

OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

SEXUAL VIOLENCE: JUNIOR DEAN FIRST RESPONSE SHEET

“DEAL then SHOP”

Immediate Response: **DEAL**

Danger: Make the student (and others) safe from the attacker. Call the police if necessary. Does the student need (temporary) alternative accommodation? (You do not need the student's consent in a matter of urgent physical danger).

Evidence: Advise the student about preserving evidence in case they ever want to prosecute.

- Mouth & urine tests: ASAP
- Anal forensic evidence: up to 2 days
- Vaginal forensic evidence: up to 7 days
- Digital forensic evidence: up to 12 hours

To preserve evidence:

Student: Do not wash, brush teeth, smoke, eat, drink (esp. alcohol), go to the toilet (keep a urine sample if you do); Keep all tampons or sanitary towels

Area: Seal off; Do not clear up; Use clear plastic bags labelled with time & place, bagged to keep any clothing, bedding, condoms etc.; Take photographs.

A &E: Does the student need urgent medical attention? If so, go to A&E or call 999. (You do not need the student's consent in a medical emergency.)

Listen: If the student wants to talk, listen to them without pushing, leading or judging. If possible, make notes on what they say.

First 24 hours: **SHOP**

(4 options, can be done in combination).

SARC: 08455 197 638
(Sexual Assault Referral Centre)
Dedicated centre for sexual violence
Can collect forensic evidence for use in a possible legal case - can involve police or not.
OUSU recommends this as a first option.

Self-referrals: 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, with appointment (call).

Police referrals: 24 hours 7 days provides support & signposting.

Closest SARCs: Slough SL1 2BJ & Bletchley MK3 6TP (call for address & appointment, both roughly 1h away by car).

Hospital: 999 or 111
Cannot collect evidence
Can give emergency contraception and test for STIs.

O - Nothing:
Can still get support from the University and your college
Student can change their mind and return to other options later.

Police: 999 or 101
Can collect evidence for use in a possible legal case
Can start legal proceedings
24 hour, 7 day referral to SARCs
Student can opt out of reporting process at any point without losing support services.

KEY SUPPORT SERVICES

OUSU Student Advice Service
advice@ousu.ox.ac.uk
01865 288 466

University Counselling Service
reception@counserv.ox.ac.uk
01865 270 300

Rape Crisis England & Wales
08088 029 999
12.00-2.20pm & 7.00-9.30pm