

7-Minute Briefing: MARAC

1. What is MARAC?

MARAC is a multi-agency meeting used to discuss high risk victims of domestic abuse. Partners share relevant information to identify current risks and a multi-agency action plan is created to address these risks and increase the safety and well-being of victims and their families. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim. The MARAC will also make links with other forums to safeguard children and manage the behaviour of the perpetrator.

2. Identify and risk assess

Individual agencies identify victims of domestic abuse. Once a victim has been identified, a DASH risk assessment should be completed to assess the level of risk. Bexley MARAC resources can be found online on the [Bexley Domestic Abuse Services Website](#).

3. Referral

If the victim has been assessed as high risk, a referral should be made to MARAC. This will automatically be forwarded to the IDVA service for support by the MARAC co-ordinator. The MARAC co-ordinator will also contact the referrer to confirm when the case will be heard. A timeslot for the case to be heard can be arranged. Professionals referring to MARAC are required to attend to present the case. The referring agency is also responsible for completing safeguarding referrals as necessary when referring to MARAC.

4. MARAC

8-days before the meeting, all MARAC representatives will receive the agenda for the upcoming meeting from the MARAC Coordinator. All agencies will research each case and identify any individuals who are known to their service. A MARAC research form should then be completed which by each agency ready to share at the meeting.

5. Meeting & information sharing

If an agency has a referral being discussed at the meeting, a representative must attend to present the case and give the reasons for referral to MARAC including current risks.

MARAC representatives from each agency will then present any relevant information for each MARAC case discussed. The risks in relation to the victim, children & perpetrator are then identified.

6. Action planning

MARAC representatives will volunteer to complete actions on behalf of their agency and offer advice on what their agency can do to increase the level of safety.

The MARAC Chair may also ask MARAC representatives to complete actions if it is felt necessary. MARAC will look for opportunities to co-ordinate actions between partner agencies.

7. Follow-up

After the meeting, the MARAC representatives will feedback to their individual agency any actions which they have agreed to complete. MARAC representatives will ensure that Actions are completed within the agreed timescale. MARAC representatives will feedback to the MARAC Coordinator when actions have been completed. Providing all actions completed, case does not come back to MARAC. If any further incidents occur within 12 months, the practitioner who identifies the incident must refer back to MARAC.



For further information about domestic abuse services in Bexley please visit

www.bexleydomesticabuseservices.org or visit www.gov.uk or www.safelives.org.uk