

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE**  
**MULTI AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE**

**DASH - REFERRAL FORM**

<b>Date of referral</b>		<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Name of person referring:</b>		<b>Contact number:</b>	
<b>Please state if the referral is scheduled or emergency</b>			

<b>VICTIM:</b>		<b>PERPETRATOR:</b>	
Surname		Surname	
Forename(s)		Forename(s)	
Alias		Alias	
Date of Birth		Date of Birth	
SRN:		SRN:	
Address		Address	
Telephone		Telephone	
Ethnic origin		Ethnic origin	
Sexuality		Sexuality	
Religion		Religion	
<b>Status of relationship:</b>			

**About the victim:**

<b>Is the VICTIM a refugee or asylum seeker?</b>		
<b>Nationality:</b>		<b>Status:</b>
<b>VULNERABILITY (victim only):</b> If the victim is vulnerable, please state why you consider this to be the case – e.g. physical or learning disability, old age, mental or significant physical illness? Or does the victim consider him/herself to have a disability of any type?		
<b>If the answer to the above is yes, is that disability registered?</b>		
<b>GP DETAILS (victim only):</b>		
<b>Are there any other persons living in the household? For example, brother/lodger etc. – please state who</b>		
<b>CONSENT: This information must be provided</b>		
<b>Service User's Consent obtained?</b>		<b>If not, can you satisfy the requirement to share information without consent?</b>

**LIST ANY CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD: When completing the details, please make it clear where/with whom any child/children is/are living.**

Name of child	Date of Birth	School	Address

**CAADA-DASH Risk Identification Checklist (RIC)**

CAADA-DASH Risk Identification Checklist for use by IDVAs and other non-police agencies for MARAC case identification when domestic abuse, 'honour'-based violence and/or stalking are disclosed.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Aim of the form:**

- To help front line practitioners identify high risk cases of domestic abuse, stalking and 'honour'-based violence.
- To decide which cases should be referred to MARAC and what other support might be required. A completed form becomes an active record that can be referred to in future for case management.
- To offer a common tool to agencies that are part of the MARAC<sup>1</sup> process and provide a shared understanding of risk in relation to domestic abuse, stalking and 'honour'-based violence.
- To enable agencies to make defensible decisions based on the evidence from extensive research of cases, including domestic homicides and 'near misses', which underpins most recognised models of risk assessment.

**How to use the form:**

Before completing the form for the first time we recommend that you read the full practice guidance and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers<sup>2</sup>. These can be downloaded from [www.caada.org.uk/marac.html](http://www.caada.org.uk/marac.html)  
 Risk is dynamic and can change very quickly. It is good practice to review the checklist after a new incident.

**Recommended Referral Criteria to MARAC**

1. **Professional judgement:** if a professional has serious concerns about a victim's situation, they should refer the case to MARAC. There will be occasions where the particular context of a case gives rise to serious concerns even if the victim has been unable to disclose the information that might highlight their risk more clearly. ***This could reflect extreme levels of fear, cultural barriers to disclosure, immigration issues or language barriers particularly in cases of 'honour'-based violence.*** This judgement would be based on the professional's experience and/or the victim's perception of their risk even if they do not meet criteria 2 and/or 3 below.
2. **'Visible High Risk':** the number of 'ticks' on this checklist. If you have ticked 7 or more 'yes' boxes the case would normally meet the MARAC referral criteria.
3. **Potential Escalation:** the number of police callouts to the victim as a result of domestic violence in the past 12 months. This criterion can be used to identify cases where there is not a positive identification of a majority of the risk factors on the list, but where abuse appears to be escalating and where it is appropriate to assess the situation more fully by sharing information at MARAC. It is common practice to start with 3 or more police callouts in a 12 month period but this will need to be reviewed depending on your local volume and your level of police reporting.

<sup>1</sup> For further information about MARAC please refer to the CAADA MARAC Implementation Guide [www.caada.org.uk](http://www.caada.org.uk).

<sup>2</sup> For enquiries about training in the use of the form, please email [training@caada.org.uk](mailto:training@caada.org.uk) or call 0117 317 8750.

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Please pay particular attention to a practitioner's professional judgement in all cases. The results from a checklist are not a definitive assessment of risk. They should provide you with a structure to inform your judgement and act as prompts to further questioning, analysis and risk management whether via a MARAC or in another way.

