
Comparative Analysis of National Entry Points



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ENTRY POINT 1: <i>Garda Síochána – Irish Police Force</i>	An Garda Síochána – Irish Police Force	Healthcare services	Victims agencies	
ENTRY POINT 2: Health Services Executive (HSE)				
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Identification of victims

<i>Who identifies the victim</i>	Police officer	Health care worker	Self-identification/ by family members or friends
<i>When</i>	During first contact	At first point of contact	At first point of contact
<i>Where</i>	Police station/ scene of crime	Hospital/A&E dept/ ante-natal and gynecology services/ Social Care Division	Helplines/Sexual Assault treatment centres/ Rape Crisis Centres/ Domestic violence agencies
<i>Procedure</i>	No legal procedure; internal policy; incident/complaint recorded on internal records system (PULSE)	No legal procedure/internal policy guidelines	No legal procedure
<i>Personal characteristics</i>	Ascertained by police officer/recorded on PULSE	Self-declaration / Filling of form (details)	Self declaration/observation by staff of relevant organisation
<i>Features of the crime</i>	Noted and recorded on PULSE	Medical/psychiatric examination/noted in chart	Discussed in general terms
<i>Special groups of victims</i>	Children/vulnerable adult: offence to withhold information of crime against these groups	(Children, women)/ different procedure/ Children/vulnerable adult: offence to	Children/vulnerable adult: offence to withhold



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Involvement	Victim autonomy/ except children/record kept	withhold information of crime against these groups Victim autonomy/ medical examination: consent required	information of crime against these groups Victim autonomy	
Results	Police can remove child to safety/Victim Service follow up	Advise options open	Advise re refuge/counselling/court orders	
<i>Individualised assessment of needs</i>				
<i>Existence of procedure</i>	Internal guidelines/specific section of PULSE input/ no legal procedure	Internal guidelines	No	
<i>Who conducts the assessment</i>	Police officer	Relevant health care worker/Tusla for children	Member of relevant victim organisation	
<i>Details on procedure</i>	Highlight needs/vulnerability on PULSE	Clinical assessment/	Speak to victim /family members/ give advice	
<i>Decision making criteria</i>	Age/vulnerability: statutory requirement for recorded interviews	Vulnerability/ age/offence	Age/offence	
<i>Special protection needs</i>	Ascertained by observation/questioning/consulting PULSE	Identified through interview or clinical examination	Admit to refuge/advise on court protection orders	
<i>Special protection measures</i>	Intimidation etc: family liaison officer or crime prevention officer appointed/ admit to witness protection programme	Where possible, notify security staff to exclude abuser/ advise of court orders	refuge	



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<i>Personal characteristics</i>	Ascertained by observation/questioning/consulting PULSE/ translators available	victims of sexual violence: advise of specialist services/ translators where available	Ascertained by speaking with victim	
<i>Special groups of victims</i>	Children/vulnerable adults: interviewed by specialist police interviewers/translator	Children: refer to child agency (Tusla)	Children: refer to child agency (Tusla)	
<i>Involvement</i>	Victim autonomy including children	Consent required	Advise given except children/ victim autonomy	
<i>Update of individual assessment procedures</i>	Flagged on PULSE	No follow up	No follow up unless ongoing counselling	
<i>Assessment</i>				
<i>Existence, procedure and effectiveness of referral mechanisms</i>				
<i>Existence of procedure</i>	Internal guidelines: refer to Garda Victim Service Office/ may refer to <i>sexual assault treatment unit (SATU)</i>	Internal guidelines/ vulnerable adults or children: must refer to police and child agency/ sexual offence: may refer to <i>sexual assault treatment unit (SATU)</i>	No referral/ advice only	
<i>Who makes referral</i>	Police officer	Health care worker	none	



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<i>When</i>	Following complaint/incident	Following admission to hospital or contact with health care setting	none	
<i>Communication of data</i>	Data is protected	Data protected	Data protected	
<i>Special protection needs</i>	<i>Record on PULSE</i>	Vulnerable adults: Healthcare workers required to take immediate actions to safeguard anyone at immediate risk of harm – medical and police assistance as appropriate.	Advise about refuge/court orders	
<i>Special protection measures</i>	Children: refer to child agency Tusla; refer to specialist police	Children: refer to child agency Tusla	Children: refer to child agency Tusla	
<i>Involvement</i>	Consent required	Consent required/parental consent for children for SATU referral	Consent required for any action taken	
<i>Assessment</i>				

