

What is a Domestic Abuse MARAC?

MARAC stands for Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference. The Domestic Abuse MARAC is a meeting where agencies talk about the risk of future harm to people experiencing domestic abuse and if necessary their children, and draw up an action plan to help manage that risk.

Why have a MARAC?

Sharing information allows professionals to understand the needs of people experiencing domestic abuse and to provide the right help to reduce the risk of future domestic violence.

Who is at the MARAC?

A number of different agencies attend the Domestic Abuse MARAC on a regular basis. They include:

- Victim Support
- Refuge
- Children and Young People's Services
- Housing providers
- Police
- Health
- Mental Health services
- Probation Services

However there are times when other organisations will attend to speak on behalf of someone they are supporting.

Everybody at the meeting has to sign a confidentiality agreement before the meeting begins.

MARAC information is not to be shared with anyone other than the professionals, the information will not be shared with the perpetrator.

How will the MARAC help me and/ or my children?

If your worker has suggested that your case should be discussed at a domestic abuse MARAC it is because he or she believes that you could be at risk of future harm due to domestic violence.

At the MARAC professionals will work to provide you with services that meet your needs and, where necessary, those of your children.

They will also make a plan to help promote your family's safety.

Examples of actions the MARAC might take include:

- Offering the support of an IDVA Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
- Assisting with housing issues
- Ensuring schools do not allow your children to leave with anyone but you.
- Ensuring that the police are fully aware of your situation

Do I need to go to the MARAC?

No, it is just the workers from the different organisations who attend.

However, if you have a particular concern that you want to be discussed you can ask your support worker to talk about this on your behalf.

When does the MARAC meet?

The MARAC meets every month to consider the needs of people who have been referred to the MARAC, and to review the needs of those whose situations have changed.

Who can I talk to about the Domestic Abuse MARAC?

Your circumstances will normally be discussed at a MARAC with your consent.

However, if there are serious concerns for your safety, the safety of your children or other people, agencies may need to discuss your case without your consent.

Even if you have not given consent for your situation to be discussed at a MARAC, the support you are offered will not be affected.

CONTACT DETAILS

Merton Domestic Abuse Service
020 7801 1777

National Domestic Violence
Helpline: 0808 2000 247
(24-hour helpline, run in partnership
between Women's Aid and Refuge)

Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Helpline for men who experience violence
from their partners or ex-partners)

Galop
0800 999 5428 (support LGBTQI+ victims)

Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre
08088024040

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