



What does the SARC offer me?

We offer the following free and confidential services with separate facilities for adults, children and young people:

- A purpose-built secure facility within a hospital and with associated services such as A&E and GUM nearby.
- Forensic medical examination conducted within an hour or two of immediate need with your consent.
- Help to contact the police or support if you don't want to do this.
- Facility to self-refer and to have forensic samples stored in case you later change your mind about reporting to police.
- Crisis Workers to support you on a one-to-one basis, consider your individual needs and help you to begin to rebuild your confidence.
- Immediate access to emergency contraception and treatment for the risk of sexually transmitted infections and HIV.
- Comfortable police interview facilities so that this can be done at the same time as a forensic examination.
- Referral to Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA) and counselling.
- Pathways to other organisations that can help you.

Telling the Police

This is up to you and we, including the police, recognise that there can be real barriers to people speaking up immediately if at all. We can discuss this with you and may be able to arrange for an informal chat with a police officer of the appropriate gender. If you do make a report, specially trained officers will handle the case and support you along with your Independent Sexual Violence Advisor.

We can also pass on anonymous intelligence to the police with your consent or even consider having forensic samples anonymously analysed.

Reasons to Report a Sexual Assault

There are a number of benefits in reporting a sexual assault:

- Finding 'closure' as part of the healing process.
- Ending an abusive relationship.
- Taking the first step towards prosecution and justice for you and possibly others if the offender has struck before.
- Helping to regain control of your life.
- Stopping the offender from attacking again.
- Protecting you, your children or other people.

How to Report

Call 999 if you are at immediate risk of harm

For a non-emergency, dial 101

Call the Blue Sky Centre on [REDACTED]

Sexual Assault that has occurred in the past

We understand just how hard it can be to talk about an incident that may have lived with you for months or years. Talking to us or one of the organisations listed on the reverse of this leaflet may help. There is no time limit on prosecutions and you can report it at any time.

Preserving Evidence

You can help preserve evidence by trying to avoid the following:

- Washing or brushing your teeth.
- Drinking, eating or taking non-essential medication.
- Smoking.
- Going to the toilet or discarding tampons or sanitary towels.

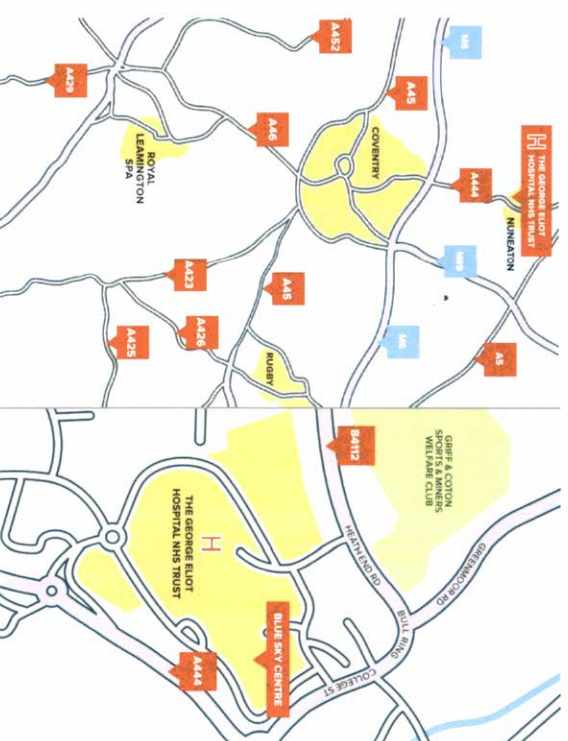
We know this can be hard so SARC staff or the police can use 'Early Evidence Kits' ahead of a full medical examination so that you can do these things.

The scene of a sexual assault may yield much useful evidence. If possible try and leave this location exactly as it is until the police get there and avoid washing any clothing that you wore at the time or immediately afterwards.

Preserve any other evidence that may be useful, such as: photos, texts, voicemails, emails and social media material.

Where is the Blue Sky Centre?

The Blue Sky Centre is located on the site of George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton. It is easily accessible, situated on the A444 outside Nuneaton and only 6 miles from Coventry City Centre. There is a bus stop at the main entrance with a regular service to and from Nuneaton, Bedworth and Coventry City Centre.



The Blue Sky Centre provides an initial response for victims of sexual violence in Coventry and Warwickshire. It is for everyone: men and women, boys and girls, and whether or not you decide to report the attack to the police. George Eliot Hospital is commissioned to run the Blue Sky Centre by a funding partnership comprising NHS England, Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police.

Our vision

We want to make it easier for victims of sexual violence to report it, access services and rebuild their lives. We realise how hard it is to speak out so you can expect to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. You will be in control of what happens; it's on your terms and in your time. We will provide the information to help you decide what is best for you.

What is a SARC?

A SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) is a 'one-stop' location where a victim can feel safe and supported and where their immediate medical needs are met. A Crisis Worker will look after you and help you decide on what services you need.

Opening Hours

The SARC will be staffed during normal working hours but is available at all other times via the on-call Crisis Worker.

Website

Visit our website at
www.blueskycentre.org.uk

Take a virtual tour of the centre

Check out our video at
www.blueskycentre.org.uk

Useful Phone Numbers:

The Blue Sky Centre (SARC) [REDACTED]

Coventry Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (CRASAC) Helpline 02476 277 777

Rape or Sexual Abuse Support (RoSA – Warwickshire) Helpline 01788 551 151

Safeline Warwickshire 0800 800 5005

Terrence Higgins Trust 02476 229 292

The Blue Sky Centre

Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Coventry and Warwickshire, available 24/7 for any age and gender.



The Blue Sky Centre
Office: 01926 507805
Out of Hours: 0800 970 0370
Professionals: 0800 970 0371

