

Sexual Assault Treatment Unit in the South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital

Internet Department Profile Information Form

DEPARTMENT NAME	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit in the South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital
MISSION STATEMENT	We in S.A.T.U. are committed to providing the highest quality service to all our clients in a sensitive, appropriate and non-judgemental way. Our focus is on the safety, physical and psychological needs of our clients and their right to privacy and confidentiality. Their informed decision will be respected at every stage of the process and their sense of personal control will be supported and encouraged.
<u>BRIEF</u> DESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENT	The unit provides a comprehensive and co-ordinated forensic and medical aftercare service to both males and females of 14 years and upwards, who have experienced rape or sexual assault within the last 7 days. It is a free and confidential service and can be accessed via the Gardai, General Practitioner, Rape Crisis Centre Emergency Department or self-referral.
SERVICES PROVIDED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dedicated unit where clients who have experienced Rape or Sexual Assault can be examined and treated in a holistic way. • Forensic medical examination. • Emotional and practical support consistent with the wishes of the individual. • Liaison with the Sexual Violence Centre according to the client's wishes. • Post coital contraception and pregnancy testing service. • Screening for sexually transmitted infections. • Assist and support clients by appropriate provision of information, liaison, referrals and advocacy • Answering queries from rape victims and their relatives and directing them to the appropriate services i.e. Gardai, Sexual Violence Centre, Social Work Dept. and Oss Cork (domestic violence)
LOCATION	S.A.T.U. is located in the Victoria wing, adjacent to the G.U.M./S.T.D. clinic and can be accessed from the main link corridor or through the Victoria car park.
STAFF - CONTACT DETAILS	Finola Tobin, CNM 2 Marian Kavanagh, Secretary Tel: 021 4926100 Fax: 021 4310153 Email satu@sivuh.ie Web: www.sivuh.ie
OPENING HOURS	Open 365 days. 0830hrs – 1630hrs, Monday – Friday, on site, Thereafter on call.
HOW TO REFER	Monday – Friday, 0830-1630 hrs. contact Finola Tobin 4926297 or Bleep 789 Out of hours or week-ends contact Nursing Admin. 4926100 If the client is deemed unfit to travel due to injuries sustained, SATU team can attend ED. Only call the team when the client has been medically sorted out so that they can do the Forensic examination without any interruption.