

# ANNEX 3 SELECT HEALTH CARE POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS ON THE HEALTH SECTOR'S RESPONSE TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



| Country                                   | Name of Protocol or Guidelines  | Published by                                      | Year | Link  | Content  |
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| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Ministry of Health – Protocol for Dealing with Domestic Violence Cases (part of Umbrella Protocol for Dealing with Domestic Violence Cases) | Government of the Republic of Macedonia           | 2010 | <a href="http://www.beznasilstvo.mk/en/communities/community-support-services">http://www.beznasilstvo.mk/en/communities/community-support-services</a>   | Form(s) of violence: domestic violence; special provisions addressing intimate partner violence, abuse and neglect of children, violence against older persons, violence against women, violence against persons with disability.<br>Applies to: health care workers<br>Topics covered: role of health care institutions, documentation, health care, referrals, prevention, identification/screening documentation, safety planning, reporting.   |
| Ireland                                   | Recent Rape/Sexual Assault: National Guidelines on Referral and Forensic Clinical Examinations in Ireland                                   | National SATU Guidelines Development Group        | 2010 | <a href="http://www.rcni.ie/wp-content/uploads/NationalSATUGuidelines.pdf">http://www.rcni.ie/wp-content/uploads/NationalSATUGuidelines.pdf</a>   | Form(s) of violence: sexual violence<br>Applies to: health care professionals<br>Topics covered: referral, forensic clinical examination guidelines, psychological support guidelines, sexually transmitted infection guidelines, forensic science laboratory guidelines and general practitioners guidelines.   |
| Serbia                                    | Special Protocol for the Protection and Treatment of Women Victims of Violence  | Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia      | 2010 | <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/dam/serbia/Publications%20and%20reports/English/UNDP_SRB_TirkizniTekst.pdf">http://www.undp.org/content/dam/serbia/Publications%20and%20reports/English/UNDP_SRB_TirkizniTekst.pdf</a> | Form(s) of violence: all forms of GBV<br>Applies to: all health professionals<br>Topics covered: acknowledging and identifying violence, responding to the health consequences of violence, risk assessment and safety planning, referrals and ending the interview.   |
| Spain                                     | A Common Protocol for Healthcare Response to Gender-Based Violence  | Ministry of Health and Consumers Affairs of Spain | 2007 | <a href="http://www.mssi.gob.es/organizacion/sns/planCalidadSNS/pdf/eqidad/com-monProtocol.pdf">http://www.mssi.gob.es/organizacion/sns/planCalidadSNS/pdf/eqidad/com-monProtocol.pdf</a>                                   | Form(s) of violence: all forms of GBV<br>Applies to: health professionals of primary and specialized care<br>Topics covered: definition of GBV, its health consequences, the role of health professionals, detection (indicators of GBV and identification), assessment (medical history, psychosocial situation, experiences of violence, risk of further violence), intervention (information about GBV, medical care and follow-up, recording medical history, referral and documentation), interventions for sexual assault. |

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| Sweden | Guide to care following sexual assault   | National Center for Knowledge on Men's Violence against Women | 2010 | <a href="http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/3afabbe8#/3afabbe8/1">http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/3afabbe8#/3afabbe8/1</a>   | Form(s) of violence: sexual assault<br>Applies to: health care professionals<br>Topics covered: principals to respect during all interventions, instructions for examination, body pictograms and template for a forensic medical report.  |
| Sweden | Handbook: National Action Programme for Health Care and Medical Service's Reception and care of Victims of Sexual violence | National Center for Knowledge on Men's Violence against Women | 2008 | <a href="http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/2f30d828#/2f30d828/1">http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/2f30d828#/2f30d828/1</a>   | Form(s) of violence: sexual assault<br>Applies to: health care professionals and reception staff at health facilities<br>Topics covered: background information about sexual assault, principles for medical care, how to ask about sexual assault, the responsibility of the health care and medical services, medical care, crisis counselling and psychosocial follow-up, documentation, forensic medical reports and work of the judicial system.  |
| UK     | Domestic violence and abuse: how health services, social care and the organisations they work with can respond effectively | National Institute for Health and Care Excellence             | 2014 | <a href="http://publications.nice.org.uk/domestic-violence-and-abuse-how-health-services-social-care-and-the-organisations-they-work-with-ph50/about-this-guidance#status-of-this-guidance">http://publications.nice.org.uk/domestic-violence-and-abuse-how-health-services-social-care-and-the-organisations-they-work-with-ph50/about-this-guidance#status-of-this-guidance</a> | Form(s) of violence: domestic violence and abuse (child abuse is not included)<br>Applies to: health and social care commissioners, specialist domestic violence and abuse staff and others whose work may bring them into contact with people who experience or perpetrate domestic violence and abuse.<br>Topics covered: the context of domestic violence including the different forms of domestic violence and resulting public sector costs, identification of DV, programmes for perpetrators, trainings, prevention, children witnesses, specialist support, advocacy, advice and skills building. |
| UK     | Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)- Policy  | Gloucestershire Constabulary                                  | 2012 | <a href="http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/foi/Information%20Classes/Policies/item8023.pdf">http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/foi/Information%20Classes/Policies/item8023.pdf</a>   | Form(s) of violence: sexual violence<br>Applies to: SARC staff<br>Topics covered: legislative requirements as a national guideline or legal framework, training, code of practice in management of police information, consultations, procedures and monitoring.   |