Gateshead Flow chart for assessment of under 13-year-olds requesting sexual health advice

SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNDER 13 YEARS OLD

All sexually active under 13 year olds require referral to Children's Social Care (CSC) **AND** Police

Refer to **CSC 0191 4332653**

Out of hours **0191 4770844**

Refer to Police via **101** (If immediate danger call **999)**

Children under the age of 13 are legally deemed incapable of consenting to sexual activity and therefore all incidences of sexual behaviour involving children under 13 should be considered as a potential criminal or child protection matter. https://www.proceduresonline.com/nesubregion/p_underage_sexual_act.html#1.-definition

REFER TO CSC AND POLICE AS ABOVE

Referral will be discussed at Multiagency Safeguarding Hub

Police to request forensic medical examination by Paediatric Sexual Assault Referral Centre (Tel 0191 2824753 in hours or via RVI switchboard 0191 2336161 out of hours) if indicated

DO THEY REQUIRE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION ?

YES

GP to consider need for emergency contraception and to prescribe after ensuring referral made to CSC/Police. Seek advice from Named GP for safeguarding children where required

NO

Consider longer term contraception needs. GP to consider prescribing contraception (after making referral to CSC/Police), seek advice from Trinity Square Health Centre on **0191 2831577** and Named GP safeguarding children where required

PREGNANT UNDER 13 YEAR OLD

REFER TO CSC AND POLICE AS ABOVE

Multi-agency support package should be formulated to include:

Refer for antenatal care/counselling/termination

Refer to Community Midwife for antenatal care/Family Nurse Partnership

Refer for termination via RVI booking number 0191 2829300