

The Havens are Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) run by NHS staff and funded jointly by the NHS in London and the Metropolitan Police. We provide a service for all sexual assault and rape victims, are open 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week and offer a warm environment for holistic follow-up care and support.

To find out more about the courses write to:

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Or visit our website:

www.thehavens.co.uk

Booking forms are available from the website or by emailing havenseducation@imperial.nhs.uk

If you would like to keep up-to-date with developments connected to sexual assault referral centres and forensic examination you can join our mailing list via the website or by emailing havenseducation@imperial.nhs.uk

A short training DVD aimed at healthcare professionals who may have first contact with victims of rape and have to preserve vital early evidence has been produced. This is available at www.careandevidence.org.

A DVD entitled 'Clinical Guidance for Forensic Examiners following Sexual Assault: Good & Bad Practice' is also available. Please email goodandbad-practice@kch.nhs.uk for your free copy.



Working together for a safer London



Specialist training for the investigation and care of all victims of sexual assault

Education programme 2010

- *Courses in care, aftercare and forensic skills following sexual assault*
- *Medico-legal training for healthcare professionals*

With almost one in 10 women reporting some form of sexual victimisation,

practitioners are concerned about knowing what services are available, what they can do to support victims, how they can help gather evidence and, where necessary, having the right skills to give evidence in court.

The Havens offer specialised and accredited education and training focusing on victim care. The courses have been developed with the Metropolitan Police's Project Sapphire.

Our training is open to healthcare professionals who wish to increase their knowledge of the problem of sexual violence, best practice in forensic examination and aftercare issues, or simply increase their awareness of the services available. We also offer insightful medico-legal training, looking at how healthcare professionals can give evidence confidently and effectively in a courtroom.

Our presenters include recognised experts in forensic examination, trauma and aftercare, sexual health, policing, and criminal law. We use case studies and interactive sessions to encourage participants to share the benefits of their experience and learn from each other.

Adult sexual assault examination and aftercare

Two-day course for clinicians interested in updating their forensic skills or who are interested in the care and management of recent victims of sexual assault.

Dates for Adult Courses in 2010

- Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February;
- Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 May;
- Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 September; and
- Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November.

The course costs £375.

The course covers:

- *an introduction to different models of care*
- *communication with clients and other agencies*
- *the role of specialist police officers*
- *the role of the crisis worker*
- *confidentiality and consent*
- *the latest forensic techniques, swabbing and preserving evidence; describing injuries accurately*
- *the law relating to sexual assault and the role of prosecution and defence*
- *STI prevention and good practice in aftercare; specialist responses to trauma.*

Paediatric acute sexual assault examination and aftercare

Two-day course for paediatric clinicians interested in the care of child victims of sexual assault.

Dates for Paediatric Courses in 2010

- Thursday 11 and Friday 12 February;
 - Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 May;
 - Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 October; and
 - Thursday 25 and Friday 26 November.
- The course costs £375.

The course covers:

- *an introduction to sexual assault referral centres*
- *gaining confidence in working with children*
- *the role of specialist police officers and other agencies*
- *confidentiality and consent in relation to children*
- *the latest forensic techniques and describing injuries accurately*
- *the chain of evidence in relation to sexually transmitted infection samples*
- *the prevalence and identification of acute cases of child abuse*
- *the law relating to child protection and sexual assault*
- *STI prevention and good practice in aftercare*
- *demonstration of colposcopy.*

Courtroom skills/Witness familiarisation training

One-day course, led by professional barristers and former police officers, aimed at clinicians who may have to present evidence in courts or tribunals – either as an expert or a professional witness.

Dates for Courtroom Skills/Witness Familiarisation Courses in 2010

- Friday 26 March;
- Friday 16 July; and
- Friday 3 December.

The course costs £295.

The course covers:

- *an introduction to the courtroom and the different roles*
- *your role as a witness*
- *examination-in-chief and cross examination*
- *how to present evidence confidently, effectively and ethically*
- *tailored case studies and focused role play*
- *one to one feedback on your strengths and weaknesses.*

All courses are held in central London and include a course certificate with CPD, breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee. Group discounts available.