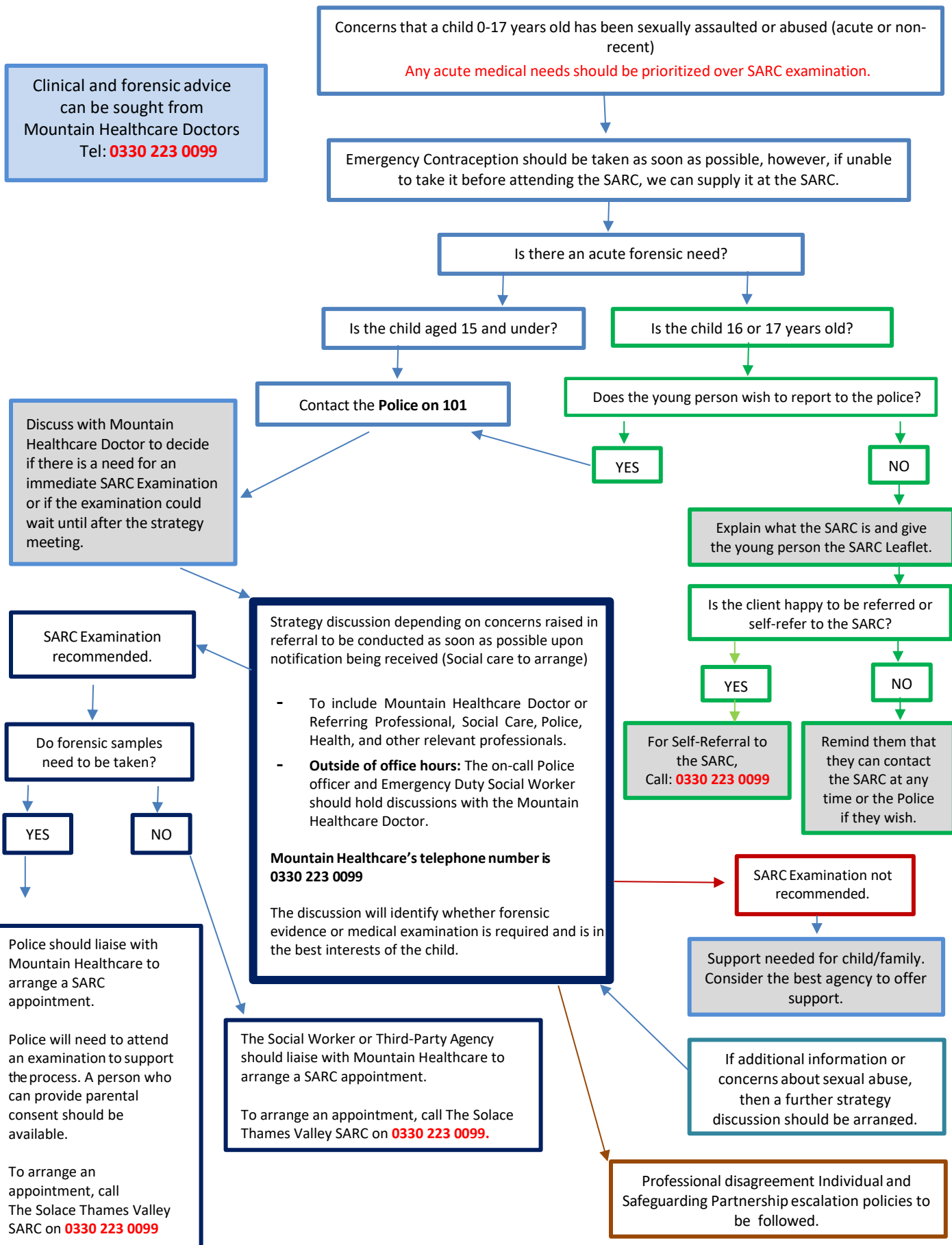


Professionals Referral Pathway for Solace Thames Valley Paediatric SARC service (0 -17 years old)

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



Clinical and forensic advice can be sought from Mountain Healthcare Doctors
Tel: **0330 223 0099**

Discuss with Mountain Healthcare Doctor to decide if there is a need for an immediate SARC Examination or if the examination could wait until after the strategy meeting.

Strategy discussion depending on concerns raised in referral to be conducted as soon as possible upon notification being received (Social care to arrange)

- To include Mountain Healthcare Doctor or Referring Professional, Social Care, Police, Health, and other relevant professionals.
- **Outside of office hours:** The on-call Police officer and Emergency Duty Social Worker should hold discussions with the Mountain Healthcare Doctor.

Mountain Healthcare's telephone number is 0330 223 0099

The discussion will identify whether forensic evidence or medical examination is required and is in the best interests of the child.

SARC Examination recommended.

Do forensic samples need to be taken?

YES

NO

Police should liaise with Mountain Healthcare to arrange a SARC appointment.

Police will need to attend an examination to support the process. A person who can provide parental consent should be available.

To arrange an appointment, call The Solace Thames Valley SARC on **0330 223 0099**

The Social Worker or Third-Party Agency should liaise with Mountain Healthcare to arrange a SARC appointment.

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Explain what the SARC is and give the young person the SARC Leaflet.

Is the client happy to be referred or self-refer to the SARC?

YES

NO

For Self-Referral to the SARC, Call: **0330 223 0099**

Remind them that they can contact the SARC at any time or the Police if they wish.

SARC Examination not recommended.

Support needed for child/family. Consider the best agency to offer support.

If additional information or concerns about sexual abuse, then a further strategy discussion should be arranged.

Professional disagreement Individual and Safeguarding Partnership escalation policies to be followed.

Holistic Examination

The examination may include forensic samples, documentation of injuries, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, HIV prophylaxis treatment and testing or referral for sexually transmitted infections.

Medical Reports should be shared with social care and police within 3 weeks.

Health safeguarding alert is to be sent to the designated safeguarding team.

GP notification (with Patient/Parental or Carer consent). A 13 -18 who is Gillick competent does not require parental consent.

Referral to child Independent Sexual Violence Advocate and other support services where appropriate.

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