

# What happens when a student requests Sexual Assault Responder (SAR) support?

Student requests Sexual Assault Responder (SAR) support via **Campus Security** by calling **01227 823333** (Emergencies) or **01227 823300** (Non-Emergencies).

Campus Security will:

- **check** the immediate safety of the student and make arrangements if needed.
- **ask** for name and contact details to be passed onto SAR.
- **check** that they are ok to call the first person on SAR Rota (checking for gender and department).

SAR will contact the student via **telephone initially**, and discuss whether a face to face appointment is needed. If face to face is preferred, arrangements will be made.

SAR will have a **conversation** with the student **about confidentiality**.

The student will be made aware that a reporting form will be completed, and passed to the Specialist Wellbeing Adviser to follow up and offer ongoing support if needed.

The student will be **provided with a written copy** of the SAR reporting form. This will be theirs to keep safe and can be useful if they decide to go to the police at a later stage.

- Students can talk to a SAR about
- **Practical support** (e.g. accessing emergency accommodation).
  - **Sexual health options** (e.g. emergency contraception).
  - **Reporting options** (reporting to the police or to the university). The police will not be called without the consent of the student, unless there is an immediate threat to life.
  - Going to the **Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)** via the police, or refer themselves.
- Taxi arrangements can be made.

The SAR will ask for a brief account of what happened, which will be recorded. The student **does not have to provide detail** if they do not wish to.

SAR will ensure that the student **gets home safely** at the end of the appointment.