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Thank you for your request concerning Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs).

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) provide a one stop health shop for those who report sexual assault. A key aspect of SARC healthcare concerns a victim's mental health status. The NHS England Service Specification No 30 for SARCs strongly advises that there are agreed pathways to Mental Health Services in place, especially for CAMHS, Crisis Teams, CMHTs and IAPT services. A new strategy for sexual abuse and assault was published by NHS England this year (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/strategic-direction-for-sexual-assault-and-abuse-services/>).

The following FOIs are asked in this context, i.e. the relationship between SARCs and Mental Health Services.

Please see completed questionnaire as requested.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



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