

DASH RISK ASSESSMENT v 6 (May 2021)

DOMESTIC ABUSE, STALKING, HARASSMENT & 'HONOUR' BASED ABUSE

AFTER COMPLETING DASH, CIRCLE RISK LEVEL HERE: **High** / Medium / Standard

Date:

Name of person completing DASH:

Agency:

↓
Complete MARAC Referral section if HIGH RISK

PLEASE NOTE - Explicit consent (or lack of), for both referral to MARAC and sharing of information must be clearly recorded in Sections 4 & 4A. Failure to record this information may result in the form being returned and a delay in it being listed for MARAC

Consent is explicitly required for medium/standard risk cases if you wish to refer to the relevant service

The MARAC Referral should be quality assured by a trained practitioner in your agency (this may be your MARAC rep) and / or your manager before submission¹. The exception to this may be when it is an urgent referral and it is within 48hrs of the deadline for referrals being accepted.

Name of your MARAC Rep /champion:

Contact number & email address of your MARAC Rep /champion:

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS

VICTIM'S DETAILS

NAME :		DATE OF BIRTH:	
ADDRESS OF VICTIM: Is it safe to post to this address Y/N If no please provide an alternative		TELEPHONE NO:	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT NO:
		IS IT SAFE TO CALL? Y / N	
		If there are specific times when it is safe to call please provide them here:	
		EMAIL ADDRESS:	
		IS IT SAFE TO EMAIL? Y / N	
Gender (please underline): Female Male Non-Binary Prefer to self – describe	Ethnicity (please state): Prefer not to say	Disability (please state - Inc. learning disability): Prefer not to say	Sexual Orientation ² (please underline): Bi Gay Man Gay Woman/Lesbian Heterosexual/Straight Prefer to self-describe

¹ Failure to complete this *may* result in the DASH being returned for further information/quality assurance etc

² Please complete the Stonewall LGBT+ special considerations risk assessment if the subjects are LGBT+

Prefer not to say			Prefer not to say
-------------------	--	--	-------------------

Is your gender identity the same as the sex assigned at birth?³

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

PERPETRATOR'S DETAILS

NAME :	DATE OF BIRTH:
--------	----------------

ADDRESS OF PERPETRATOR:	RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM (please state):
-------------------------	--

For police check purposes - Please state if the perpetrator has ever worked in the military, worked as a lorry driver or if they often travel to other areas or have resided outside of South Yorkshire:

Gender (please underline): Female Male Non-Binary Prefer to self – describe Prefer not to say	Ethnicity (please state): Prefer not to say	Disability (please state - Inc. learning disability): Prefer not to say	Sexual Orientation (please underline): Bi Gay Man Gay Woman/Lesbian Heterosexual/Straight Prefer to self-describe Prefer not to say
---	---	---	--

Is the gender identity the same as the sex assigned at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

CHILDREN'S DETAILS (IF ANY)
 IF YOU RUN OUT OF ROOM PUT DETAILS IN REASONS FOR REFERRAL

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM	RELATIONSHIP TO PERPETRATOR	SCHOOL (If known)

GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) DETAILS FOR THE VICTIM PLEASE NOTE THIS IS CONSIDERED MANDATORY INFORMATION

³ Please complete the Stonewall LGBT+ special considerations risk assessment if the subjects are LGBT+

GP Name:

Surgery address:

Does the victim consent to their GP being notified of the referral made to MARAC? *Yes / No (*delete as appropriate)

SECTION 2 – DASH RISK ASSESSMENT

THE 4 KEY CRITERIA THAT CONSTITUTE A HIGH RISK REFERRAL:

1. **VISIBLE HIGH RISK**
2. **POTENTIAL ESCALATION**
3. **REPEAT INCIDENT (WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF PREVIOUS HIGH RISK ASSESSMENT)**
4. **PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT**

DEFINITION OF HIGH RISK:

A RISK THAT IS LIFE THREATENING AND/OR TRAUMATIC AND FROM WHICH RECOVERY, WHETHER PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE⁴

THE CONTEXT AND DETAIL OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IS VERY IMPORTANT.
THE QUESTIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN **BOLD** ARE HIGH RISK FACTORS.
TICK THE RELEVANT BOX AND ADD CONTEXT WHEREVER YOU TICK YES

CURRENT SITUATION

YES

NO

1. Has the current incident resulted in injury? (please state the date this occurred, what the injury was and whether this is the first injury)

If there are children, how have they been impacted?

