



# Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

## Introduction

MARAC stands for Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference and is a weekly multi-agency meeting that focuses on the safety of victims of domestic abuse identified as being at high risk. At the heart of a MARAC is the working assumption that no single agency or individual can see the complete picture of the life of a victim, but all may have insights that are crucial to their safety. The primary focus of MARACs is to safeguard the adult victim, however, will also make links with other forums to safeguard children and manage the behaviour of the perpetrator.

## Further information

For more information on MARAC, including Warwickshire's MARAC Protocol, DASH Risk Assessment Checklist and the MARAC Referral Form, visit:

[www.talk2someone.org.uk/professionals/maracs/](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk/professionals/maracs/)

## When should I make MARAC referral?

A referral should be made to MARAC when:

- The risk to a victim has been assessed as high risk, either through scoring 14 or more on the DASH risk assessment or professional judgment;
- When a high risk victim has suffered a repeat incident from the same perpetrator within 12 months of the previous MARAC referral (a 'Repeat MARAC')

## What if a case does not meet the criteria?

If the threshold for a MARAC referral is not met, but the victim/survivor still requires support, a referral can be made to the [Refuge Warwickshire DVA Service](#) (if the victim/survivor consents). Alternative referrals/signposting to other services can also be considered depending on the person's needs.

## When should I make MARAC referral? (cont...)

- Potential escalation (3 or more standard or medium risk incidents reported to the police in the last 12 months);
- When a MARAC victim has transferred into the Warwickshire from another area.

## What happens at the MARAC?

Information is shared at a MARAC meeting that is used to construct a unique safety plan that will attempt to address the risks faced by the adult victim and children and disrupt the alleged perpetrator/perpetrator. It may also cover risks faced by agency staff, neighbours, or colleagues and indeed the perpetrator themselves. Agencies are responsible for recording their own actions at the meeting and ensuring they are completed.

## How do I refer a case to MARAC?

When the above criteria has been met, a MARAC Referral Form should be sent to the MARAC Coordinator using the instructions provided on the form.

When a person is assessed to be at high risk of serious harm or homicide (meets the MARAC threshold) the information can be shared without consent.