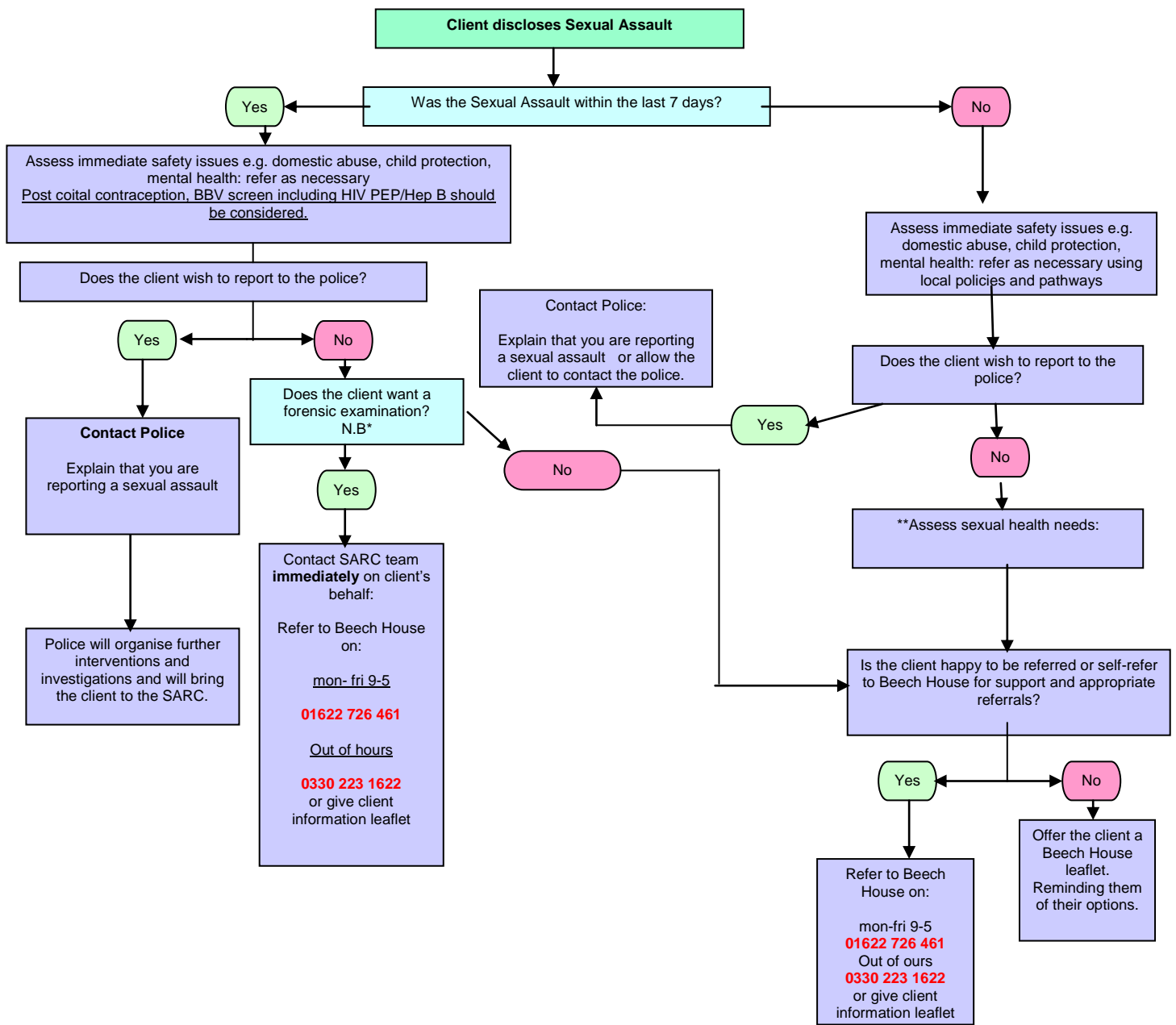


Professional's Pathway for Sexual Assault into Beech House - Kent SARC



Post coital emergency contraception

- Post coital contraception is available until 5 days' post assault and consideration for an IUCD if required.
- Beech House offers post coital contraception however is unable to offer IUCD, therefore, local pathways should be considered.

****Management of Sexual Health**

HIV risk assessment should be conducted within 72 hours of assault and consideration given to HIV PEP. This can be undertaken by Beech House.

Further sexual health screening is undertaken at the GUM clinic including hepatitis B vaccination and ongoing monitoring. An appointment should be offered at 2-3 weeks' post incident.

Beech House can offer advice and referrals if

***NB -Forensic Window**

Beware that the collection of certain forensic samples will be determined by the nature of the assault. The 7-day (vaginal) window is a guideline. (FFLM guidelines)

- Anal penetration – 72 hours
- Oral penetration – 48 hours
- Digital penetration – 48 hours
- Prepubertal – 72 hours
- Skin – up to 7 days unwashed

Injuries can be documented when client attends the SARC
Clothing, tampons, condoms and toothbrushes can all be saved to provide evidence.

Therapeutic needs ALWAYS come before forensic samples

For out of hours' advice contact Mountain Healthcare on 03302231622