

Our team of specialist support workers will be available to assist you from the moment you contact The Saturn Centre

The team is able to:

Explain the various options that may be available to help you make the right decision for your situation.

Provide emotional and practical support and attend meetings with you if you wish.

Help you get the best service according to your needs and assist with accessing these services, whether or not you want to take legal action.

For men and women who have experienced sexual violence either recently or in the past, we can link you to counselling services when and if you feel ready.

Attend pre-trial visits and court hearings with you.

Safety

If you have further concerns about your personal safety then please contact the police for advice. In an EMERGENCY always dial 999.

How to find us:

The Saturn Centre, Crawley Hospital, West Green Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH11 7DH Telephone: 01293 600469 Website: www.saturncentre.org



If you need directions or help to get to the Centre please call us.

We are available Monday to Friday 9am~5pm.

We also provide an out of hours emergency service.

The following organisations are working in partnership and fully committed to the philosophy of providing the best quality of supportive service to victims of sexual violence.

- West Sussex Primary Care Trust
Sussex Police
Worth Services
West Sussex County Council
Life Centre, Chichester



Sexual Assault Referral Centre

Information about our services

Telephone: 01293 600469 (Office hours only) Answerphone outside these hours.

The Saturn Centre, Crawley Hospital, West Green Drive, Crawley West Sussex RH11 7DH

Website: www.saturncentre.org

The Saturn Centre provides a range of services to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted.

Services are available to women or men.

The Saturn Centre is open 9-5. You don't have to be referred. All you need to do is ring us first to make an appointment.

What happens at The Saturn Centre?

When you arrive you'll spend time with a support worker, talking in confidence about your options and answering any questions you may have.

We can offer support and services whether or not the police are involved. All our services are confidential. We have a legal duty to share information with police and/or Children's Social Care if a child or young person is considered to be at risk of significant harm, (Childrens Act 2004).

At all times you will be able to make choices on what happens to you at the Saturn Centre.

If you are not sure what the Saturn Centre can offer, or there are questions you would like to ask, please call us or visit www.saturncentre.org

Useful contact details

Police 0845 60 70 999 - In an emergency dial **999**

NSPCC (24hr helpline) 0800 800 5000

Childline (24hr helpline) 0800 1111

Samaritans (24hr helpline) 0845 790 9090

Victim Support 0845 303 0900

Immediate services

If someone has been raped or sexually assaulted we offer the following services:

Forensic medical examination by a specialist female or male doctor. This examination will be carried out as sympathetically as possible, and can be undertaken whether the police are involved or not.

Screening for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections can be arranged by the centre.

Support will be available from a dedicated support worker when you attend the centre.

If you come to the Saturn Centre without having contacted the police first, the doctor who sees you will take forensic samples, but only with your permission.

If you agree, we can give these samples to the police for forensic analysis without disclosing your identity.

They will then store the samples until you have decided whether or not you want to talk to them.

If the forensic analysis identifies evidence that is of particular interest to the police, we will let you know and give you details that might help you make your decision.

Follow-up services

We understand that the effects of rape or sexual assault can take time to resolve. It may have happened some time ago but still affects your well-being.

The Saturn Centre provides a professional victim - focussed service, with access to a wide range of support and advice.

We can provide a specialist dedicated support worker who will keep in touch with you and provide you with information about other services or organisations that may be of help.

Support by a witness care officer who will liaise with you, the police and the Crown Prosecution Service so that you are kept informed of developments with your case, if this is the path you wish to take.

Counselling - We can provide you with information about the services available in your locality to help you come to terms with what has happened.

Support through criminal proceedings can be provided.

Assistance with criminal injuries compensation claims where trained staff at the centre can explain the system to you.