



Domestic Abuse Pathways in BROMLEY

Training Outcomes

Learners will gain knowledge of-

- Bromley's Domestic Abuse Local Offer
- An overview of the DASH Risk assessment
- An overview of MARAC and DAPP and their referral pathways
- Links to documents, guidance and referral routes

DOMESTIC ABUSE, STALKING AND HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE ('DASH' Risk Assessment)



- The Dash Risk Assessment provides practitioners with a simple and consistent risk assessment when working with adult victims of domestic abuse
- It helps practitioners identify those who are at risk of harm from Domestic Abuse and is scored using - Low 0-9, medium 10-13, high 14+
- DASH Identifies which cases are high risk- score of 14 and above should be referred to the MARAC Panel alongside an IDVA referral in order to manage risk
- It is good practice to make a referral to an IDVA service in all cases of domestic abuse no matter what the scoring is. If children or vulnerable adults are involved, a referral to social care should also be considered
- Training on Dash Risk Assessments and MARAC pathway is embedded in the Intermediate Domestic Abuse training offered by LBB
- There are specialised DASH Risk Assessments e.g. young people



DASH FAQ's

- Do I have to ask the victim every question on the assessment?
- Yes. It is important that we get a comprehensive view of the risks that somebody suffers. Without this, there is a danger that one may overlook something significant in a case which causes an agency's response to be inadequate
- What about cases that do not meet the threshold of 14 ticks?
- Inevitably, there will be cases that fall just below the actuarial threshold where you as a practitioner have genuine concerns about a victim and here you have full discretion to use your professional judgement to refer them into the MARAC Panel
- Does the DASH cover intergenerational and honour based violence?
- The checklist is designed for use in cases of intimate partner and wider family violence
- Is it suitable for cases of stalking?
- DASH is not appropriate for use in cases where stalking occurs but there has been no previous relationship

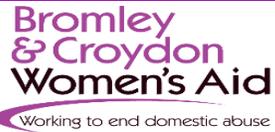
DASH

Referral Forms and Guidance



- **DASH Risk Assessment and Guidance-Bromley LSCB - Domestic Violence Abuse (Info for professionals)**
(bromleysafeguarding.org)
- **DASH Specialist risk assessments- Resources for identifying the risk victims face | Safelives**

Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid (BCWA)



BCWA is Bromley's local provider of domestic abuse services providing the following support:

- **Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (1-1 support)** – Domestic abuse cases can be referred in for IDVA risk assessment and support
- **Freedom/Keys to Freedom Programmes** – Group programmes led by BCWA providing a community based setting to discuss experiences and effect change
- **One Stop Shop**- A free confidential service providing support from key services- solicitors, housing, IDVAs and police
- **Domestic Abuse Professional Training**- Supporting Bromley Council in delivering a domestic abuse training package to professionals
- **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)/European Economic Area (EEA)nationals**- Outreach Worker for Bromley and Croydon residents
- **Specialist services e.g. Young People and LGBTQ+**

BCWA Referral Pathways

- **Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors (IDVA's)** [IDVA – Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid \(bcwa.org.uk\)](https://www.bcwa.org.uk)/020 8313 9303
- **Freedom/Keys to Freedom Programme-** [Support Groups run by Bromley Women's Aid | Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid \(bcwa.org.uk\)](https://www.bcwa.org.uk)/ 020 8313 9303
- **One Stop Shop-** [Bromley Women's Aid Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop | Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid \(bcwa.org.uk\)](https://www.bcwa.org.uk)/020 8313 9303
- **Young Peoples services-**[Young People's Services – Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid \(bcwa.org.uk\)](https://www.bcwa.org.uk)
- **LGBT+ Services-**[LGBT services !\[\]\(36f8637baaa56c4be44b454435949289_img.jpg\) – Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid \(bcwa.org.uk\)](https://www.bcwa.org.uk)



Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)



- MARAC is an Information sharing panel with key services who support the creation of an action plan for high risk, high harm cases including appropriate referrals
- The primary focus of a MARAC is to safeguard adult victims and protect families
- Any professional can refer into MARAC and can use the DASH risk assessment to assess risk. (Victim consent is requested for MARAC but professional judgement can override consent if there is a safeguarding concern including risks to children)
- Referral into IDVA services should be made by referrer at the time of the MARAC referral if service is not already in place (consent required)
- Referring service represents case. Victim survivor does not attend MARAC.

