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West Midlands Paediatric Sexual Assault Service

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COVENTRY RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE CENTRE

**West Mercia
Rape & Sexual Abuse
Support Centre**



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New Hub and Spoke Model From April 1st 2018

- ❑ **Joint NHS England & Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioner commissioned**
- ❑ **Revised service model covering a 4 Police Force area:**
 - ❑ Staffordshire, West Midlands, West Mercia, Warwickshire
- ❑ ***New model – 1 Acute Hub: and 5 Spokes***
- ❑ **5 NHS Trusts:**
 - ❑ *Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*
 - ❑ *Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust*
 - ❑ *The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust*
 - ❑ *Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust*
 - ❑ *University Hospital North Midlands NHS Trust*
- ❑ **G4S Forensic & Medical Services**
- ❑ **West Mercia Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre**



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Population Covered

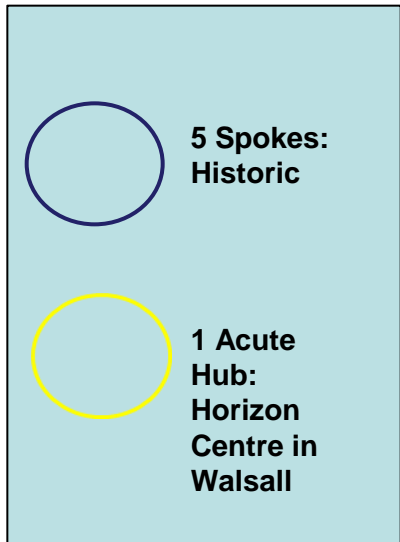
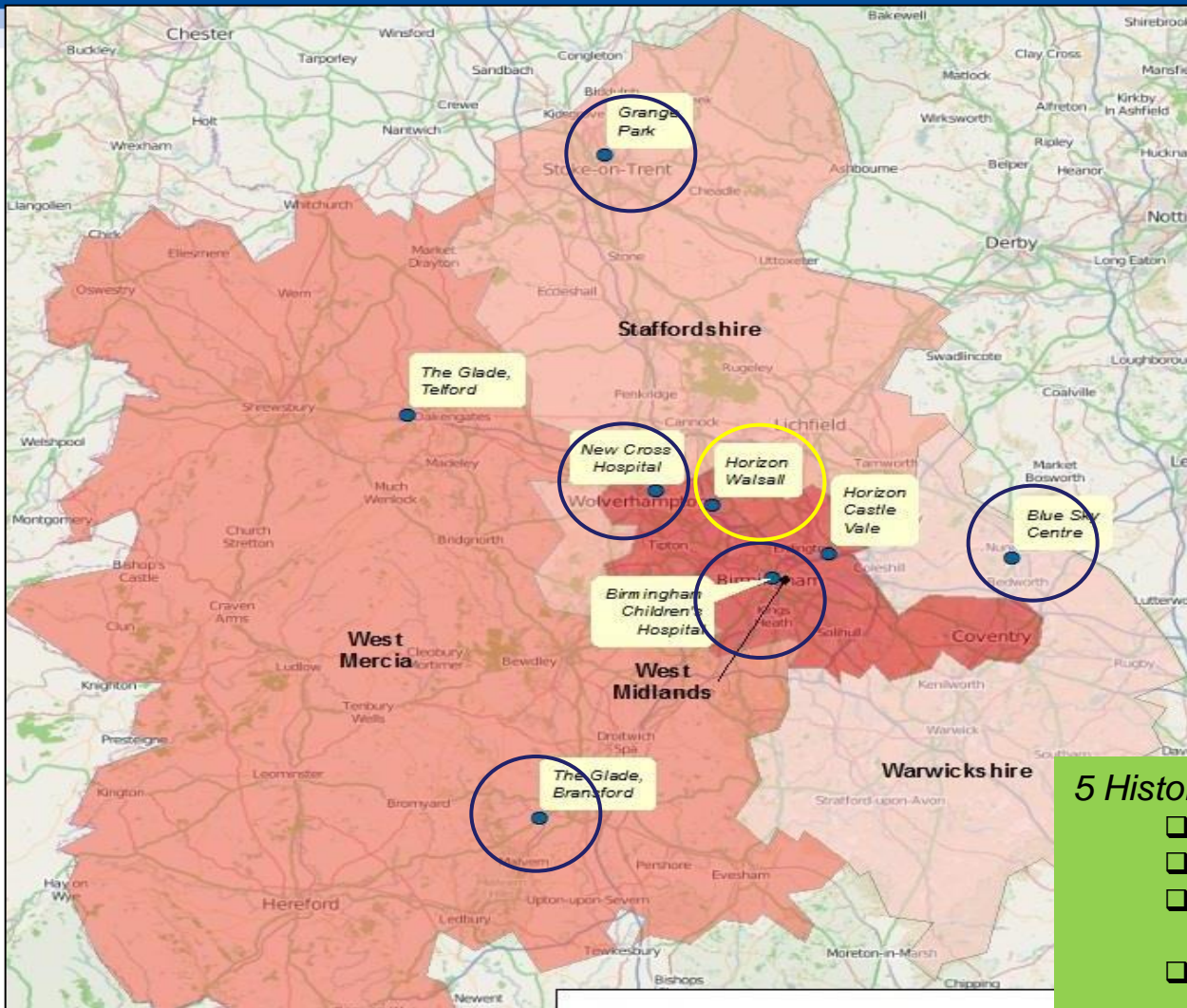
The service is available to C&YP who either:

- Reside within the area*
- Are a looked after child in the care of a Local Authority within the area*
- Are a victim of an offence committed in the area*



