

Self-Referral Service Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

Oakwood Place is the dedicated SARC for Essex providing care to victims of rape and sexual assault.

Self-Referral Service – Oakwood Place SARC provides an alternate option for people who do not want to, or are undecided, whether to report an assault to police.

Clients may be offered a forensic examination in order to gather evidence, should they wish to report to police at a later date. Any evidence obtained can be stored securely for up to seven years or until a decision has been made.

Self-referral examinations are arranged by appointment between the hours of 8am-8pm seven days a week.

The opportunity to have a forensic examination depends on forensic timescales and the nature of the assault.

For further advice and information please contact

Oakwood Place 01277 240620

A safeguarding referral will automatically be made for anyone under the age of 18 who attends Oakwood Place.



OFFICE HOURS

9am - 5pm

Monday - Friday

Excluding bank holidays

01277 240620

Self-Referral Pathway into SARC

Patient/client discloses rape or sexual assault



Within 7 days a forensic examination may be appropriate



Outside of 7 days – A forensic examination may be inappropriate, however support and advice is available

To arrange an appointment or for advice and information on support services available please contact Oakwood Place on
01277 240620
to talk to a nurse advisor.

**For out of hours enquiries - please
call 0330 223 0099**

If the decision is to report to police, call 101 and ask to speak to a sexual offence trained officer.

www.oakwoodplace.org.uk

Oakwood Place will not pass any information about the client or the assault without consent *unless someone is at risk of harm*