

## Ano-genital warts in prepubertal children: Referral and Management Guidelines

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<b>Target Departments:</b>	Trustwide
<b>Target staff categories:</b>	All staff groups working with prepubertal children

### Guideline Overview:

Ano-genital warts in children can be a potential indicator of child sexual abuse.

Ano-genital warts in children can have serious medical, social, and legal implications.

Early detection and treatment leads to better outcomes for the victims.

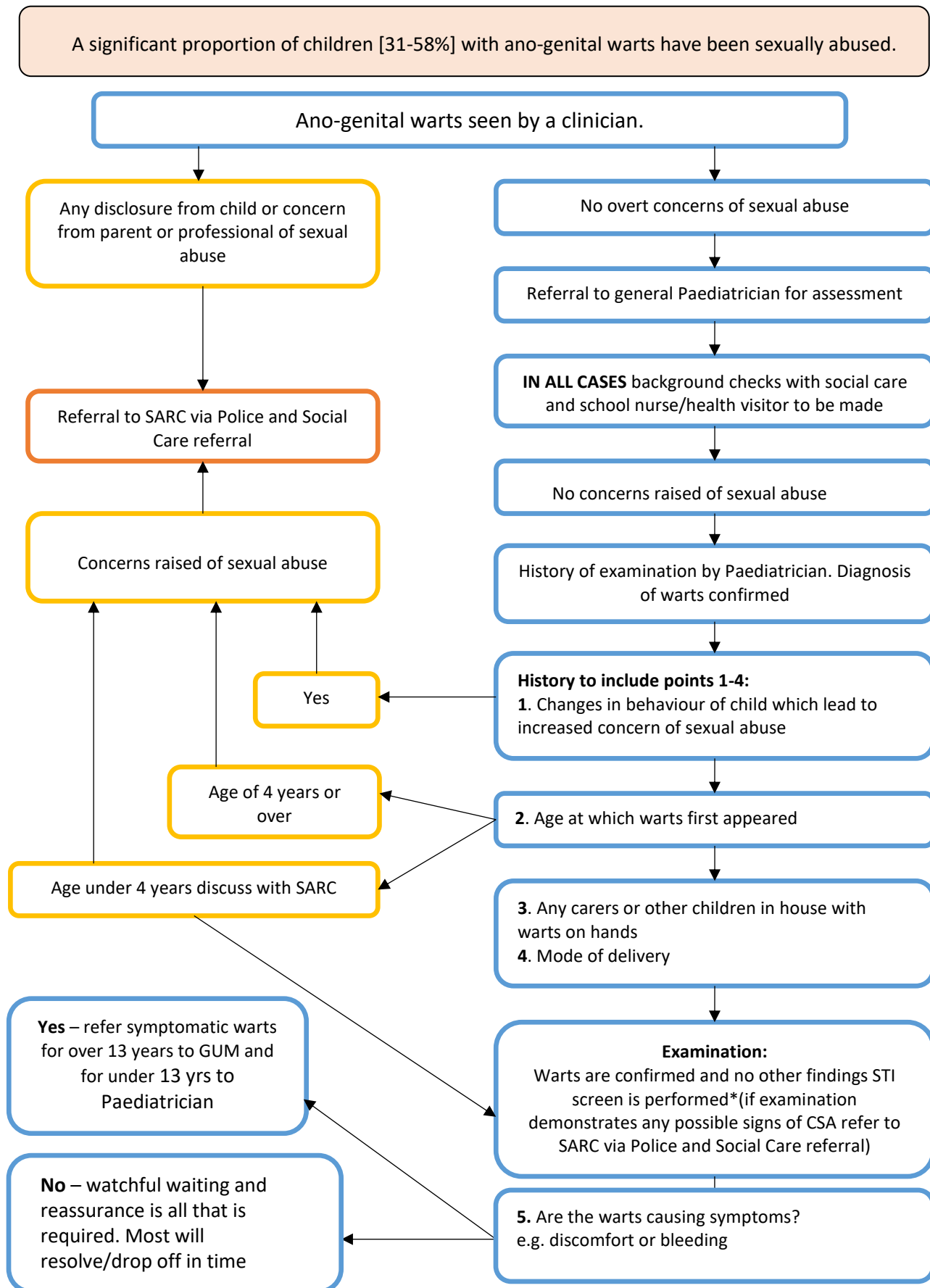
This guideline should be used in conjunction with the Safeguarding Children Policy and BASHH National Guideline on the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Related Conditions in Children and Young People (2021)

### Latest Amendments to this guideline:

New referral and management guideline March 2021

24.01.2025 Version 2- References updated to reflect latest versions of documents.  
No other amendments required.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- \*STI screen includes tests as appropriate<sup>1</sup>
- Four routes of transmission for anogenital warts have been proposed in children; there is evidence for the first two – sexual and vertical and case reports of auto inoculation and hetero- inoculation<sup>2</sup>
- It is important to remember that CSA must be considered in all cases, although in many the route of transmission may ultimately be unclear.

### References:

1. BASHH National Guideline on the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Related Conditions in Children and Young People (2021)  
<http://www.bashh.org/guidelines/>
2. Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health publication: The Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse (2nd Edition) 2015
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