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Hub and Spoke Locations



5 Historic Spokes on set day of week:

- ❑ **Grange Park**, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent
- ❑ **New Cross Hospital**, Wolverhampton
- ❑ **Blue Sky Centre**, George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton
- ❑ **Oasis Suite**, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Birmingham
- ❑ **The Glade**, Bransford, Worcester

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Key Benefits

Key Benefits of new model:

- ❑ *24/7 Acute hub with 90 minute rapid response*
- ❑ *A cohort of experienced Forensic Paediatricians across Region*
- ❑ *The on-call team is available **24 hours a day, seven days a week.***
- ❑ *Victims of recent sexual abuse will be seen by the on-call team at our Horizons centre (Hub), Ida Road, in Walsall*
- ❑ *Multi-Agency strategy discussions held at point of referral between consultant and referrer ensuring best outcome for child/YP and safeguarding processes are adhered to*

Non Acute “Spoke” Clinics

- ❑ *Provide medical examination and holistic care for CYP where there is concern about possible sexual abuse, but the concern is not deemed to be within the forensic window (non-recent)*
- ❑ *A ‘holistic’ service - providing emotional support - the CYP referred to the service is offered a package of counselling and emotional support.*



What we do

The West Midlands Paediatric Sexual Assault Service

A holistic medical assessment and care for children and young people under 18 years of age

- Who disclose rape or sexual assault***
- Where there is reason for concern about possible sexual abuse.***

The service includes:

- Physical examination by specialist Paediatrician*
- Collection of forensic DNA evidence*
- Screening and treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections*
- Emergency contraception, HIV PEPSE and Hep B immunisation*
- Counselling and support package*
- A detailed safeguarding report in every case*
- Crisis worker support*
- Bespoke counseling referral offered*

The service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. This includes telephone advice for Professionals and input Strategy discussion.



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Nature of concern/referral criteria

Hub – Horizon SARC, Ida Road, Walsall

- Operates 24/7, 365 days
- Forensic cases
 - rape that has occurred within the last 7 day
 - oral / digital penetration that has occurred within the last 3 days
 - or where the multi-professional strategy discussion indicates a more immediate assessment is in the best interests of the child/young person.

Spokes: Non-forensic 9am-5pm appointments on a set day

- Oasis Suite, Birmingham Children's Hospital – Monday (Friday if a Bank Holiday)
- The Glade, Bransford - Tuesday
- Blue Sky Centre, Nuneaton - Wednesday
- Grange Park, Stoke on Trent – Thursday
- New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton - Friday

Referral Route

‘Anyone can make a referral to PSAS’

**Accessed through single point of contact
call centre Tel: 0800 953 4133**

- ❑ *Full-time West Midlands Paediatric Service Coordination Manager (Crisis Worker) and call centre out of hours*
 - ❑ *Co-ordinates Follow-up care*
 - ❑ *Acts as a point of contact for families*
 - ❑ *Acts as a point of contact for Professionals*
 - ❑ *email psaswestmids@uk.g4s.com.cjasm.net*



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How to refer into WMPSAS

How to refer:

- ❑ *Follow Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) processes: refer safeguarding concerns where the CYP is thought to be at risk of significant harm to MASH.*
- ❑ *In addition, if the CYP needs urgent medical attention for physical injury (e.g. life-threatening/severe ongoing bleeding refer urgently to local paediatricians for stabilisation.*
- ❑ *Suspected/disclosed sexual assault should not be referred to local paediatricians.*
- ❑ *If a clinician/practitioner wishes to talk through a case (e.g. unsure if a child's actions represents sexualised behaviour or physical symptoms are of concern) the PSAS paediatricians are available 24/7 to give advice via the single point of contact telephone number: **0800 953 4133** for referrals from professionals or agencies.*



Referral Criteria

Referral criteria - ALL four points must apply:

- CYP under the age of 18 years OR with a vulnerability (such as a learning difficulty, aged 18-20 with significant learning difficulties AND in full-time education*
- resident, looked-after child or victim of offence within catchment (area served by*
- West Mercia, Warwickshire, Staffordshire or West Midlands Police)*
- referred to children's social care/Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)*
- CYP must be aware of referral and consent.*

One of the following must also apply:

- attendance of a person with parental responsibility and Police/Social worker is required to attend historic clinics or be available for a telephone consultation with the doctor on that day*
- a court order with directive to examine in place*
- the CYP is likely to be 'Gillick' competent.*



Feedback received over last 12 months

'We had a difficult case at BCH this week and I had to contact the PSAS service for advice and support. I just wanted to let you know that everyone was really helpful, including the call centre staff, and two PSAS consultants. The case required late conversations to make the right decision and I know some of the team were providing support out of normal work hours, which was really helpful to me and much appreciated. So please pass on my thanks'

Head of Safeguarding - Birmingham Women's & Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

"An amazing service. I don't know how myself or my child would have got through this if it wasn't for you. Thank you for reassuring me."

"You are all very kind and supportive, what you guys do is amazing"

"The team have been fantastic. The whole process has been really good, the team have been really understanding and adaptable to the child's needs"

"Massive thank you for all your support and respect you showed us. You were all amazing, supportive and understanding"



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Feedback from families

WMPSAS Website

Single point of contact call centre:
Telephone Number: 0800 953 4133

email psaswestmids@uk.g4s.com.cjasm.net

Website: <http://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/psas>

Twitter: [@WM_PSAS](https://twitter.com/WM_PSAS)

Professional, Client/Young Person and Children's PSAS leaflets are available from the service and on the website.



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