**MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) Referral Form**

*(Please attach a* [Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment](https://hackneywebsite-wp-mediafiles.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/New-Hackney-Domestic-Abuse-Risk-Assessment.docx) *or equivalent DASH Risk Checklist with this referral)*

Email: MARAC@hackney.gov.uk / MARAC@hackney.gov.uk.cjsm.net

Enquiries 020 8356 5602 / 020 8356 4458 / 020 8356 4459, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Occurrence: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. online, fortnightly (referrals to be made by 1 p.m. preceding Thursday)

**What is MARAC?**

MARAC is a meeting to take action on **high risk** [**domestic abuse**](https://hackney.gov.uk/domestic-abuse-support/#abuse) **cases where there is a risk of serious injury or death**. MARAC is a professionals’ meeting with representatives from local police, probation, health, children’s and adults services, substance misuse, domestic abuse agencies, housing and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard victims including children and vulnerable adults. After sharing and analysing relevant information about the victim/survivor and alleged perpetrator, the representatives agree actions to support the victim/survivor and reduce the harm posed by the perpetrator. The victim/survivor does not attend the meeting but is represented by their allocated domestic abuse agency who speaks on their behalf and updates them after the meeting.

Your client should be referred to the Hackney MARAC if they are aged 16 or over, reside in Hackney and are at **high risk** of domestic abuse from their partner, ex-partner or family member. **If the victim/survivor is 16 or 17, if they have children or if there are other affected children living in Hackney at risk of harm you must copy the MARAC referral to Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub at** **mash@hackney.gov.uk**

**The following are the four criteria for referring domestic abuse to the MARAC:**

**1. Visible High Risk:** a score of 14 or more on the 24 questions in the [Domestic Abuse](https://hackneywebsite-wp-mediafiles.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/New-Hackney-Domestic-Abuse-Risk-Assessment.docx)

[Risk Assessment](https://hackneywebsite-wp-mediafiles.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/New-Hackney-Domestic-Abuse-Risk-Assessment.docx). Remember to include information from other sources as well as the victim/survivor.

**2. Potential Escalation:** Hackney has agreed locally that 4 or more incidents of domestic abuse

in a 12 month period should lead to a referral to MARAC. This is to help identify abuse that appears to be escalating and to assess the situation more fully by sharing information at MARAC.

**3. Professional judgement:** where the particular context of a case gives rise to serious concerns,

even if the victim/survivor has been unable to disclose the information that might highlight their risk more clearly. This could reflect extreme levels of fear, cultural barriers to disclosure, immigration issues or language barriers particularly in cases of ‘honour’-based abuse. Also some behaviours which are particularly dangerous (e.g. rape, strangulation, stalking) are deemed ‘high risk’. Judgement on what is ‘high risk’ is informed by professional experience alongside consideration of the victim/survivor’s perception of risk.

**4. Repeat Case:** where the victim/survivor has been discussed at MARAC within the last 12 months

and there has been at least one incident by the same alleged perpetrator against the same

victim/survivor since the MARAC.

**Consent**

Referrals to MARAC are based on risk rather than on consent. It is good practice to work in partnership with victims/survivors of abuse and ensure their wishes and feelings are gathered and represented, however - as per [SafeLives guidance](https://safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Sharing%20Information%20and%20Marac%20GDPR%20FAQs%20-%20England%20%26%20Wales%20version.pdf) - “If the threshold for MARAC has been met, practitioners [should] refer to MARAC irrespective of whether the person they’ve assessed at risk consents”. You do not need the alleged perpetrator’s consent to share proportionate information about them. It is advised that you do not discuss the MARAC meeting with the alleged perpetrator unless the MARAC has explicitly agreed to this.

**What happens next?**

**Ensure you have copied your agency’s MARAC representative into this referral as they or you will present the case at MARAC.** Upon receipt of the referral, the victim/survivor will be referred automatically to a domestic abuse agency and you will be told of the date of the MARAC where your referral will be heard. .

Risk reduction work including sharing information and intervening to reduce risks posed by the alleged perpetrator will begin as soon as this referral is received. The client will be offered advice and support throughout the MARAC process and will be updated as to the outcome of the meeting and next steps.

| **Referrer Information:**  |
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| Date: | Name | Role: | Contact Number | Email Address |
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| **Victim/Survivor Safe Contact** |
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| Forename(s) | Surname(s) | DOB | Gender | Address  | Tel / Email |
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| **Alleged Perpetrator** |
| Forename(s) | Surname(s) | DOB | Gender | Address | Tel / Email  |
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| **Type of relationship between Victim/Survivor and Alleged Perpetrator:** |  |

| **Child(ren) IT IS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE ANY UNBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE** |
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| Forename(s) | Surname(s) | DOB / EDD | Gender | Address | Tel / Email  |
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| **Additional Information About the Client** *(include information not already covered in the Risk Assessment)* |
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| Ethnicity | Religion | Languages Spoken (please state if an interpreter is needed) | Sexuality |
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| Does the victim identify as being disabled or have a long-term health condition? If ‘yes’ please describe | Other Vulnerabilities (homelessness, pregnancy, mental health, substance/alcohol misuse, sex work / sexual exploitation, NRPF, literacy, older person, under 18) |
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| **Housing / tenancy status** |
| Hackney Homes |  | Housing Association |  | Temporary Accommodation |  | CYPS-provided |   |
| Refuge |  | Private Rental |  | Owner Occupier |  | No Fixed Abode |  |

| **Additional Information About Alleged Perpetrator** *(include information not already covered in the Risk Assessment)* |
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| Ethnicity | Languages Spoken | Religion | Sexuality | Vulnerabilities / Risks(mental health, physical disability, learning disability, long-term health condition, substance/alcohol misuse, NRPF, literacy, older person, under 18, criminality / exploitation) |
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| **Reason for MARAC Referral:***give details of the most recent incident(s), dates, the nature, frequency and history of abuse and any exacerbating factors; include only information not already covered in the Risk Assessment)* |
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| **Victim/Survivor’s wishes / desired MARAC outcomes:** |
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| **What is the ‘score’ on the 24-question part of the** [**Risk Assessment**](https://hackneywebsite-wp-mediafiles.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/New-Hackney-Domestic-Abuse-Risk-Assessment.docx)**?** |  |
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| **On what basis are you making a referral to MARAC? (*tick only one of these*)** |
| Visible High Risk |  | Potential Escalation |  | Professional Judgement |  | Repeat Referral (date incident) |  |

| **What agencies are involved with the Victim/Survivor, Alleged Perpetrator, Children or Vulnerable Adults?** **(include any allocated officer / contact person within Housing Service / Housing Association / Refuge)** |
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| Agency | Contact Person | Role | Telephone Number | Email Address |
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**Information sharing**

|  | Yes | When | No |
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| **Has the Victim/Survivor been notified of the MARAC Referral?** |  |  |  |
| **If not, why not?** |
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**Consent**

| **I am sharing information based on the legal authority of (tick one or more):** |
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| Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015Page 5 of statutory guidance:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice> | ☐ |
| Care Act 2014Section 14.157 page 271 of statutory guidance:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-statutory-guidance-for-implementation> | ☐ |
| Data Protection Act section 29 Prevention / detection of crime and/or apprehension or prosecution of offenders <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/section/29> | ☐ |
| Common LawOverriding public interest <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/gmgr-annexe-c8> | ☐ |
| Human Rights Act 1998 Article 8 right to privacy <http://www.scie.org.uk/care-act-2014/safeguarding-adults/sharing-information/what-does-the-law-say.asp> | ☐ |
| Compliance with a Court Order | ☐ |