

VULNERABLE PATIENTS

SEXUAL ASSAULT- ARCHWAY PROJECT

The Archway Project is a Sexual Assault referral Centre, it is a specialist service based at the Sandyford sexual health clinic and consists of a team experienced in the care of people who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

The service can be accessed via the police, or if the patient does not wish to make a complaint to police but still wishes to be examined and followed up via the following phone number 24/7:

0141 211 8175

Criteria for review by Archway

- Usually patients whose assault has involved penetration or attempted penetration of any orifice (with penis or foreign object).
- Males and females aged 13 and over (must be accompanied by Polie)
- Persons presenting up to and including 7 days after the assault
- Police, NHS and other agency referrals
- The person can self- refer if the first three criteria are met

If the person has amnesia about the incident and is not alleging sexual assault they would not routinely fulfil the criteria for Archway. If there is an allegation of drug facilitation, then the person should be advised to contact police and may be referred to Archway if further information comes to light during the investigative process.

N.B. If referring from ED phone Archway to arrange an appointment. Patients shouldn't just turn up to Archway or be sent directly from the ED, as they may already have a patient at that time. The patient cannot wait on the premises as a consultation takes up to three hours and the room must then be forensically cleaned.