2. **Are you very frightened?**

Comment on the level of fear and reasons:

3. What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence? (please give an indication of what you think (name of abuser (s)might do and to whom)

Kill: Self Children Other (please specify)

Further injury & violence: Self Children Other (please specify)

Other (please clarify): Self Children Other (please specify)

4. **Do you feel isolated from family / friends** i.e. does (name of abuser (s) try to stop you from seeing friends / family / others?

Have [X's actions] isolated the children as well? How?

5. **Depression and suicide:** within the last three months:

- are you feeling depressed?
- Have you had suicidal thoughts?
- Have you made a suicide attempt?

Or

Have you ever:

- Felt depressed?

⁴ Please note, this means high risk of serious harm and not 'just' high risk of further domestic abuse

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had suicidal thoughts? • Made a suicide attempt? 		
6. Have you separated or tried to separate from (name of abuser (s)) within the past year?		
7. Is there conflict over child contact (please state what) <i>Can you tell me a bit about child contact?</i> <i>How does [X] support or undermine your parenting?</i> <i>Do you have any concerns about [X's] behaviour towards the children when you aren't around?</i>		
8. Does (.....) constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you? (Please expand to identify what and whether you believe that this done deliberately to intimidate you? Consider the context and behaviour of what is being done)		
CHILDREN / DEPENDENTS (If no children/dependants, please go to the next section)	YES	NO
9a. Are you currently pregnant Due Date: <i>Has [X] supported you throughout your pregnancy?</i>		
9b. Have you recently been pregnant / had a baby (in the past 18 months)? <i>Did [X] support you throughout your pregnancy?</i>		
10. Are there any children, stepchildren that aren't (.....) in the household? Or other dependants in the household (e.g. older relative)?		
11. Has (.....) ever hurt children / dependants?		
12. Has (.....) ever threatened to hurt or kill the children / dependants? <i>Have these threats been made in front of the children or are they aware of them?</i>		
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE HISTORY <i>provide as much information as possible</i>	YES	NO
13. Is the abuse happening more often? (Give details and frequency)		

14. Is the abuse getting worse? (Give details)		
15. Does (.....) try to control everything you do and/or are they excessively jealous? (in terms of relationships, who you see, being 'policed at home', telling you what to wear for example. Consider honour based violence and stalking and specify the behaviour including the behaviour of extended family) <i>Has [X] ever used or threatened to use the children in any way to control or hurt you?</i> <i>Who makes the decisions around issues relating to the children?</i>		
16. Has (.....) ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?		
17. Has (.....) ever threatened to kill you or someone else and you believed them? Who?		
18. Has (.....) ever attempted to strangle / choke / suffocate / drown you?		
19. Does (.....) do or say things of a sexual nature that makes you feel bad or that physically hurt you or someone else? (specify who/what) <i>Have the children ever seen or heard [X] do this?</i>		
20. Is there any other person that has threatened you or that you are afraid of? (If yes, consider extended family if honour based violence. Please specify who)		
21. Do you know if (.....) has hurt anyone else? (for example children/siblings/elderly relative/stranger. Consider HBV. Please specify who and what: Children? <i>Have the children ever been hurt, accidentally or on purpose, as a result of [X's] behaviour? (4)</i> Another family member? Someone from a previous relationship? Other (please specify)		
22. Has (.....) ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?		
ABUSER(S)	YES	NO

<p>23. Are there financial issues? For example, are you dependant on (.....) for money/have they recently lost their job/other financial issues e.g. debt or rent arrears ? Give details.</p>		
<p>24. Has (.....) had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to problems in leading a normal life? (Please specify what)</p> <p>Drugs? Alcohol? Mental Health?</p>		
<p>25. Has (.....) ever threatened or attempted suicide?</p>		
<p>26. Has (.....) ever breached bail/an injunction and/or any agreement for when they can see you and /or the children? (please specify)</p> <p>Bail conditions? Non Molestation/Occupation order?</p> <p>Child contact arrangements? Forced Marriage Protection Order?</p> <p>Other (please specify)</p>		
<p>27. Do you know if (.....) has ever been in trouble with the police or has criminal history? (If yes, please specify)</p> <p>DVA? Sexual violence? Other Violence? Other?</p>		
<p>OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (From victim or officer/worker) WHICH MAY ALTER RISK LEVELS. DESCRIBE: (Consider for example victim’s vulnerability – disability, mental health, alcohol/substance misuse and/or the abuser’s occupation/interests-does this give unique access to weapons i.e. ex-military, police, pest control)</p>		
<p>ACTION TAKEN BY REFERRER (Please provide details of any safeguarding and/or risk management steps you have already taken):</p>		
<p>IF ANY OTHER AGENCY IS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED, PLEASE SUPPLY CONTACT DETAILS (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS ETC)?</p>		

