

Ending domestic abuse

SafeLives Marac Process: Quick Guide

Identify

- Marac agencies should have systems in place to identify victims of domestic abuse
- Many services now have some form of routine enquiry questions that are agreed for use with all service users

Risk assess

- Once identified as suffering domestic abuse, the SafeLives Dash risk checklist should be used to establish if the victim is at high risk of harm
- Carry out immediate safety measures for victim, child and perpetrator. The police will carry out target hardening; child protection will act to safeguard children
- · If high risk refer to Idva service

Referral

- Whichever agency identified the case as high risk completes the Marac Referral form and sends it to the Marac Coordinator (in some ares this is done via the agency's Marac Rep)
- Inform colleagues and the Marac Representative for your agency that a referral has been made
- Idva service contacts victim to offer support and identify key risks and fears

Research

- All agencies receive Marac meeting agenda from the Marac Coordinator
- All agencies research all parties in all cases on the agenda
- Contact colleagues for relevant and proportionate information, explain purpose of the meeting
- •Idva gathers background information from the victims and other agencies not represented at Marac about the abuse

Meeting & info

- · Marac representative presents the cases their agency has referred
- Relevant and proportionate information is shared by agency representatives
- · Identify risks for the victim, children, perpetrator and agency staff
- •Idva service presents information on behalf of the victim

Action planning

- Volunteer actions to increase safety on behalf of your own agency
- Ensure actions are 'SMART'
- Identify opportunities to coordinate actions with other partners
- · Idva service confirms that, in their opinion, the proposed actions are as safe as possible

Folllow up

- Inform colleagues of actions and complete in time agreed
- Confirm when actions are completed with Marac Coordinator
- Keep Idva informed of relevant information
- ·Idva service keeps victim informed of plan where safe to do so
- ·Idva service liaises with partner agencies to coordinate action plan