

MARAC Referral Criteria

- **Potential Escalation:**

There have been 3 or more domestic abuse incidents by the same perpetrator on the same victim/survivor in the last 12 months and they are increasing in severity or frequency.

- **Visible High Risk:**

You have completed a DASH Risk identification checklist (RIC) with the victim/survivor, and they provided 14 or more YES answers.

- **Professional Judgement:**

If the DASH RIC score is under 14 but you believe the victim/survivor is at high risk of harm, you can make a referral under Professional Judgment criteria.

- **Repeat incident within 12 months of the last MARAC:**

Where the victim/survivor has been referred to the MARAC in the last 12 months and there has been at least one further incident of abuse by the same perpetrator on the same victim. The individual act of abuse does not need to be 'criminal', violent or threatening but should be viewed within the context of a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.

- **Harmful practices:**

So called 'honour-based' abuse, FGM or forced marriage.

- **Adult Child to Parent Violence**

Where there are caring responsibilities either way or additional needs/vulnerabilities.

Referral Form and Other Resources on Richmond MARAC

www.richmond.gov.uk/domestic_abuse_multi-agency_risk_assessment_conference



Domestic Abuse Support Services

www.richmond.gov.uk/services/community_safety/domestic_abuse/where_to_get_help_for_domestic_abuse



Training

If you would like to attend training on MARAC, please visit:

richmondandwandsworthtpdlearningpool.com

or email: RichmondMARAC@richmond.gov.uk



A Professional's Guide to:

MARAC

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference



What is MARAC?

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a meeting attended by local agencies, to share information and create risk management plans, to help reduce risk and safeguard victims and survivors of domestic abuse and their children, who are at high risk of further harm or homicide.

The Aims of the MARAC are to:

- 1 Safeguard victims
- 2 Manage abuser behaviour
- 3 Safeguard professionals
- 4 Link with safeguarding processes

Information on MARAC must **NEVER** be shared with a suspected perpetrator of domestic abuse.

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is an incident, or pattern of incidents, of controlling or coercive, violent or threatening behaviour, perpetrated by someone who is personally connected such as a partner, ex-partner or a family member.

This abuse can be:

- Physical or sexual abuse
- Controlling or coercive behaviour
- Violent or threatening behaviour
- Economic abuse
- Psychological, emotional or other abuse

How to Make a Referral

Any agency can make a referral.

If you believe that a victim/survivor of domestic abuse you are supporting is at high risk of serious harm or death, you need to make a MARAC referral as soon as possible by sending a completed referral form to:

RichmondMARAC@richmond.gov.uk

You will then receive confirmation on whether the case will be listed and the date it will be heard. You may be requested to provide further information to assess risk.

If the case is accepted, you may be invited to present your case.

What About Confidentiality?

Information shared on cases heard at MARAC is treated as highly confidential, and thus is shared between those agencies that are signed up to the MARAC Information Sharing Agreement. For those cases referred by agencies that are not signed up, they will be invited to attend the meeting for their case only, and provided with the minutes for their case only.

MARAC Minutes are highly confidential and can be shared with professionals only - those who are signed up to the MARAC Information sharing protocols.

The MARAC process makes it possible for different organisations such as hospitals, children's services, housing, probation, police, domestic abuse services and others to share relevant information about cases in a confidential way. This supports the community co-ordinated response between agencies to identify unaddressed risks and respond appropriately.