



NORTH DURHAM Referral Form
To include Durham, Chester Le Street, Stanley, Consett and
Easington District

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is the introduction of a consistent comprehensive approach to Risk Assessing victims of domestic abuse and therefore identifying those most at risk of significant harm and identifying appropriate interventions to reduce that risk. The process will also enable a more effective way of sharing information between agencies and thus identifying risk that may have previously not been readily identified by the initial responding agency.

The purpose of this form is to enable referrals to be made into (MARAC).

This form should be completed by members of staff as part of the agencies procedures for dealing with victims of Domestic Abuse.

Once completed the form should then be faxed directly to Dawn Maddison the MARAC Coordinator who is based at Police HQ. External 0191 3752072, internal 661 2072 and Fax Number: 0191 3752016

The Co-ordinator will then decide what further information sharing needs to take place, the level of risk to the victim and finally whether a MARAC meeting is required.

Agencies should continue to follow their own procedures regarding Child Protection issues and continue to adhere to any agreed Domestic Abuse Policies.

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<u>The following details need to be completed before a Referral can be made:</u>	
Name of Staff Member making Referral:	
Referring Agency:	
Agency Contact Details:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
Date of Referral:	
Time faxed to MARAC Coordinator:	

<u>Personal Details.</u>	
Name of Victim:	Date of Birth:
Safe contact number :	
Is victim aware of MARAC referral:	Yes / No
Address of Victim:	
Name of Assailant:	Date of Birth:
Address of Assailant:	
Relationship Status: (Married/Separated/Divorced/Co-Habiting/Partner/Ex-Partner/Family Members/Other)	
Anyone Else Residing At The Property:	
Tenancy Details : (East Durham Homes, Durham County Council, Private rented etc)	
Victims GP (if known):	
Perpetrators GP (if known):	

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Details of any Children:	
Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
Resides with Victim/Assailant: (if the child resides elsewhere please specify address)	
School (if known)	
Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
Resides with Victim/Assailant:	
School (if known)	
Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
Resides with Victim/Assailant:	
School (if known)	
GP Surgery (if known) :	

Additional Notes for Staff Members:

Significant Concern:

Can be assessed by the victim and by the staff member, sometimes a victim could underestimate what would appear to the staff member to constitute significant concern and the staff member could then elaborate on this in the summary or under the observations section.

If a staff member needs to speak to the MARAC Coordinator Dawn Maddison, she can be reached on her mobile number: 07595 004682 or email dawn.maddison@durham.pnn.police.uk

The Home Office Definition of Domestic Abuse 'Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults (aged 18 or over) who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. This includes issues of concerns to clack and minority ethnic communities such as 'so called' crimes of honour, forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

It will also include family members who are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents, in-laws and step-family.

Honour Based Violence Definition 'A crime or incident which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or community'

Forced Marriage Definition 'A forced Marriage is a marriage where one or both parties do not consent to the marriage or consent is extracted under duress'

In cases of HBV and FM, a separate and specific Risk Assessment Form needs to be completed. For further information please contact Dawn Maddison, or the Police Domestic Violence Unit for further information.

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Dear

Domestic abuse is a crime that can include assault, sexual assault, harassment, injury and damage to property. It is a crime that the police and other agencies treat seriously.

Occasionally people are identified as being at “very high risk” of becoming a victim again, and it is normal procedure that a Multi Agency Risk Assessment conference (M.A.R.A.C) is held, to discuss various issues in relation to the safety and well being of the identified person, and, if appropriate, their children.

The meetings are attended by individuals from various organisations, information may be sought from County Council Children and Adult Services, Health, such as G.P, Health Visitor, Mental Health, School Nurse etc, Domestic Violence Forum, Police, Probation Service, Independent Domestic Violence Advocate and Housing. Any information is shared and treated in the strictest confidence. A risk management plan is often implemented, offering the appropriate support available. We would like your consent to gather and share relevant information, so that we can look towards reducing repeat victimisation and any further harm being caused. If you give your consent please could you sign below.

We also work with many organisations that may be able to provide further help and advice. The National Domestic Violence helpline offers a 24 hour service and their contact details are 0808 2000247. Telephone calls from a landline are free but calls from mobile telephones are variable.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the person who distributed it on our behalf.

I give my consent for information to be shared with the relevant agencies and for MARAC purpose only.

I would / would not (*please delete as appropriate*) like a copy of this letter.

Signed

Date

Yours Sincerely

Dave Ashton Detective Inspector
Dawn Maddison MARAC Coordinator