RISK LEVEL (please tick): STANDARD: MEDIUM: HIGH:

IMPORTANT – if you have received a completed DASH from another agency you should review this with the victim as they may make further disclosures or there may have been further abuse
THE RISK LEVEL MUST BE BASED ON THE REFERRAL CRITERIA AS HIGHLIGHTED IN SECTION 2 ABOVE, NOT JUST ON THE NO. OF TICKS

SECTION 3 – MARAC REFERRAL

ALL HIGH RISK CASES MUST BE REFERRED TO MARAC ON REFERRAL FORM BELOW
HIGH RISK = A RISK THAT IS LIFE THREATENING AND/OR TRAUMATIC AND FROM WHICH RECOVERY, WHETHER PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE⁵

FOR STANDARD AND MEDIUM CASES PLEASE SEE APPENDIX A.

MARAC REFERRAL FORM – FOR HIGH RISK CASES ONLY

Any queries can be directed to the MARAC Coordinator/IDVAS
 External: 01302 385852 Internal: 745852

Agencies should continue to follow their own procedures regarding any Child/Adult Safeguarding issues *and* continue to adhere to any agreed Domestic Abuse Policies.

NO. OF RISK ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED BY REFERRER IN LAST 12 MONTHS (with this victim):	
IS THIS REFERRAL A MARAC REPEAT? <u>Repeat Definition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A case which has been previously referred to a MARAC and at some point in the 12 months from the date of the last referral a further incident is identified, which, if reported to the police, would constitute criminal behaviour: For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violence or threats of violence to the victim (including threats against property); or - A pattern of stalking or harassment; or, - Rape or sexual abuse; or - Any other crime e.g. Criminal Damage 	YES / NO
REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL:	
IDENTIFY IMMEDIATE RISKS of SERIOUS HARM TO THE VICTIM/CHILDREN:	

SECTION 4 - CONSENT

⁵ Please note, this means high risk of serious harm and not ‘just’ high risk of further domestic abuse

***When seeking consent, please ensure that it is understood that they are consenting to information being shared (about themselves and any children) with other services where considered appropriate. Also that information may be shared without consent should appropriate thresholds be met.**

IS THIS PERSON AWARE OF THE MARAC REFERRAL?	YES	NO – Give details:
Has consent* been provided by the victim for the case to be referred to MARAC?	YES	NO – Complete Section 4A below
Has consent* been provided by the victim for information to be shared at MARAC?	YES	NO – Complete Section 4A below
Has the parent/carer consented* for information about their child/children to be shared at MARAC	YES	NO – Complete Section 4A below

**SECTION 4A – SHARING WITHOUT CONSENT⁶ -
ALLOWED IF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:**

<p>Article 6 of the GDPR covers: <i>Conditions for processing data</i> <u>WITHOUT CONSENT</u> – Condition 4 Vital Interests applies, so the processing is necessary to protect someone’s life*</p> <p>* Please ensure local case files are also updated with this information</p>	<p>APPLIES? YES/NO* *Please delete as appropriate</p>	<p>Article 9 of the GDPR covers: <i>Conditions for processing Special Category data</i> <u>WITHOUT CONSENT</u>– Condition 2 Processing is necessary for the purposes of providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and interest of the data subject*</p> <p>* Please ensure local case files are also updated with this information</p>	<p>APPLIES? YES/NO* *Please delete as appropriate</p>
--	---	--	---

HAS THE VICTIM BEEN REFERRED TO ANY OTHER MARAC? YES / NO IF YES WHERE / WHEN?

⁶ Articles 6 & 9 of GDPR allow for information sharing without consent, one condition from each article must be listed. For more information, please visit the relevant section of the DACT website: www.sheffielddact.org.uk

SECTION 5 – REFERRER’S DETAILS

ATTENDING THE MARAC:	PLEASE NOTE – BY COMPLETING THIS SECTION YOU ARE <u>CONSENTING</u> THAT YOU (OR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR AGENCY) WILL ATTEND MARAC TO PRESENT THE CASE AND RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES ABOUT RISK ISSUES AND/OR CONSENT	
REFERRING PERSON’S DETAILS		
NAME & ROLE IN AGENCY:		
ADDRESS:		
TELEPHONE:		FAX:
MOBILE:		
EMAIL:		IS EMAIL ADDRESS SECURE? YES/NO

Please ensure the form is fully completed and checked before sent. The preferred method is sent via email however, the form SHOULD ONLY be sent via a SECURE EMAIL address. Post should only be used if you cannot use E-MAIL or FAX. If you post the form you must use 1st class registered post.

