

Proposals for the recommissioning of  
**Sexual Assault Referral  
Centres (SARCs)**  
in the South West

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## Introduction to the procurement exercise and its aims and objectives

### SARC Procurement Steering Group:

- NHS England
- Clinicians
- Police
- OPCC
- Technical advisers
- Service user representatives

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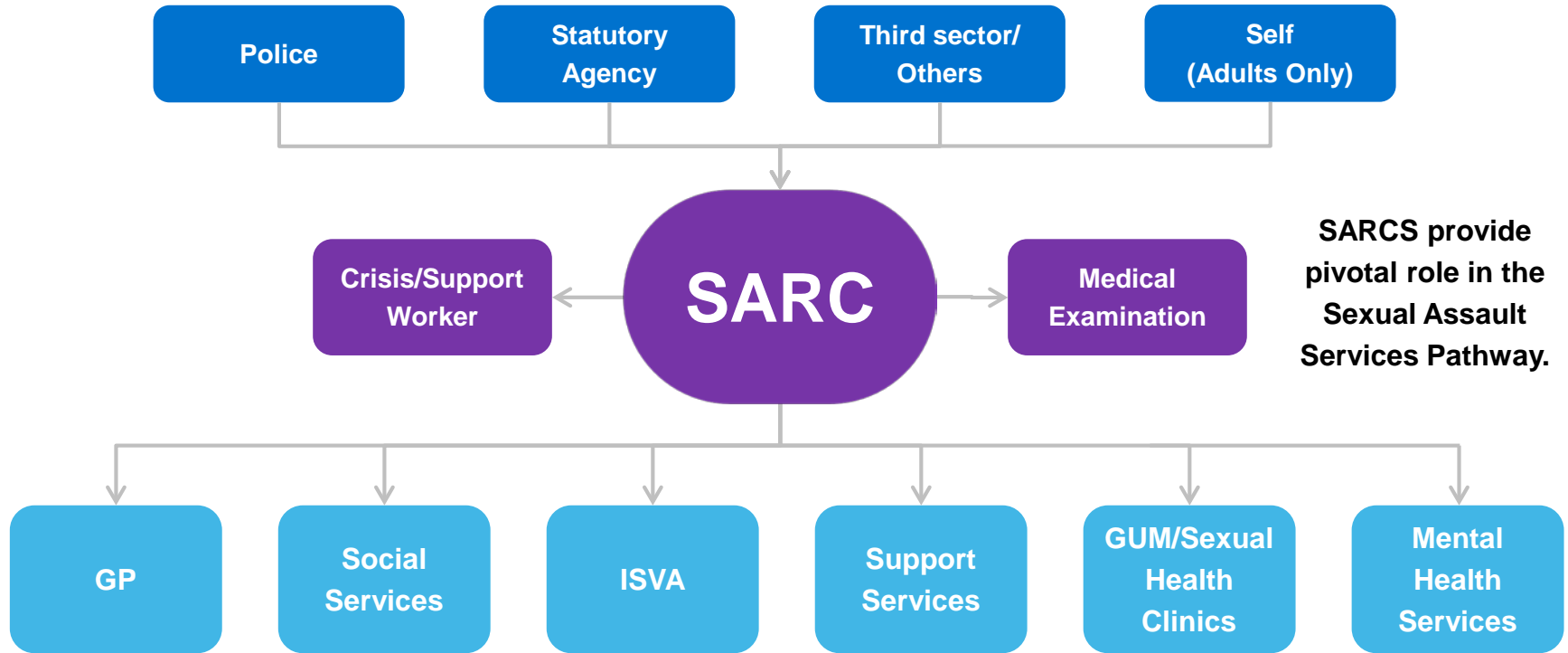
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Have your say via the online survey

