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**Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) factsheet**

**What is the Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (Dash) Risk Indicator Checklist (RIC)**

The Dash RIC is a series of 27 questions that is completed by a professional with a victim of domestic abuse (DA). It is a tool to assess current DA, within the last 3 months, which aims to indicate those who are at highest risk of harm and should be referred to the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) service and / or MARAC

The Dash RIC can be downloaded from the DASV website Professionals page

[Cambridgeshire County Council DASV Partnership - Make a Referral](https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/make_a_referral)

Any disclosure of domestic abuse requires a response to ensure the victim, and any children or family members are safe.

**Thresholds for referring DA victims to MARAC:**

* Very high-risk, 17+ ticks on Dash RIC
* Professional judgement - there is of very high-risk of serious harm or homicide that has not been evidenced within the Dash RIC questions. This MUST be documented in the professional judgement section of the checklist
* Repeat - heard within the last year
* Escalation - 3 high risk Dash RICs received within the last year

**What happens at MARAC?**

* The allocated IDVA acts as primary safeguarding lead for the victim and shares risk led information and advocates the thoughts and wishes of the victim. The primary aim being to keep the victim, children and other named vulnerable household members safe from further abuse.
* MARAC meetings take place 3 times a week:

Peterborough – Tuesday

Cambridgeshire - Wednesdays and Fridays

* As the professional making a MARAC referral you will be required to attend the MARAC meeting to present the case
* Persons present at a MARAC meeting:

MARAC Chair

MARAC co-ordinator / minute taker

IDVA, Police, Adult Social Care, Children’s Social Care, Probation, Education, Drug & Alcohol services, Health, Housing and any other relevant professionals to the case

* Each case is allocated 20 minutes
* Risks are collectively identified and agreed by professionals present and a plan is collectively formulated by suggesting specific actions to reduce identified risks
* Actions to reduce risk taken by professionals must be completed within 7 days

If you have any questions, please contact the Duty IDVA to discuss

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