

4.2(h) Quinte Health Care Corporation Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Program (DVSARP)

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Program (DVSARP) is provided by Quinte Healthcare Corporation (QHC) to Hastings and Prince Edward Counties as one of thirty four hospital based programs in Ontario. The program provides emergency forensic and health care to victims or survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as health care, counselling services, and education to professionals and public awareness on related issues.

Overview

The DVSARP team provides comprehensive care to pediatric, adolescent and adult individuals who disclose acute sexual assault and/ or individuals over the age of fifteen who have experienced domestic violence. A sexual assault is defined as any sexual activity with another person without consent occurring that has occurred within the previous 72 hours. The domestic violence is defined as the abuse of a person who is known in an intimate or familial way and includes physical, psychological, sexual and/or financial abuse.

Accountability

The emergency service, which is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is available 24 hours per day 7 days per week through one of four emergency departments at Quinte Healthcare Corporation or by accessing the website at www.qhc.on.ca.

Complaints or concerns regarding the service should be directed to the Risk Management Co-ordinator by calling (613) 966-7400 or submitting the issue in writing.

Services

The DVSARP program will make sure all victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault are given equal access and referrals to appropriate community agencies. Our team is confidential and supportive while offering comprehensive acute health care to victims and their families. The services include:

- Prophylactic medication for sexually transmitted infections
- HIV Risk Assessment and prophylactic medication
- Plan B and alternatives
- Forensic evidence collection using the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit
- Health records documentation
- Police involvement with the victim(s) consent
- Follow-up medical care including pediatric clinic for non-acute cases
- Referral to community agencies