

## What happens after the MARAC and how can it help me?

After the MARAC your IDVA, or another practitioner you have been working with, will contact you and explain what happened and what the different agencies can do to support you.

Actions that come from a MARAC could include:

- Helping to make your property more secure or providing different housing options.
- Making sure relevant agencies that you approach are aware of your situation so they can support you better.
- Support for children affected by the abuse.
- Support with criminal or civil prosecutions.
- Arranging joint meetings between agencies to help coordinate any support you may need.

## What people said after their case was heard at MARAC and they had been supported by an IDVA:

### “ You offer a fantastic service.

If it wasn't for you, nobody would listen. I was left with such a positive experience last time. I will always accept your help”

“ I don't feel scared like I used to, I know I can call you anytime and you will help me”

**DONCASTER  
DOMESTIC  
ABUSE  
HUB**

## Who can I talk to about Domestic Violence/Abuse?

**Doncaster Domestic Abuse website:**  
[www.doncaster.gov.uk/domesticabuse](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/domesticabuse)

**Doncaster Domestic Abuse Hub:**  
*Emotional and practical support for any victim of domestic abuse.*  
**Tel: 01302 737080**

**24hour National Domestic Violence Helpline:**  
*The Freephone helpline is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence and others calling on their behalf.*  
**Tel: 0808 2000 247**

**Men's Advice Line**  
[www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)  
*National free confidential helpline for men who experience violence from partners/ex-partners.*  
**Tel: 0808 801 0327**

**Honour Network Helpline**  
[www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk)  
*Free confidential helpline for victims and survivors of forced marriage and honour based abuse.*  
**Tel: 0800 5999 247**

**Galop**  
[www.galop.org.uk](http://www.galop.org.uk)  
*Support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people.*  
**Tel: 0800 999 5428**

**Respect Phonenumber**  
[www.respectphonenumber.org.uk](http://www.respectphonenumber.org.uk)  
*Information and advice for people concerned about their abusive and/or violent behaviour towards their partners.*  
**Tel: 0845 122 8609**

**DDAH**  
**DONCASTER  
DOMESTIC  
ABUSE HUB**

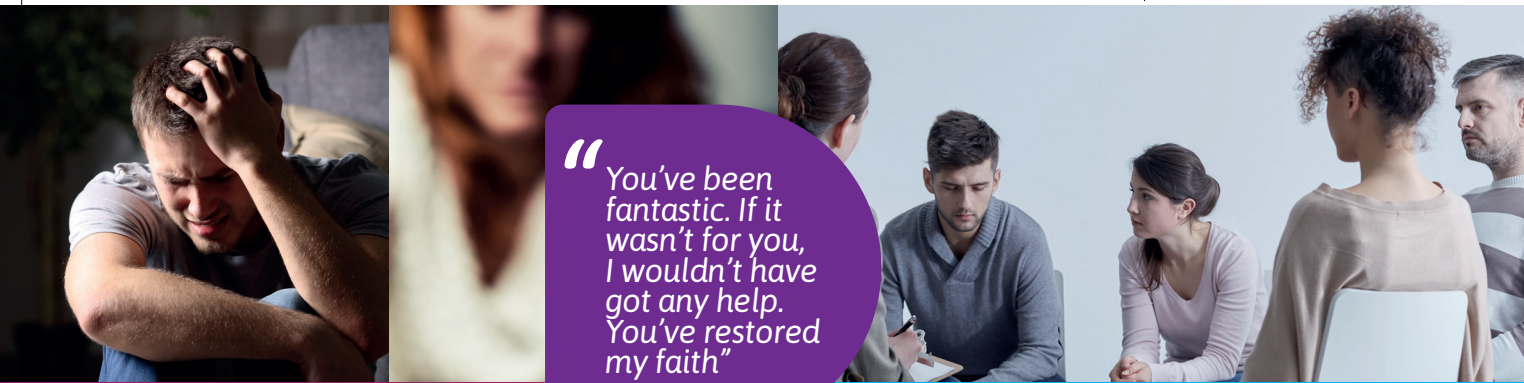
# Doncaster MARAC

**(Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)**

## Information for people at risk from domestic abuse



**Doncaster  
Council**



*“You’ve been fantastic. If it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t have got any help. You’ve restored my faith”*

## What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is not only physical violence. It can be also be emotional or psychological, financial or sexual abuse.

Domestic abuse is not a one off incident but is an on-going pattern of behaviour. Once begun, the abuse and/or violence will often get worse over a period of time. This abusive behaviour also includes Forced Marriage, Honour Based Abuse and Female Genital Mutilation.

Domestic abuse is used to control or intimidate a partner, ex-partner or family member. It can happen to anyone regardless of age, gender, sexuality or ethnicity.

## What is a domestic abuse MARAC?

MARAC stands for Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference.

It is a meeting held twice a month in Doncaster where workers from a number of agencies come together to discuss the safety and well-being of people experiencing domestic abuse who are at risk of serious harm.

The aim is to improve the safety of those involved and reduce the risk of further abuse.

## Who is referred to the MARAC?

Practitioners from a wide range of agencies across Doncaster are trained to identify domestic abuse and ask the right questions to help them make a decision about the risks to victims and their family members.

**People who are identified as being at ‘high risk’ of serious current or future harm from domestic abuse will be referred to the MARAC.**

The practitioner referring you to MARAC will speak to you about it and ask if you agree for your details to be discussed with other agencies at the meeting. Sharing personal information is essential to safeguard you and any children and/or vulnerable members of your family. Your information will only be shared with those agencies involved in the MARAC for the purposes of safeguarding. All information that is shared at the meeting will be kept secure and everybody at the MARAC has to sign a confidentiality agreement before the meeting begins.

**The abuser is not aware that the MARAC is taking place and information will not be passed on to them.**

If you do not agree to share your information but the practitioner is worried that you are at serious risk they have a duty to share your information without your consent.

## Which agencies attend MARAC?

Doncaster agencies that attend MARAC include:

- Doncaster Council
- South Yorkshire Police
- St. Leger Homes
- Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humberside NHS Trust
- Doncaster Children’s Services Trust
- Aspire
- National Probation Service
- South Yorkshire and Humberside Community Rehabilitation Company
- Riverside
- Schools
- GPs
- DRASACS
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust
- Specialist voluntary sector agencies

## Do I need to attend the MARAC?

**No.**

Once you are referred to MARAC you will be contacted by an IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate). The IDVA is independent of any agency and is there to support you and be your voice at the MARAC. The IDVA will support you before, during and after the MARAC meeting.



**Call: 01302 737 080**

Or, contact us via email at:

✉ [dahub@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:dahub@doncaster.gov.uk)