

## Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

### One Minute Guide

#### What is MARAC

- MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is a meeting to discuss victims of domestic abuse deemed to be at high risk of harm, for multi-agency partners to share all relevant information they have about the victim and to discuss a coordinated plan to increase victim safety.
- It is attended by Police, Probation, Health, Children's Social Care (CSC), Housing, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other representatives from statutory and voluntary sectors.
- It is held fortnightly, via MS Teams, and coordinated by London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) Domestic Violence Team.
- Each victim's situation is only allocated a 10-minute slot, so discussion is brief and succinct.
- It fits with our Better Together Framework in enabling us to **Be Curious** about what is happening in a victim's life and to start to **Build a Community** of all relevant agencies that can support.

#### Children's Social Care role in MARAC:

- There is a statutory requirement for Children's Social Care (CSC) to be represented at every MARAC meeting and to share any relevant information we might hold about a victim being discussed, if there are children in the home or the family is known to us.
- The responsibility for attending MARAC sits within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Team.
- The MARAC Rep presents the information CSC holds about a victim and any particular requests for support.

#### How to refer to MARAC:

- All relevant forms can be found on the Supporting Families Division Teams folder in the Repair section.
- A practitioner can refer to MARAC if they have completed a DASH Risk Assessment that has resulted in a high score (above 14), or on the grounds of 'professional judgement'.
- Practitioners should automatically be referring to MARAC for any situations with allegations of strangulation or where the victim has sought medical assistance for injuries. Any repeat incidents within 12 months of a victim previously being heard at MARAC must also be referred.
- A referral can be made via a MARAC referral form, which needs to be sent to the CSC MARAC Rep (Clare Noyes) along with the completed DASH Risk Assessment for checking. This is then passed on by the CSC MARAC Rep to the MARAC Coordinator (Nicola Proud).

- Once a referral has been received, a time slot to attend MARAC is sent by Nicola directly to the practitioner with MS Teams link to meeting.

### If a victim you are working with is being discussed at MARAC:

- An email is sent to the allocated practitioner from a MAST Business Support Officer seven working days prior to the MARAC informing that the victim they are working with, is being discussed. Anyone working with a victim can refer, so a practitioner may not have been aware of referral prior to this email.
- An email will be sent to the practitioner ahead of the meeting to ask for any updated information and it is important that this is returned as soon as possible. The information provided goes on to supplement the meeting minutes, which are shared with all partner agencies ahead of the meeting.
- The allocated practitioner should attend their allocated discussion slot to contribute to the MARAC meeting whenever possible. You **must** attend the MARAC meeting for the allocated discussion slot if you were the referrer. If the allocated practitioner cannot attend, their Team Manager must attend in their place.

### Outcomes and actions from MARAC:

- The allocated practitioner will be sent the minutes from the discussion two days after the MARAC has been held. These will be uploaded to the victim and their child's Mosaic record by a MAST Business Support Officers. The minutes will include any actions agreed upon at the meeting.
- A warning marker (in a red box) is placed on the front sheet of Mosaic that they have been heard at MARAC and the date. This marker is added by the BSO. This is to ensure that victims are re-referred to MARAC within 12 months should further incidents occur.
- The practitioner must update the MARAC Rep about the completion of actions within the time frame set out in the minutes.
- If a victim has been discussed at MARAC and they then move away from LBTH, the MARAC Coordinator must be informed so they can trigger a MARAC-to-MARAC referral to ensure all relevant information is shared with the new borough.

### For further information, contact:

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- Nicola Proud - LBTH MARAC Coordinator: [nicola.proud@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.proud@towerhamlets.gov.uk) / 07931 737466