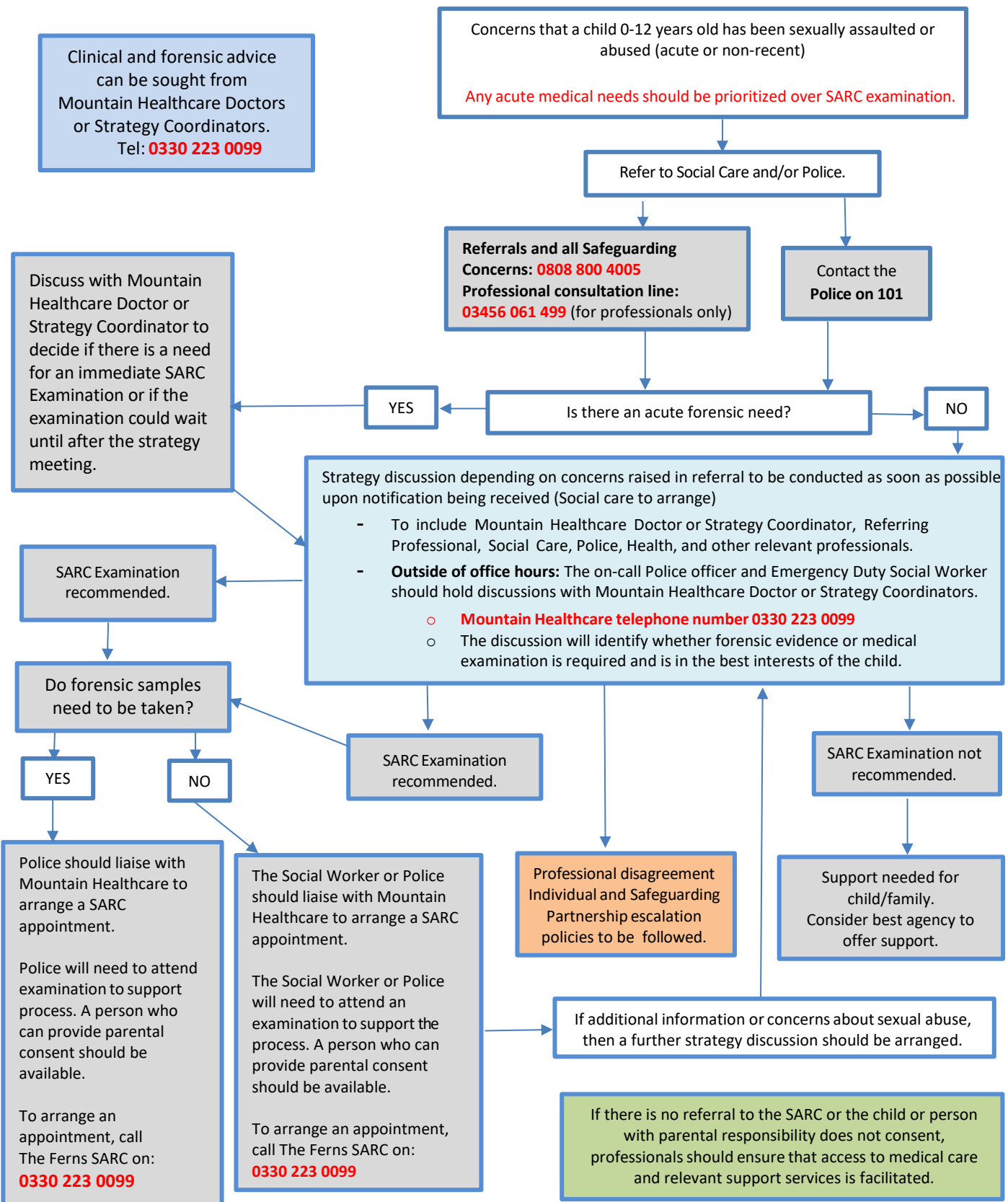


Referral Process for The Ferns Paediatric SARC service (0 -12 years old)

In emergency situations, if the child does not feel safe and is at risk of immediate harm, please dial 999.



Holistic Examination

The examination may include forensic samples, documentation of injuries, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, HIV prophylaxis treatment and testing or referral for sexually transmitted infections.

Medical Reports should be shared with social care and police within 3 weeks.

Health safeguarding alert is to be sent to the designated safeguarding team.

GP notification (with Patient/Parental or Carer consent)

Referral to child Independent Sexual Violence Advocate and other support services where appropriate.

Current Paediatric SARC Service provision for under 13s

- Non-forensic examinations can be held at the Ferns SARC (10 am – 2 pm) (Thursdays only).

- Patients may be seen in a neighbouring county (Acute cases only). Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (9 am – 5 pm), and Saturday (11 am – 3 pm)

Note: The location of examination will be considered on an individual basis.