



Our Vision

**Striving for excellence
in trauma informed care**

Our Mission

**Providing a specialist response
to violence and trauma through
education, advocacy
and counselling**



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**Murrumbidgee
Local Health District**

Sexual **ASSAULT SERVICE**



**FREE PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE
PROVIDING SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN SEXUALLY
ASSAULTED**



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What is Sexual Assault?

SEXUAL assault is an abuse of power and control using sexual means over another person.

It is a serious crime whether it is committed by a stranger or by someone the victim knows.

SEXUAL assault includes any act in which someone is forced, coerced, tricked or threatened into sexual acts.

SEXUAL assault is a crime for which the offender is 100% responsible. The victim is never responsible.

SEXUAL assault is more than a sexual act; it is an attack on a person's body, senses, emotions and whole self.

FACTS

1 in 3-4 girls and 1 in 6-7 boys will have experienced some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18. (ECAV2001)

1 in 3 women in Australia will experience sexual assault at some time in their life.

7% of all people who experience sexual assault are adult men. (ABS1996)

Vast majority of offenders (93%) are male. (CASA forum 2015)

While age is no barrier to experiencing sexual assault, women aged 15 to 24 years are most at risk. [ABS 1996].

We provide:

- The service is free, with a strong emphasis on confidentiality.
- 24/7 crisis services for victims of recent sexual assault including women, men and children.
- Ongoing counselling and support to assist in helping the victims make sense of their feelings and thoughts following a sexual assault.
- Counselling and support for non-offending family members.
- Information and options about the victims choices regarding:
 - Medical examinations, including a medical appointment to collect forensic evidence if required
 - Ongoing counselling
 - Court preparation and support for victims during the legal process.
- Information about Police, Community Services, JIRT, court procedures and support when making a statement to the police if required.
- Community education and groupwork programs, including training and consultancy to other professionals.
- Support with Recognition Payment applications.
- Information about Victims Services.