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MARAC Referral Forms and Guidance



- **MARAC Safe Lives Guidance-**
<https://safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings>
- **MARAC Referral Form-**
[MARAC_South_Area_Referral_Form_Reviewed.pdf \(inzu.net\)](#)

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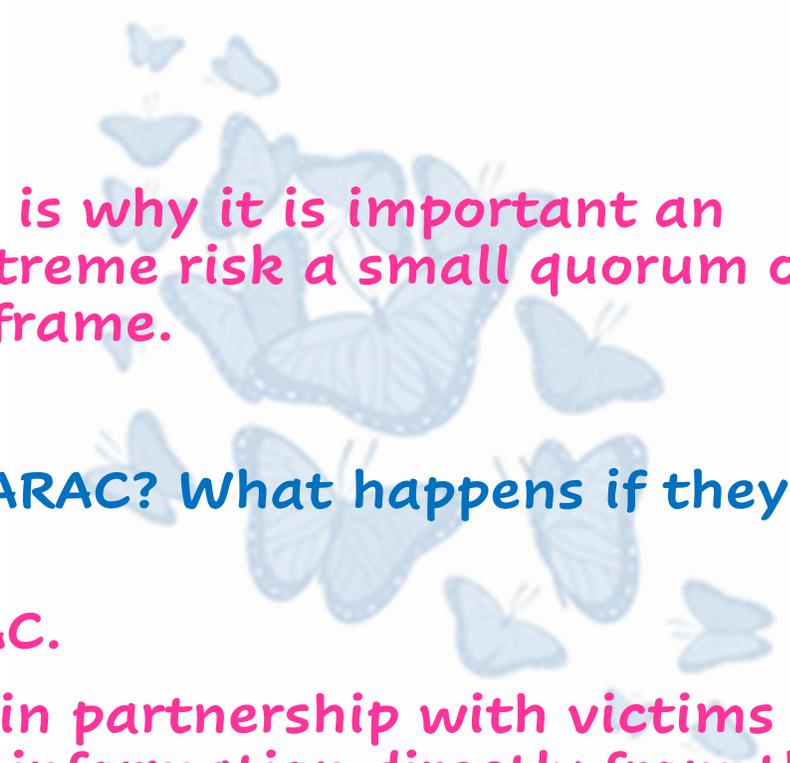
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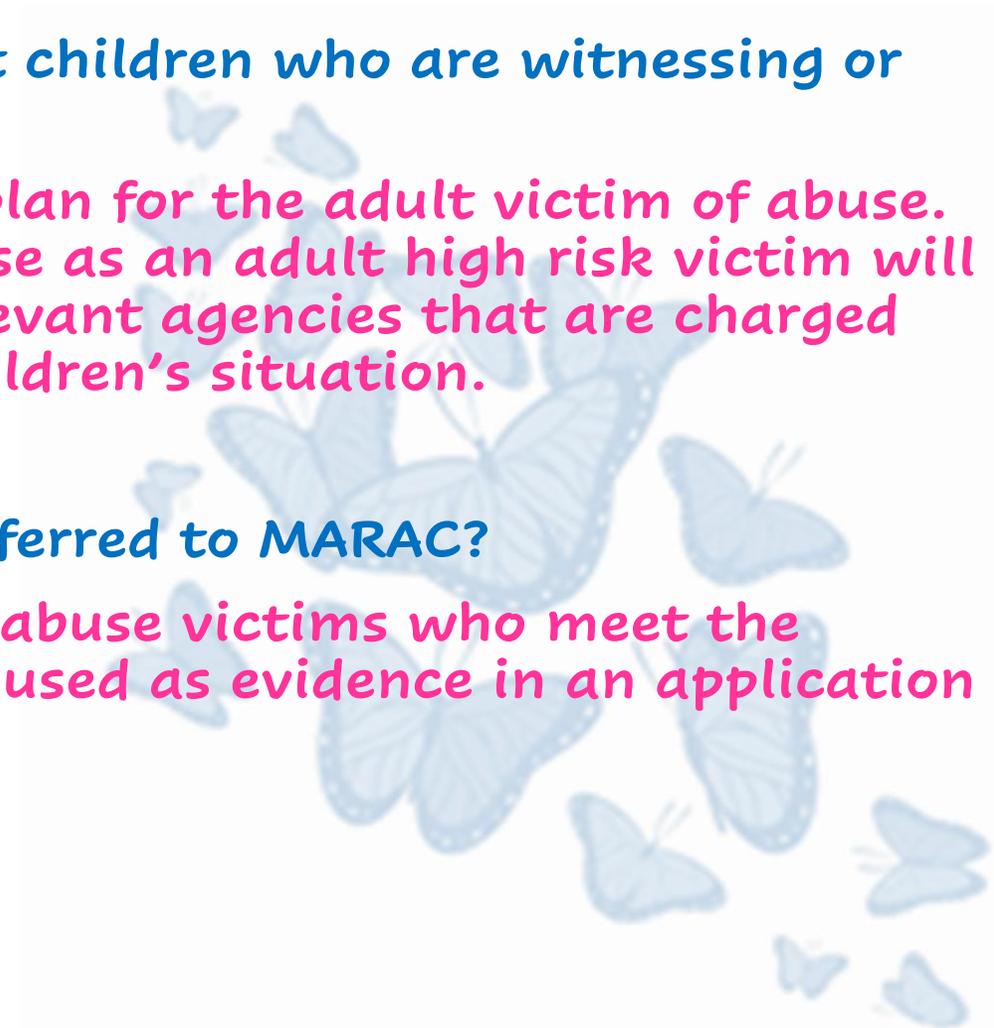
MARAC FAQ's

