MARAC
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

MARACS are meetings where information about high risk domestic abuse victims (those at **risk of murder or serious harm**) is shared between local agencies. By bringing all agencies together at a MARAC, a risk focused, coordinated safety plan can be drawn up to support the victim and reduce the risk. MARACS were first implemented in Kent and Medway in 2009. There are thirteen established MARACs across the whole County which are facilitated by MARAC Coordinators employed by Kent Police. Over 2800 cases were heard in Kent and Medway alone last year.

**The aims of MARAC are:**

* To reduce the risk of high-risk DA victims.
* To share information.
* To determine perpetrators risk.
* To construct a risk management plan
* To reduce repeat victimisation
* To improve agency accountability

**Making a referral:**

Any frontline agency representative that undertakes a risk assessment with a victim, and thereby determines that their case meets the high-risk threshold, can refer a victim’s case to a local MARAC. IDVAs, police and health professionals commonly refer high risk victims to MARACs.

Agencies need to complete a referral form which should then be emailed to the relevant area.



North Kent- marac.north.kent@kent.police.uk

South Kent- marac.south.kent@kent.police.uk

West Kent- marac.west.kent@kent.police.uk

East Kent- Marac.east.kent@kent.police.uk

Medway- marac.medway@kent.police.uk

Mid Kent (Maidstone and Swale)- Marac.mid@kent.police.uk

**Before the meeting:**

Once the coordinators receive all the referrals, they go on to compile the case lists which are sent out for further research to all those attending the meeting. Each agency is then responsible to feedback any relevant research/information back to the coordinator in peroration for the meeting.

**At the meeting:**

* Once the welcomes/apologies have been made. The Chair if the meeting will read out the. Confidentiality statement.
* MARAC Coordinator should advise if there are outstanding actions and/or changes to the running order.
* Cases ideally discussed for approximately 10 minutes but can be longer depending on information to be shared.
* The referrer will be invited to provide an update since the referral was made.
* The Chair will then go to the Police for an update, then ordinarily the IDVA service if neither of these agencies are the referrer. Then all other agencies will be invited to share their information
* After the information is shared, the chair should summarise the risks identified and confirm with partners that there are no additional relevant risks.
* All actions should be specifically linked to the risks identified.
* Aim to map actions to the identified risks.
* All actions should be SMART- Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely
* Consider risks to victim(s), children, perpetrator, staff and any other relevant parties
* Agency actioned to update victim.
* DVDS to be considered by the MARAC.
* Actions after the meeting/Action plan is produced and fed back to Administrator.
* Incomplete actions are brought up at the following MARAC and listed on the minutes.