

Scenario Four – Delayed Reporting

Elaine is a first year student living in student accommodation. She's been referred to student counselling because she is having a difficult time with her course and in her accommodation. A week after freshers Elaine was raped by another first year who is also living in the student accommodation, very close to where Elaine's room is.

You discover that Elaine is unable to sleep, or eat and she is having recurring panic attacks. She has also started cutting herself (something she did when she was a young teenager).

Elaine is frightened to tell her parents about what has happened because they will force her to go home and she doesn't want to do that.

Question 1.

What do you think the university's response to Elaine should be?

Question 2.

What about the young man who is living in the same accommodation as Elaine?

Question 3.

Do you think there is any ongoing danger for Elaine or anyone else?