**The responsibility for identifying your local referral threshold rests with your local MARAC.**

**What this form is not:**

This form will provide valuable information about the risks that children are living with but it is not a full risk assessment for children. The presence of children increases the wider risks of domestic violence and stepchildren are particularly at risk. If risk towards children is highlighted you should consider what referral you need to make to obtain a full assessment of the children's situation.

Name of Victim:		Date:	
Please explain that the purpose of asking these questions is for the safety and protection of the individual concerned.		Put a cross in the box if the factor is present <b>x</b> . Please use the comment box at the end of the form to expand on any answer.	It is assumed that your main source of information is the victim. If this is <u>not the case</u> please indicate in the right hand column.
		<b>Boxes containing red text require further information if available.</b>	
1.	Has the current incident resulted in injury? (Please state what and whether this is the first injury.) <b>Comment:</b>		
2.	Are you very frightened? <b>Comment:</b>		
3.	What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence? (Please give an indication of what you think the perpetrator might do and to whom, including children). <b>Comment:</b>		
4.	Do you feel isolated from family/friends i.e. does the perpetrator try to stop you from seeing friends/family/doctor or others? <b>Comment:</b>		
5.	Are you feeling depressed or having suicidal thoughts?		
6.	Have you separated or tried to separate from the perpetrator within the past year?		
7.	Is there conflict over child contact?		
8.	Does the perpetrator constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you? (Please expand to identify what and whether you believe that this is done deliberately to intimidate you? Consider the context and behaviour of what is being done.) <b>Comment:</b>		
9.	Are you pregnant or have you recently had a baby (within the last 18 months)?		
10.	Is the abuse happening more often?		
11.	Is the abuse getting worse?		
12.	Does the perpetrator try to control everything you do and/or are they excessively jealous? (In terms of relationships, who you see, being 'policed at home', telling you what to wear for example. Consider 'honour'-based violence and specify behaviour.)		

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13.	Has the perpetrator ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?		
14.	Has the perpetrator ever threatened to kill you or someone else and you believed them? (If yes, STATE WHO e.g. you, children, other.)		
15.	Has (name of abuser(s) .....) ever attempted to strangle/choke/suffocate/drown you?		
16.	Does the perpetrator do or say things of a sexual nature that make you feel bad or that physically hurt you or someone else? (If someone else, specify who)		
17.	Is there any other person who has threatened you or who you are afraid of? (If yes, please specify whom and why. Consider extended family if HBV). <b>Comment:</b>		
18.	Do you know if the perpetrator has hurt anyone else? (Please specify whom including the children, siblings or elderly relatives. Consider HBV). <b>Comment:</b>		
19.	Has the perpetrator ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?		
20.	Are there any financial issues? For example, are you dependent on the perpetrator for money/have they recently lost their job/other financial issues?		
21.	Has the perpetrator had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to problems in leading a normal life? (If yes, please specify which and <b>give relevant details if known</b> ) <b>Drugs / Alcohol / Mental Health (delete as appropriate)</b>		
22.	Has the perpetrator ever threatened or attempted suicide?		
23.	Has the perpetrator ever broken bail/an injunction and/or formal agreement for when they can see and and/or the children? (You may wish to consider this in relation to an ex-partner of the perpetrator if relevant) <b>Bail conditions / Non-molestation/Occupation order / Child contact arrangements / Forced Marriage Protection Order Other (delete as appropriate)</b>		
24.	Do you know if the perpetrator has ever been in trouble with the police or has a criminal history? If yes, please specify <b>Domestic violence / Sexual violence / Other Violence / Other (delete as appropriate)</b>		

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Total 'yes' responses			

**THE THRESHOLD FOR A REFERRAL TO THE SALFORD MARAC IS FORTENN YES' RESPONSES**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE 14 'YES' RESPONSES, REFERRALS CAN BE BASED ON PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT OR THREE RECENT CALL OUTS.**

**For consideration by professional:** Is there any other relevant information (from a victim or professional), which may increase risk levels? Consider victim's situation in relation to disability, substance misuse, mental health issues, cultural/language barriers, 'honour'-based systems and minimisation. Are they willing to engage with your service?  
**Describe:**

Consider abuser's occupation/interests – could this give them unique access to weapons?  
**Describe:**

What are the victim's greatest priorities to address their safety? **Describe:**

Do you believe that there are risks facing the children in the family? **Yes / No (delete as appropriate)**  
 If yes, please confirm if you have made a referral to safeguard the children: **Yes / No (delete as appropriate)**  
**Date referral made**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Practitioner's Notes