Responding to instances of sexual violence

**SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre)**

* Only very recent incidents can be referred to the SARC

0800 9709953
24/7 all year round
Located in Bicester

Calling ahead is essential. The SARC team will want as much information as possible in order to advise.

The student can attend the SARC without making a report to the Police.

The college lodge may have funds for taxi costs.

**Immediate considerations:**

- Immediate healthcare needs of student - Emergency contraception & HIV prophylaxis at Churchill Hospital - 01865 231231
- Immediate risks to individual or wider population - 999 for police/ambulance or 01865 289999 for security services.
- Securing forensic evidence (clothing etc.) in case you want to report to the Police.
- Be aware that the first time a person makes a full statement about what has happened (a 'first disclosure') the recipient and any notes could be called to Court. If a student does not want to go to the Police, direct them to the Support Service where individuals are trained in taking these disclosures.

**Advice** A no-names confidential discussion is available to staff if unsure:

01865 289815 (in office hours)

**Student’s options**

Did the incident happen fewer than 7 days ago? *

Yes → 1. SARC

No → 2. Police

3. ISVA / Support Service

4. Do nothing

**Support Service & ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advisor)**

Offers independent and confidential advice on the options available and ongoing support. Available office hours or by appointment.

Supportservice@admin.ox.ac.uk
01865 289815

Student considering criminal justice routes can contact the ISVA direct:

OxfordUniISVA@osarcc.org.uk
07483 141 059

**Police**

101 (999 in emergency only)

Reports of incidents can be made via 101, in person at St Aldates Police Station, or via the SARC.

**Making a complaint to your College or the University**

The Support Service will be able to advise students on the process, where this is an option.

**Accused students**

Are supported separately and independently and can seek support from: caseadvice@admin.ox.ac.uk

**Do nothing**

Doing nothing at this stage is a valid choice, and the student’s decision must be respected.

Signpost to primary care services (college GP, Churchill Hospital, nurse) for immediate healthcare needs, emergency contraception & HIV prophylaxis.

Signpost to Support Service:

www.ox.ac.uk/supportservice

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