

The MARAC is a meeting of various safeguarding partners (including statutory agencies, commissioned services, and other supporting organisations) to discuss high risk domestic abuse cases to determine a plan to reduce the risk in the situation.

All high-risk cases from the previous fortnight are discussed, along with any put forward through professional judgement or because they are repeat cases. In this context, repeat means any person that has been the victim of a further domestic abuse incident within 12 months of being heard at MARAC.

The meeting is chaired by the Independent MARAC Chair and meets every Tuesday.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information about the case and the people involved between the organisations that are present, and to identify any actions that can be completed in order to make the victim safer. The case does not get heard again at MARAC (unless there is a further incident), but the actions will be followed up by the MARAC Team to ensure that they have been completed.

To refer to MARAC you must complete a Safe Lives DASH risk assessment. If the score is:

- 14 or above, a MARAC referral is required
- less than 14, but there are significant concerns in your professional judgement, a MARAC form is required, with your concerns identified.
- less than 14, complete the domestic abuse referral form.

To access the Safe Lives DASH and MARAC referral form please go to the safer Derbyshire website on the link below:

[Domestic abuse and MARAC referrals](#)