

USEFUL CONTACTS

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CONNECTION HELPLINE
03001235440 24/7 HELPLINE FOR
DORSET RESIDENTS

SHOUT- A FREE TEXTING SERVICE
24/7 (85258)

YOU FIRST 0800 0325204



THE SHORES
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DORSET SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE (SARC)



Compassionate & professional support for every
man, woman and child that has been the victim of
Sexual Violence

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What happens at the Shores

Clients will be given the time and opportunity to be listened to. A Crisis Support Worker (CSW) will meet them, acting as an advocate for them and remaining with them throughout. All staff endeavour to ensure clients feel in control of any decisions being made, we aim for all our clients to leave the Shores feeling that the exceptional care they received made a very difficult stage in their life a little easier. Clients will leave with information and support tailored to suit their individual needs.

Self-Referral

There is no pressure for you to report what has happened to the police, and no information will be shared with them or any other agency without your consent unless we feel there is a child or adult at risk

Confidentiality

Any information you share with us will remain confidential, unless, what you disclose indicates that you, a child or other adult is at risk of significant harm, at which point we will work with you, to ensure the safety of all at risk.



Crisis Support Workers (CSW)

Our dedicated team of male and female Crisis Support Workers offer confidential expert advice and support, to men, women and children of any age, race, nationality or gender who have experienced sexual violence, both recent and non-recent.

Sexual Offences Examiner (SOE)

We have male and female Sexual Offences Examiners (SOEs) on our team, so if it is appropriate for your situation you will be offered a forensic medical examination. The SOE will discuss your options and with your consent, gather forensic evidence and check you for any injuries. If you are a client that has self-referred we will store all your samples and evidence at the SARC. If during this time you decide to seek support from the police we can, with your consent, give the evidence to the police.

The SOE will be able to discuss with you any emergency contraception needs and help you to make choices about where to receive onward support so that if appropriate your sexual health can be reviewed.



Police Referral

If you choose to report the offence to the police a specially trained Sexual Offences Liaison Officer (SOLO) will meet with you at the SARC. The SOLO will be assigned to you for the duration of your case. The officer will discuss the options open to you and if you agree will conduct a video interview of your disclosure, this will also take place in the SARC.

The SOLO will remain your main point of contact for the police, providing you with care and support throughout the police investigation.

You do not have to report to the police
#NoPoliceNoProblem

Young Adults & Children

If you are under 18 or a vulnerable adult you can still be seen. However, we have a duty to protect you and this may include involving other agencies such as social care and or the police

