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## Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC)

### What is it?

MARAC is an information sharing and action planning meeting for victims of domestic abuse who are at risk of serious harm.

### Why are we doing it?

- To share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims – adults and their children;
- To share information about the perpetrator so as to reduce the risk they pose to any particular individual or to the general community;
- To jointly construct and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm;
- To reduce repeat victimisation;
- To improve agency accountability by ensuring that all agencies have acted individually to reduce the risk and maximise safety before a MARAC and undertake any new actions in accordance with the MARAC plan
- Improve support for staff involved in high-risk domestic abuse cases

### When and where is it happening?

We have introduced an eMARAC system in Cheshire East in order to get a co-ordinated plan to address risk and need as soon as possible after a high risk case has been notified. This means that MARAC is an ongoing process with meetings once a fortnight for those cases which need further discussion and action.

### Who are the key players?

Locally, MARAC is chaired by the Detective Inspector of the local Police Public Protection Unit and co-ordinated by the Police. Each victim is offered support by an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) who represents the victim at the MARAC.

Nationally, MARACs are developed and supported by SafeLives. You can find information and toolkits for your sector on their website

<http://www.safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings>

### What is my role?

Every agency should ensure their personnel know how to make a MARAC referral. This involves assessing risk using the shared Risk Indicator Checklist.(RIC) and completing a referral. All the forms you need are on the website of Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Partnership on the 'MARAC and Risk Assessment' page or via [cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Training is available to support you – see the training page of the website.

### Any further queries

...Should be directed to **Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub** on **0300 123 5101**