request Police attend. Police will arrange Forensic Medical Examination where appropriate with the Sexual Assault Service

b) Do they not want to report to Police now?
They do not need to. They can attend as a self-referral with evidence being collected and retained if they wish to report to the police in the future. Call Archway Glasgow Sexual Assault Service 24/7 on 0141-211-8175 and a clinician will speak to the patient to discuss their options. Including as appropriate, forensic examination, support, sexual health & contraceptive risk assessments.

c) Will they never report to the police?
Call Archway Glasgow Sexual Assault Service on 0141-211-8175 and a clinician will speak to the patient to discuss options including examination, support, sexual health including contraceptive risks

5. TIME TO THINK

Patient needing more time to consider options?

Provide website links with options and contact details

Archway Homepage | Archway Glasgow

Turn to SARCS | NHS inform

Police – 101 NHS Inform – 0800 148 8888
Archway Glasgow – 0141 211 8175

6. CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

0 – 13 years are managed by Paediatric Services

13 – 16 and Care Experienced to 18 years are managed in Archway Glasgow with police engagement

Competent adolescents over the age of 16 years are eligible to access as a self-referral without police engagement

7. SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

Confidentiality limits should be made clear and in line with NHS GGC child protection and adult support and protection procedures.

All disclosures should be documented following normal practice.