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HIPS Webinar: Medical Assessments in Suspected Child Sexual Abuse

This webinar has been developed in response to the HIPS Child Sexual Abuse Strategy and learning from reviews across the HIPS area. We recognise a need to ensure practitioners from a range of services understand the importance of specialist medical examinations where it is suspected a child may have experienced child sexual abuse. This webinar is designed for HIOW Constabulary, Children's Social Care and health safeguarding teams. The training is facilitated by the Designated Doctor from within the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board with the lead for Child Sexual Abuse.

Date: Wednesday 3 January 2024 09.30 – 12.00

Target audience: This course is open to practitioners and managers. It is particularly suitable for staff from the police (CAIT, Amberstone and CID), Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs, children's social care and health safeguarding teams.

Intercollegiate Training Level: Level 3

Course description:

This course is designed to improve referrals of children for medical examinations in child sexual abuse by helping participants understand which children should be referred, the need for prompt referrals and the child-friendly nature of the examination.





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Learning outcomes:

To help participants:

- Understand why medical examinations are important in suspected child sexual abuse.
- Know that if police or social workers do not refer for a CSA medical assessment, no one else will, potentially leaving health and safeguarding needs unmet.
- Know when and how to refer children for examination.
- Be aware of the timescales for examinations and why prompt referrals are needed.
- Have the confidence to explain to parents and children that the medical examination aims to be healing and therapeutic. It is non-invasive, child-led and child friendly.

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