- How often are MARAC Panels held?
- In Bromley, MARAC panels are held once a month. This is why it is important an IDVA referral is made as soon as possible. In case of extreme risk a small quorum of professionals may discuss the case outside of the time frame.
- Do victims know that their cases are being heard at MARAC? What happens if they don't want this to happen?
- It is important that the victim is informed of the MARAC.
- SafeLives recommends that it is good practice to work in partnership with victims where possible, in order to obtain the most up-to-date information directly from the victim.
- It is relatively unusual, but in cases where the victim doesn't want to be referred, practitioners must assess whether it is proportionate and defensible to share information, depending on the level of risk that the victim is facing.



MARAC FAQ's

- Are children discussed at MARAC? Can IDVAs assist children who are witnessing or experiencing abuse?
- The focus of the MARAC is to implement a safety plan for the adult victim of abuse. However, children involved in the same MARAC case as an adult high risk victim will be mentioned at MARAC. This ensures that the relevant agencies that are charged with safeguarding children are informed of the children's situation.
- Can victims with no recourse to public funds be referred to MARAC?
- Yes, the MARAC is available for all adult domestic abuse victims who meet the MARAC high risk threshold. A MARAC case may be used as evidence in an application for Indefinite Leave to Remain (in the UK).



Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel (DAPP)

DRIVE >

Drive works in effecting behaviour change in high-harm high-risk and serial perpetrators of domestic abuse by using disrupt or diversion interventions to prevent their abusive behaviour and protect victims

What is DAPP?

DAPP is the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel that feeds into the DRIVE service. It is very similar to the MARAC with a regular multi-agency panel meeting, but focusses on effecting behaviour change in high risk, high harm perpetrators of abuse through a multi-agency approach.

