

Your options

Sexual assault service for adults and adolescents

You have the following options for reporting and releasing information to the police:

1. I wish to proceed with a forensic examination and police involvement.

Samples will be collected for possible criminal investigation and prosecution. A medical forensic examination will be done and findings documented. The samples and a record of the findings will be handed over to the police.

2. I wish to leave my options open.

- This is an option if you have not decided what you would like to do.
- A medical forensic examination can be done to collect and preserve potential evidence.
- After this examination all forensic samples (the potential evidence) will be safely stored. Some samples may be stored off-site and we will talk to you about this.
- No information will be passed on to the police at this time.
- We will contact you at a later point to ask you whether you want police involvement or not.
- You can request destruction of the forensic samples at any time.
- If we are unable to contact you, your forensic samples will be stored for a maximum duration of six months. After this time, the samples will be destroyed.


3. I would like to help the police but I don't want to make a statement.

- This is an option if you do NOT want to be involved in a police investigation or court case but you would still like to assist the police with information.
- You can also decline to have the medical examination done forensically and instead simply assist the police with details of the crime. To do this, you can either meet or talk with the police or, you can visit www.crimestoppers-nz.org for information to be passed onto the police anonymously on your behalf.

4. I would like to see a doctor only.

- You can decline to have any involvement with the police.
- You will receive a check up and any medical care you may need.



The New Zealand Police website www.police.govt.nz also has helpful information. See victims of rape or sexual assault (look under Advice  Sexual Assault).