If you are worried about a vulnerable adult please call 0300 123 2224

Young person aged under 25

Young person aged

under 16 years old

Young person aged under 12 years old

Young person aged 12 years old

Young person aged

under 18 years old

* If 15-24 years old offer a chlamydia screening kit and advise of risk of STIs due to unprotected sexual intercourse
* Advise on contraception and access to sexual health services / GP, and C-card scheme if under 19
* Provide information on [www.swishservices.co.uk](http://www.swishservices.co.uk) and Swish App

Confidentiality and Fraser Guidelines

The age of consent for sex is 16 years old. However, all young people have the right to confidentiality if there are no child protection issues and they meet the [Fraser guidelines](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system/gillick-competence-fraser-guidelines#skip-to-content) i.e.

* the individual understands the information being given to them
* the individual cannot be persuaded to inform their parent(s) / carer(s)
* their mental health will suffer as a result of not receiving the service
* it is in their best interests to receive the service

The need to breach confidentiality should be carefully considered and discussed with the individual and a designated safeguarding lead / child protection expert

* EHC is licensed for females aged 12 and over. However if a patient is aged under 13 advice **MUST** be sought from a child protection expert. Children under 13 cannot consent to sex and so this is statutory rape. A referral needs to be made to **Somerset Direct** on **0300 123 2224**
* If the child is under 12 years of age supply cannot be made and a referral must be made to Somerset Direct as above

Safeguarding / Child Protection

* If there is a child protection concern, discuss with a designated safeguarding lead (refer to current Somerset Safeguarding and CLA Professional Checklist available from [somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net)) and refer to **Somerset Direct** (Children’s Social Care) on **0300 123 2224**
* Where there is a concern of child sexual exploitation (**CSE**) as above and complete the CSE screening tool
* Where there is a concern regarding female genital mutilation (**FGM**) discuss with a safeguarding lead / if aware that FGM may have occurred report to **101** (FGM mandatory reporting) guidelines)