**What is a MARAC?**

MARAC (Multi-Agency-Risk-Assessment-Conference) is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. After sharing all relevant information the representatives discuss options for increasing the safety of the victim/survivor and turn these into a coordinated action plan. Information shared at the MARAC is confidential and is only used for the purpose of reducing the risk of harm to those at risk.

The victim/survivor does not attend the meeting but is represented by an IDVA (or occasionally another support service) who speaks on their behalf. If safe to do so make the victim/survivor aware of the MARAC referral and ask for their consent to refer to a support service for Domestic Violence. Consent of the victim/survivor is preferred but not compulsory for a MARAC referral to be made.  **The Perpetrator of abuse should not be informed of the MARAC Referral.** This completed form will be forwarded to an appropriate support service for the victim/survivor.

The MARAC is not an agency and does not have a case management function. **The responsibility to take appropriate actions rests with individual agencies; it is not transferred to the MARAC.** When referring to the MARAC staff should **continue to work with the victim/survivor to reduce risk and make appropriate safeguarding referrals** and referrals to support services both prior to and following a MARAC.

**Who should be referred?**  - A victim/survivor should be referred to the MARAC if they are an adult (16+) who resides in the borough and are at **high risk** of domestic violence from their adult (16+) partner, ex-partner or family member, regardless of gender or sexuality.

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| **Referring agency**  |  |
| **Contact name(s)** |  |
| **Work Telephone / email** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **VICTIM/SURVIVOR’S DETAILS**  |
| **Victim’s name** |  | **Victim DOB** |  |
| **Address** |  | **Landlord** (if known) |  |
| **Contact numbers** (mobile or landline) |  | **Confirmed safe to call?** | Y/N |
| **Relevant contact information** e.g. times to call; favoured contact method e.g. text/email |  |
| **Consent** (if No consent given, complete “Information Shared without consent) section below) | **V/S aware of MARAC Referral?**  | Y/N | **Consent given for MARAC Referral?** (mandatory) | Y/N |
| **GP surgery** (if known) |  |
| **Diversity data** **Completing this section is very important**Diversity can impact on risks & needs of the individual & so needs to be reflected in safety plansHelps to identify local area population needs | **Ethnicity & Nationality** (mandatory) |  | **Sexual orientation** (mandatory) | Choose an item. |
| **Disability (Defined by the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) ‘‘a disabled person is someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.’)** | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |
| **No recourse to public funds** |  |
| **PERPETRATOR’S DETAILS**  |
| **Perpetrator(s) name** (include any known alias) |  | **Perpetrator(s) DOB** |  |
| **Perpetrator(s) address** |  | **Relationship to victim** |  |
| **CHILDREN’S DETAILS**  |  |  |  |
| **Children****(please add extra rows if necessary)** | **DOB** | **Relationship to victim** | **Relationship to perpetrator** | **Address**  | **School****(If known)** |
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**Reason for referral & lawful basis for sharing this information - consider relevancy, proportionality & whether the information provided is adequate & necessary for the purpose of this referral (select ONE reason)**

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| **Professional judgement**  |  | **Visible high risk** (14 yes answers or more on SafeLives Dash risk checklist) Attach completed Dash if possible | Score:  |
| **Potential escalation in frequency and/or severity of abuse** |  | **MARAC REPEAT** (see definition [here](http://www.safelives.org.uk/definition-repeat-marac))  |  |
| **Repeat: if yes, please provide the date listed / case number** (if known) |  |
| **Has the victim been referred to any other Marac in a different area previously** | Y / N (if yes, please state where & when) |
| **REASON FOR REFERRAL*** Details of most recent incident (include date)
* Current concern of risks
* Type of abuse
* Most serious incident to date
* Escalation
* Pregnancy
* Use of weapon
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| **Actions already undertaken to address the risks and actions still required (please consider the victim/survivor’s wishes):*** Children’s/Adult Safeguarding referral
* Special measures
* Civil order
* Sanctuary referral
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| **Other agencies supporting all parties concerned / other safety factors in place** |  |

**Information Shared without consent**

**Legal Authority to Share**

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| Lawful Basis for Sharing Information -consider your local Marac ISP (please see links & justify your choice):e.g: | [Vital Interest](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/lawful-basis-for-processing/vital-interests/) [Legitimate Interest](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/lawful-basis-for-processing/legitimate-interests/) |
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I am sharing information based on the legal authority of (tick one or more):

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| **Legal grounds (If yes, please tick one or more grounds below)** | *Y / N* |
| **Child Protection Act 2004** |  |
| **The Care Act 2014** |  |
| **s.115 Crime & Disorder Act 1998** |  |
| **Pt 3. Schedule 8 Data Protection Act 2018** |  |
| **In accordance with a court order** |  |
| **Overriding public interest (common law)** |  |
| **Human Rights Act 2004** |  |

**Balancing Considerations (please tick)**

I have balanced the following considerations:

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| **Information is relevant?** |  |
| **Information is adequate & necessary to achieve the purpose** |  |
| **Information is proportionate** |  |
| **Sharing this information will NOT significantly increase risk to the client/family** |  |

**Record the following information-sharing in Case File:**

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| **I have discussed this internally with:** ***(line manager/senior practitioner)*** |  |
| **Signature of caseworker** |  |
| **Date (as signed by caseworker)** |  |

Please be aware all MARAC referrals are automatically referred to the IDSVA/IDVA service. The referrer is responsible in making the victim aware of this unless it will escalate their risk, in which case you should detail the risks in the MARAC referral form.

All referrals to be emailed to the appropriate borough detailed below.

MARAC@camden.gov.uk 020 7974 1403

Camden Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocacy Service:

camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk

020 7974 2526

MARAC@islington.gov.uk 0207 527 2175

Islington Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service

advocacy@solacewomensaid.org

0808 802 5565