

What is MARAC?

MARAC is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local agencies and specialist support services from statutory and voluntary sectors.

After sharing all relevant information, representatives discuss options for increasing the safety of the victim/survivor and any children involved, and create a coordinated action plan.

Information shared at the MARAC is highly confidential and is only shared for the purpose of reducing the risk of harm to those at risk.

Who attends MARAC?

- MARAC Chair
- Police
- Domestic Abuse Services
- Probation
- Children's Social Care
- Adult Safeguarding
- Education
- Housing
- Health
- Substance & Alcohol misuse services
- Mental Health Services

Standing Together's MARACs:

Haringey MARAC - Every 3 weeks.

Westminster MARAC - Every 4 weeks.

Hammersmith & Fulham MARAC - Every 4 weeks.

Kensington & Chelsea MARAC - Once a month

Who is referred to MARAC?

- Adult victim/survivors of DA (16+).
- Residing in the borough of the MARAC they have been referred to.
- Regardless of gender or sexuality.
- Identified as being at *High Risk* of serious harm or homicide from an adult partner (16+), ex-partner or family member.

Do I need consent to refer to MARAC?

It's important to take time to explain MARAC to make sure the victim/survivor understands the process and how it can help.

You can refer to MARAC without the consent of the victim/survivor if it is felt that they are at serious risk of harm or homicide.

The victim/survivor should always be informed of the MARAC referral unless it is unsafe to do so.

The perpetrator must **never** be made aware of the MARAC and that a victim/survivor is due to be heard - this can increase their risk and impact their safety.

If referring without consent, the *Information Sharing Without Consent* form must be completed alongside the MARAC referral form.

Referral Criteria

- **Visible High Risk** (14+ ticks on the SafeLives DASH Risk Checklist).
- **Professional Judgement** (Professionals consider the victim/survivor to be at high risk of serious harm or homicide).
- **Potential Escalation** (4 or more incidents in the last 12 months).
- **Repeat** (further incident within 12 months).

How do I make a referral?

Non Secure Email: Please send password protected referrals to **MARAC@standingtogether.org.uk**
Please send the password in a separate email.

Secure Email via CJSJ: Please send referrals to the relevant MARAC:

Haringey:

haringey.marac@standingtogether.cjsm.net

Westminster:

wcc.marac@standingtogether.cjsm.net

LBHF:

lbhf.marac@standingtogether.cjsm.net

RBKC:

rbkc.marac@standingtogether.cjsm.net