Police close investigation into rape of child in Crawley town centre

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AN INVESTIGATION into a rape in Crawley town centre has been closed by Sussex Police.

A teenage boy with learning difficulties told police in February last year that he was raped in an alleyway.

The then 15-year-old told officers he had started talking to a man in on the High Street, who had walked with him into Cross Keys and then attacked him.

The victim, from Crawley, said he had tried to fight the man off but had been overpowered and raped beside a row of garages in the road, which links the High Street to The Broadway. It had happened between 10pm and midnight in November or December 2013 but the victim had been so traumatised he was unsure exactly when.
A Sussex Police spokesman said last week: “After detailed and thorough enquiries over several months last year, it was not possible to identify any suspect and the investigation was closed.”

“However, we ensured that the boy was given access to sources of counselling and support.

“If any new information is received that would lead to any new lines of enquiry, it would be pursued.

“No other offences have been reported that could be linked to this.”