

MARAC

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

Information for
people at risk from
domestic abuse

What is a MARAC?

MARAC stands for **Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference**. It is a meeting where agencies talk about the risk of serious harm to people experiencing domestic abuse in their area, and make safety plans to support those at most risk. The aim is to increase the safety and well-being of the adults and children involved, and reduce the risk of them becoming repeat victims.

When do MARACs meet?

The MARAC meets once a month to consider the needs of new people who have been referred, and to review the needs of those whose situations have changed.

How will the MARAC help me?

If your case has been put forward for discussion at a MARAC, it is because it is believed that you could be at risk of serious harm from domestic abuse.

At the MARAC, different agencies come together to pool their knowledge and make a plan to help keep you and your family safe.

Who attends a MARAC?

A number of different agencies attend a MARAC. They include:

- Police
- DVAP
- Probation
- Social Services (Adult/Child)
- Housing
- Health

Confidentiality

The MARAC will respect your right to privacy and confidentiality. Any information resulting from the meeting will be kept secure and not shared with anyone who is not involved in your case. Everybody at the MARAC has to sign a confidentiality agreement before the meeting begins.

What if I don't want my case to be involved?

If consent is not given to take the case to MARAC it is necessary to take the reasons for refusal and consider whether it will be necessary to override this decision in line with the level of risk that is present. Either way you will be informed of the decision to take the case to MARAC or not.

Do I need to go to the MARAC?

No, you have the option of attending but this is not mandatory. If you want to let the MARAC meeting know about anything affecting your safety, or things you need help with, let your support worker know and they can complete a wishes and feelings form with you to be read out on the day.

What happens after a MARAC?

After a MARAC your support worker will contact you about the meeting. They will let you know about the help and support that agencies are offering

Examples of actions the MARAC might discuss include:

- Arranging for a police officer to check on your welfare
- Providing extra security at your home, or helping with emergency housing transfers
- Ensuring schools do not allow your children to leave with anyone but you

**Your Support Worker's
contact details:**

Name:

Agency:

Telephone No's:

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CALL 999**

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS IN
EAST RIDING OF
YORKSHIRE

Police (general enquiries)	0845 6060222
Domestic Violence Confidential Helpline	01482 396330
DVAP	01482 396368
Women's Aid	0808 2000247
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Housing, Social Services etc.)	01482 887700
Victim Support	0845 3030900

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