The DAPP Referral Process

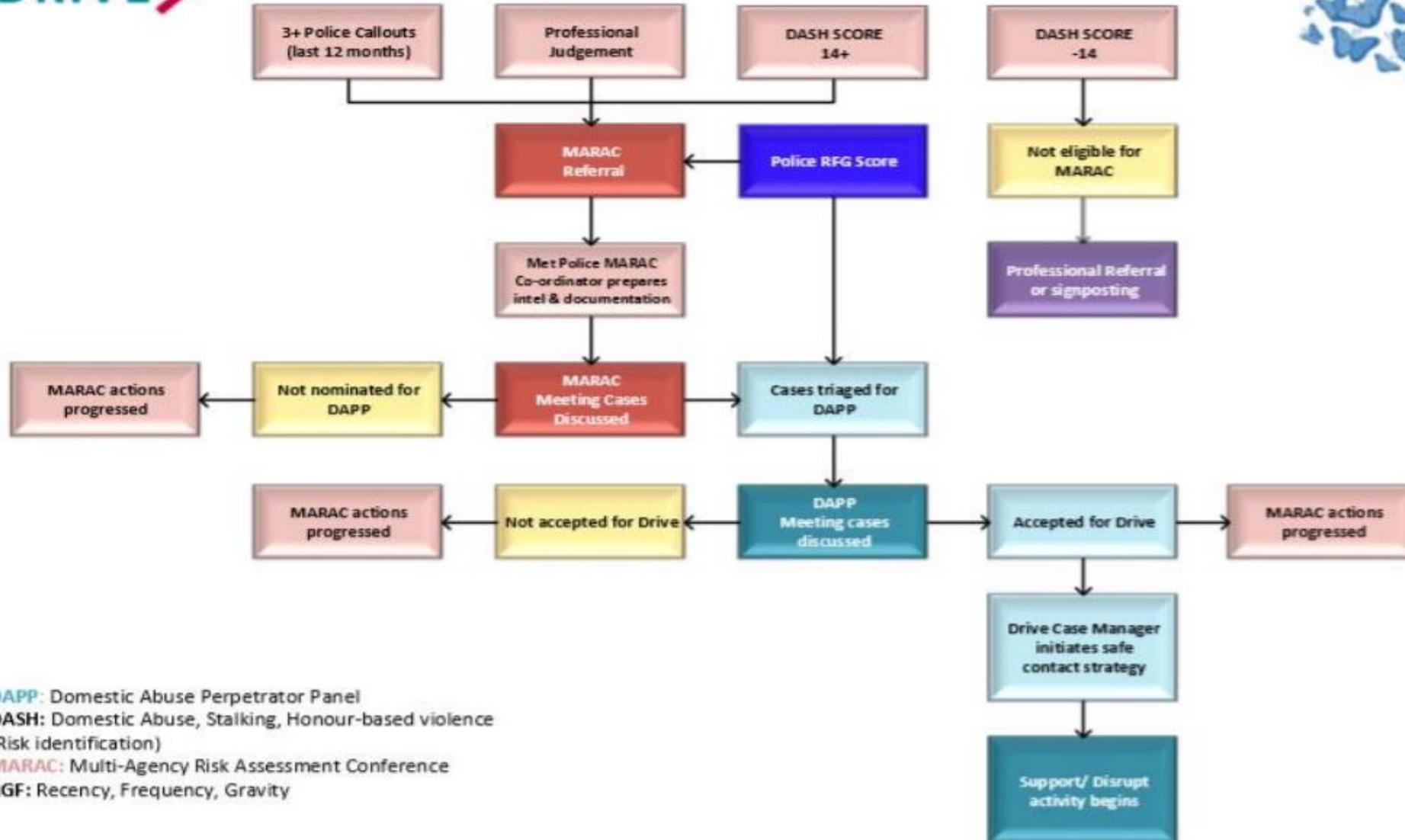
The DAPP panel only takes referrals directly from the MARAC Panel or the Police



DAPP Referral Process



MARAC/ DAPP (Drive) Criteria & Process



DAPP: Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel
DASH: Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Honour-based violence
 (Risk identification)
MARAC: Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
RGF: Recency, Frequency, Gravity

DRIVE FAQ's



How does the Drive Project work?