PLEASE SEND THE HIGH RISK MARAC REFERRAL FORM TO THE RELEVANT AREA WHERE THE VICTIM RESIDES (BELOW). ALSO SEND TO THE IDVA SERVICE (FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN KEY AGENCIES RECEIVING THE INFORMATION, WHICH MAY PREVENT EARLY AND VITAL INTERVENTION BY THESE SERVICES).

<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><u>SHEFFIELD</u></p> <p>Email: Marac.sheffield@idas.cjism.net</p> <p>Address: Sheffield MARAC C/O Sheffield IDAS Snig Hill Police Station Snig Hill Sheffield S3 8LY</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">&</p> <p>idva.sheffield@idas.cjism.net Tel: 0808 808 2241</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><u>DONCASTER</u></p> <p>Email: MARAC@doncaster.gov.uk Fax: NOT ACCEPTED Postal application NOT ACCEPTED</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">&</p> <p>Email: IDVA@doncaster.gov.uk Tel: (01302) 737080</p>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><u>BARNSLEY</u></p> <p>Email: Barnsley.marac@barnsley.cjism.net IDAS @ The Factory, 1 Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe, Barnsley, S63 9PG Helpline: 03000 110 110 Website: idas.org.uk idva.service@barnsley.cjism.net</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><u>ROTHERHAM</u></p> <p>Email: MARAC.referrals@rotherham.gov.uk Tel: 01709 254977 Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Riverside House Floor 2 Wing A Main Street Rotherham S60 1AE</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">&</p> <p>rotherham.idvas@rotherham.gov.uk.cjism.net Tel: (01709) 254977</p>

APPENDIX A – for standard and medium risk consent *MUST* be obtained, See SECTIONS 4 & 4A ABOVE. Once this has been confirmed, please send referrals to the area where the victim resides (see below)

<u>SHEFFIELD</u>	<u>DONCASTER</u>
<p>Refer to Sheffield Domestic Abuse Helpline: Tel:0808 808 2241 Email info@idas.org.uk Secure email idva.sheffield@idas.cjism.net (For out of hours housing support call 0800 7311 689)</p>	<p>Refer to Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub: The Hub includes a number of specialist domestic abuse agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doncaster Council • Doncaster Children’s Services Trust • Phoenix WoMen’s Aid • Riverside • South Yorkshire Women’s Aid <p>Doncaster Council’s Domestic abuse team will coordinate and allocate all referrals. Please indicate if there any partner agencies in the Hub that the client does not agree for their information to be shared with.</p> <p>Secure Email: DAC@doncaster.gov.uk Helpline : 01302 737080</p>
<u>BARNSLEY</u>	<u>ROTHERHAM</u>
<p>Email: Barnsley.marac@barnsley.cjism.net IDAS @ The Factory, 1 Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe, Barnsley, S63 9PG Helpline: 03000 110 110 Website: idas.org.uk idva.service@barnsley.cjism.net</p>	<p>Refer to Rotherham Rise: Tel: 03302020571 Email: Outreach.rwr@rothwr.cjism.net Address: RWR PO Box 769 Rotherham S60 9JJ</p>

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE:

- Please **type** the form wherever possible, if hand written please use BLOCK capitals.
- Please **complete all parts** of the form in as much detail as possible. **Add relevant information whenever you tick ‘yes’** in answer to any of the questions.
- **One** form must be used per victim.
- **For MARAC Referrals** - in the ‘**reasons for referral**’ put as much information in but be brief and concise (for police officers information should be included from all police systems).
- **NO** extra paperwork is to be sent with the form, just send the referral form only.

- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED SECTIONS 4 & 4A RE CONSENT – FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN THE CASE BEING DISCUSSED AT MARAC**

WHEN TO SEND THE FORM:

1. MARAC Referral Forms must be with the MARAC administrators **NO LATER** than 8 working days before the date of the MARAC
2. If a case is urgent then you must consider calling an emergency MARAC outside of the normal MARAC framework.