# SARCs within the Sexual Assault Pathway



# Current SARC provision

**Hope House** - Gloucestershire

**The Sanctuary** - Swindon and Wiltshire

**The Bridge** - Avon and Somerset

**The Oak Centre** - Devon and Torbay

**Devon Child Sexual Assault (CSA) Service** -  
Devon and Torbay (incl. Plymouth)

**The Cove** - Devon and Plymouth

**The Willow Centre** - Cornwall



**Why do we need  
to change?**

# Why do we need to change?

## Findings from a recent review of services

Context of national standards set out in Specification 30

Divergence from Specification 30 particularly the commissioning of ISVA and counselling services

All contracts due for renewal

Wanting to ensure maximum benefit from increased funding for SARCs

# Why do we need to change?

## Findings from a recent review of services

Clear differences in current provision, including quality of:

Facilities

Accessibility

Workforce

ISVA

Counselling  
services

Need for greater:

Consistency

Practice

Service  
delivery

Performance

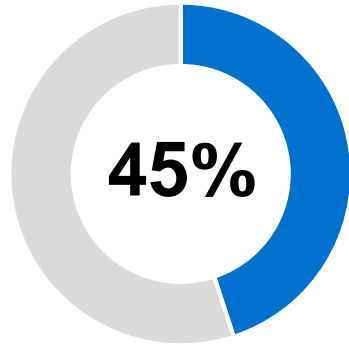
Review and  
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# Health Needs Assessment

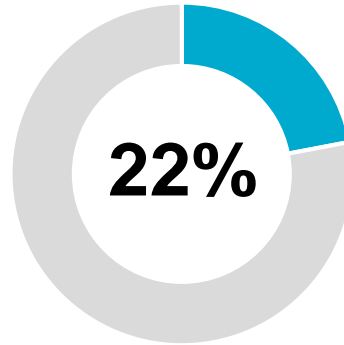
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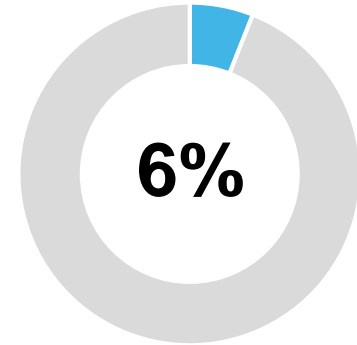
# Health Needs Assessment - Key findings



**Growth in adult rape cases**  
between 2014 and 2016



**Growth in child rape cases**  
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Of the estimated victims of sexual assault in the last year were seen in the SARC in the South West (Performance data compared with CSEW (2015-16))

# Core principles for SARCs re-design

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Consistent provision  
for all ages

More referrals  
(by self & others)

Equitable access

Fair and equitable funding

Increased opening times

Integration into sexual  
assault pathway

National quality and  
clinical standards

Increased investment



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**SARC**

# How have we developed our proposal?

Involvement of providers and third sector organisations  
via Health Needs Assessment (HNA)

Patient and Public Engagement project across all the  
SARCs in the South West and South Central regions

