

# Pediatric SANE Services at Norfolk Advocates for Children

When there is a concern or report of sexual abuse, children deserve a medical exam performed by a clinician with expertise in this area. This exam is important for several reasons:

- To ensure the health and well being of the child
- To reassure the child that everything is ok with their body
- To diagnose and treat medical conditions that may be related to sexual abuse
- To document any possible physical and forensic findings
- To allow for collection of evidence that may be present on the child's body or clothing within 72 hours

This medical exam is not painful or invasive. The examination also provides an opportunity for the child and family to be linked to other important services and resources.

At Norfolk Advocates for Children these specialized medical examinations are provided by Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (Pedi SANEs) at the NAC in Foxborough. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about our services.

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