

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

What is MARAC?

A meeting to share information on the highest risk domestic abuse cases

Representatives of local police, probation, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors

The meeting combines up to date risk information with a comprehensive assessment of a victim's needs

The victim does not attend the meeting but is usually represented by an IDVA



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What is the aim of MARAC?

- Share information to increase the safety, health, and well-being of victims/survivors - adults and their children
- Construct jointly and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm
- Reduce repeat victimisation
- Improve agency accountability
- Improve support for staff involved in high-risk domestic abuse cases

Who can be referred to MARAC?

Anyone aged 16 or over can be referred to MARAC. The government definition of domestic abuse acknowledges that young people can be both victims and perpetrators.

A MARAC perpetrator can be a partner from an intimate relationship, a sibling, parent, adult child, grandparent, in-law or stepfamily member.

In cases of honour-based crime, a perpetrator may also be an aunt, uncle, cousin or wider family member.

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Expectations of MARAC

Preparing for MARAC

To support MARAC to run efficiently, partners should be prepared and ready to present:

- The identification of factors that significantly affect levels of risk (if you have referred a matter to MARAC, you must be able to justify that it is High risk);
- Their assessment of risk; and
- Their management of risk

MARAC can only be effective if the information shared is accurate and up to date.

After the meeting

- All partners must ensure that actions agreed at MARAC are recorded on the child's file.
- All partners are responsible for completing actions assigned to them.



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When preparing for MARAC - it may be useful to consider the following:



+ INTERVENTION OPPORTUNITIES

