Who attends MARAC?

- Adult Services
- Health & Mental Health Services
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- Specialist Domestic Violence Services

Who can help?

If you are in immediate risk of danger please call 999

Leeds 24 Hr Domestic Violence Helpline
0113 2460401
www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline
24 hr Freephone helpline for women
0808 2000 247
www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.

National Men’s Advice Line
Mon to Fri: 9am – 5pm
0808 801 0327

Galop
Making life safe, just and fair for
lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people.
020 7704 2040

Children and Young People
Childline 0800 1111 and

Adults Social Care
0113 222 4401
Children’s Social Work Services
0113 222 4403

How will you keep my information safe?

Everybody at the MARAC has to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Any information resulting from the meeting will be kept secure and not shared with anyone who is not involved in your case. Your abuser is not made aware the MARAC is taking place and information will not be passed on to them.

What happens after?

After a MARAC you will be told of the help and support the agencies are offering you.
What is Domestic Violence and Abuse?

Domestic Violence/Abuse (DVA) can be any incident or behaviour that may be threatening, violent, or abusive. Examples can be: Psychological (playing with your mind), physical (hurting you) sexual (making you do things and have sex when you don’t want to), financial (keeping your money and or not letting you have any money) or emotional (hurting your feelings by always putting you down).

Domestic Violence and Abuse is about someone you know, a past or current partner, or a member of your family trying to have power and control over you.

What is a MARAC?

MARAC stands for Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference.

MARAC meets daily in Leeds where workers from a number of agencies discuss the safety, health and well being of you and your family members who are experiencing domestic violence or abuse and may be ‘at risk’ of further harm.

The aim of the MARAC is to increase your and your family’s safety.

Who is referred to MARAC?

You get referred to MARAC if you are identified as being at ‘high risk’ either from an agency or after an incident is reported to the police.

That means if you are at risk of serious current or future harm.

Normally that is because of what your abuser is doing or threatening to do.

The worker from the agency referring you to MARAC should speak to you about it and ask if you are in agreement with it and every effort will be made to respect this.

It is possible to be referred to MARAC without your agreement. This happens if you or your children are at high risk.

Why have a MARAC?

The aim of the MARAC is to get a clearer picture of the situation and a plan put into place to reduce harm and further risk.

Do I need to attend a MARAC?

No, it is just the workers from the different agencies who attend.

How will MARAC help me?

Remember if you are referred into the MARAC it is because you are believed to be at ‘risk’ of current or future harm. MARAC take place with the safety of the victim in mind and offer non-judgemental support.

Agencies will be trying to make you safer by working together with you. Some of the actions a MARAC might take include:

- Getting you specialist domestic abuse advice and support
- Making your home more secure
- Assisting with housing issues
- Arranging joint meetings to coordinate any support you need

Who attends MARAC?

A number of different agencies attend MARAC; these include:-

- Police
- Probation
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs)
- Housing
- Children and Young People’s Services

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