

SUNSHINE ROOM

Location: Stratford General Hospital

Purpose:

- Police can obtain critical recorded statements of victims required for court purposes
- Allows victims to attend for treatment by medical staff as needed
- Provides victim to have support networks with them (family, friend)
- Provides a non-threatening calm environment
- Alleviates need to travel to police station
- For use of police while supporting of victims of :
 - Domestic
 - Assaults / Sexual Assault
 - Child / Elder Abuse

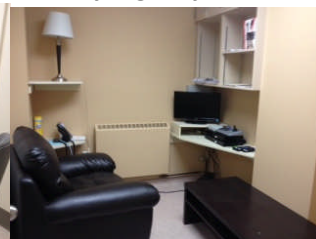
Funding:

- \$10,720 awarded by the Civil Remedies - Proceeds of Crime for video-audio equipment, furniture, and electronic support Equipment
- Stratford General Hospital – Room Facilities/Phone and modifications to rooms
- ZONTA Group – Room accessories for both Police/Agency and Interview Room

Interview Room



Police/Agency Room



Benefits:

- Victims
- Police – obtain quality timely statements (improved conviction rate)
- Stakeholders – Health Sector / CAS / Women's Shelter / Victim Services /Police Agencies

Usage: Number of interviews / types of investigations (268 Domestic / 53 Sexual Assaults)

Note: In 2012 Stratford Police Service received 492 reports of domestic violence;

Domestic violence is any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened, in an intimate relationship, including emotional and psychological abuse or harassing behavior. These relationships vary in duration and legal formality, and include current and former dating, common-law and married couples.

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