National survivors' organisations contributed  
to the proposal for change

National expert clinicians

# How have we developed our proposal?

## **This engagement exercise**

Online survey for stakeholders

Targeted interviews and stakeholder presentations

Service users' engagement in specification and procurement exercise

# Proposal

Based on requirements of Specification 30

Informed by the core principles for SARC redesign

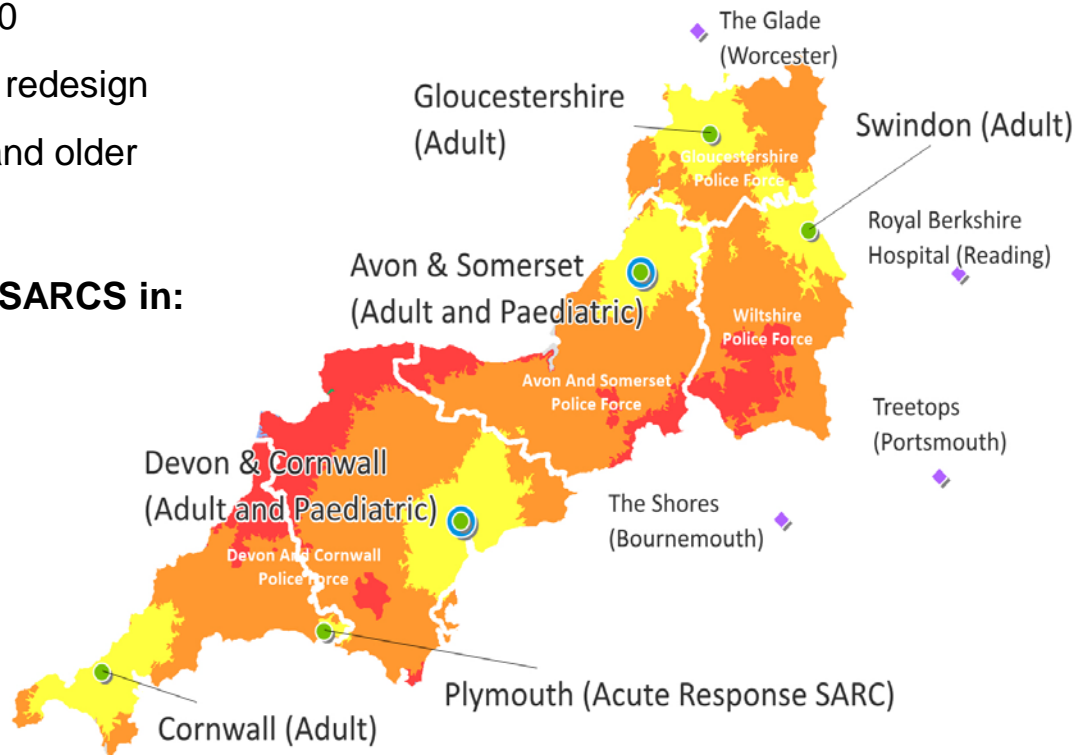
Adult services for people aged 16 years and older

Paediatric SARCS for C&YP under 18

**Six adult SARCS in:**      **Two paediatric SARCS in:**

- Gloucester
  - Swindon
  - Bristol
  - Truro
  - Exeter
  - Plymouth (Acute Response SARC)
- Exeter
  - Bristol

There would also be improved access to all SARCS out of area



# Adult SARC (16+)

Truro

Plymouth

Exeter

Bristol

Gloucester

Swindon

Adult SARCs in Gloucester, Swindon and Truro will be staffed  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm

Adult SARCs in Bristol and Exeter will be staffed  
Monday-Friday, 9am-8pm and Saturday-Sunday, 10am-2pm

Acute Response SARC at Plymouth, opening up when cases are referred

A duty crisis worker system will respond to call outs, **24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**

Minimum provision: one examination room, waiting areas, meeting space, staff offices and partner office space (log access), additional consulting space and effective evidence storage space/capability

# Paediatric SARCs (0-18 years)

Exeter

Bristol

Staffed Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm

Centres of Excellence co-located with the adult SARC

Centres would act as hubs for paediatric clinical networks, offering development opportunities for directly employed paediatricians and enhancing local provision

Some Child Sexual Assault (CSA) examinations and follow-up services will continue in local paediatric services, when in the best interests of the child

Children and young people from Gloucester, Swindon and Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall will be seen at their nearest paediatric SARC/ CSA service



# ISVA and Counselling Services

## ISVAs

Responsibility transferred to the OPCCs

Commissioning aligned to Spec 30

ISVAs embedded in the local community, using a network of outreach clinics and satellite venues, offering victims/survivors greater access

## Counselling/Talking therapies

Responsibility transferred to the CCGs and local authorities

Commissioning aligned to Spec 30

Services will be integrated into the trauma and mental health pathway

Current funding to be transferred with commissioning responsibilities

No reduction in funding

# Process going forward

Findings of  
engagement  
exercise to  
Procurement  
Steering Group  
August 2017

Tender published  
September 2017

Bidders'  
submissions and  
interviews  
completed by  
Christmas

New contract start  
date October 2018

**Please click on the link in your email  
to take you to the survey so you can  
share your views on what you've seen**

Thank you for your time