

Somerset Emergency Contraception Pharmacy Pathway for Young People

If you are worried about a vulnerable adult please call 0300 123 2224

Young woman aged under 18 years old

Safeguarding / Child Protection

- If there is a child protection concern, discuss with a designated safeguarding lead [Somerset Safeguarding Contacts](#) and refer to **Somerset Direct** (Children's Social Care) on **0300 123 2224**
- Where there is a concern of child sexual exploitation (CSE) as above and complete the CSE screening tool
- Where there is a concern regarding female genital mutilation (FGM) discuss with a safeguarding lead / if aware that FGM may have occurred report to **101** (FGM mandatory reporting) guidelines)

Young woman aged 12 years old

- Levonelle is licensed for females aged 12 and over. However if a patient is aged under 13 advice **MUST** be sought from child protection expert before supply can be made. If the child protection expert is not available a supply can be made **as long** as contact is made at the earliest opportunity, sufficient child protection issues are addressed and a referral is made to **Somerset Direct** on **0300 123 2224**

Young woman aged under 12 years old

- If the child is under 12 years of age supply cannot be made and a referral must be made to Somerset Direct as above

Young woman aged under 16 years old

Confidentiality and Fraser Guidelines

The age of consent for sex is 16 years old. However, all young people have the right to confidentiality if there are no child protection issues and they meet the Fraser guidelines i.e.

- the young woman understands the information being given to them
- the young woman cannot be persuaded to inform their parent(s) / carer(s)
- their mental health will suffer as a result of not receiving the service
- it is in their best interests to receive the service

The need to breach confidentiality should be carefully considered and discussed with the young woman and a designated safeguarding lead / child protection expert

Young woman aged under 25

- If 15-24 years old offer a chlamydia screening kit and advise of risk of STIs due to unprotected sexual intercourse
- Advise on contraception and access to sexual health services / GP, and C-card scheme if under 19
- Provide information on www.swishservices.co.uk/C&SH App (available from Apple and Google Play)