

ABOUT MARAC

WHAT IS A MARAC?

A MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference) is a meeting, attended by professionals, where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases and a coordinated action plan is created to reduce the risk.

The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim. The MARAC will also make links with others to safeguard children and manage the perpetrator's behaviour.

At the heart of the MARAC is the working assumption that no single agency or individual can see the complete picture of a victim's life, but they all may have insights that are crucial to the victim's safety.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Most agencies have a MARAC representative and a MARAC strategic lead. If you do not know who this is, contact the MARAC coordinator who can assist.

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For further information on Hertfordshire's MARAC and relevant forms, visit:

www.hertssunflower.org

'Professionals and Sunflower Champions' > 'Multi-agency risk assessment conference'

WHO ATTENDS A MARAC MEETING?

They are attended by representatives from police, health, children and adult social care services, housing, IDVA's, probation and other specialists from the statutory or voluntary sectors.

All victims referred to MARAC will also be offered specialist support from an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA). IDVAs can support victims of domestic abuse, provide options around safety and help them understand their rights. They will also act as the victim's voice within the MARAC meeting. The IDVA service is consent-based, so whilst they will usually represent most victims at MARAC, some victims' voices will be supported at MARAC by another agency working with them.

Victims do not attend the meeting; but if the victim wants to let the MARAC meeting know about anything affecting their safety, or things they need help with, the IDVA or other agency working with them will convey this to the meeting.

The MARAC will respect the victim's right to privacy and confidentiality. Any information resulting from the meeting will be kept secure and not shared with the perpetrator. All agencies who attend are signed up to confidentiality agreements.