- Intensive one-to-one work and case management. The Drive case manager works with the perpetrator to challenge and support changes in attitudes, beliefs and behaviour. This often also requires addressing additional needs that stand in the way of the change process, such as mental health, substance misuse and housing needs
- A coordinated multi-agency response that disrupts opportunities for perpetrators to continue their abuse; and identifies and reduces risk
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) support is provided to the victim/survivor to ensure joined up working and safety
- The Drive Project does not require the direct engagement of perpetrators. Where perpetrators refuse to engage, Drive is still able to reduce risk. The combination of one-to-one interventions alongside a police-led multi-agency response together with the three-pronged approach of disrupt, change, support is what makes Drive different from other interventions

DRIVE FAQ's

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- **Would DRIVE practitioners visit perpetrator's homes?**
Yes once a risk assessment has been completed and it is deemed safe for practitioner
- **Can I refer into Drive as a professional?**
No. Drive only accepts referrals through the DAPP panel. The DAPP panel only takes referrals directly from MARAC or the Police
- **Do you accept referrals if the perpetrator and victim are living together or in a relationship?**
No, the safety of the victim and their family is paramount

DRIVE further Support for Professionals Working with Perpetrators



- Drive offer further support for professionals and perpetrators via their website
- This includes-
 - A live webchat service for professionals working with perpetrators
 - An email response service for professionals working with perpetrators
 - The Respect phoneline for people worried about their own behaviour which also takes queries from professionals
 - A professional community portal for sharing best practice
- <http://driveproject.org.uk/about/advice-for-professionals/>

Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse (CODA)



Bromley Children Project, Early Intervention and Family Support Service for Bromley, delivers the Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse programme (CODA) to mothers and children who have experienced domestic abuse. They provide a community based setting to share and talk about experiences

The model is based on a programme of sessions for children aged 4 -16 (the children are divided into age-specific groups) which run for one and a half hours a week over a ten week period.

The programme offers concurrent group sessions for the children's mothers. They are supported to understand how the violence has impacted on their child and how best to help them through the healing process.

CODA Referral Pathway



- **Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse programme (CODA) Leaflet-**
- http://onebromley/BA/Pub_CandYP/Pub_AandI/Team_AandI/BCandFP/team_BCP/Published%20Documents/CGWP%20Booklet%2029.08.18.pdf
- **Referral form-**
- http://onebromley/BA/Pub_CandYP/Pub_AandI/Team_AandI/BCandFP/team_BCP/Published%20Documents/BCP%20Childrens%20Group%20Referral%20Form.pdf
- **For more information on CODA please contact-**
- childrensgroup@bromley.gov.uk



CODA FAQs

What is the criteria for the course?

- Mothers must get permission from the school to release the child.
- Children must not still be exposed to violence in the home and have been away from the violence for at least 6 months.
- The child must be considered to have been impacted by the exposure of the domestic violence.

What is the referral process?

- Professional identifies family suitable for course and refers in
- Families will receive a letter confirming that they have been put on a waiting list and will be contacted when suitable course is available.
- A risk assessment will be completed with the mother and child to ensure children are placed in correct group.
- Family will be allocated suitable course keyworker who will keep in contact with parents who do not attend weekly sessions

Bromley Local Domestic Abuse Information

Bromley's Integrated Domestic Abuse Strategy 'Making Domestic Abuse Everyone's Business' 2021/2024-

- <https://bromleysafeguardingadults.org/p/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse>

London Borough of Bromley Domestic Abuse Training Package-

- <https://bromleysafeguardingadults.org/p/training/training-2>
- <https://www.bromleysafeguarding.org/articles.php?id=613>



