



Domestic Abuse: A Referral Pathway for Hampshire

What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is any single incident, course of conduct or pattern of abusive behaviour between individuals aged 16 or over who are “personally connected” to each other as a result of being, or having been, intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. Children who see, hear or experience the effects of the abuse and are related to either of the parties are also considered victims of domestic abuse.

Behaviour is “abusive” if it consists of any of the following: physical or sexual abuse; violent or threatening behaviour; controlling or coercive behaviour; economic abuse; or psychological, emotional or other abuse. This includes incidences where the abusive party directs their behaviour at another person (e.g. a child). Economic abuse means any behaviour that has a substantial adverse effect on someone’s ability to acquire, use or maintain money or other property, or obtain goods or services.

Jargon buster

DASH - Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Harassment and Honour Based Violence - a risk assessment checklist.

HRDA - High Risk Domestic Abuse Meetings

IDVA - Independent Domestic Violence Advisor

MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

MASH - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

Safelives - The organisation that developed and oversees DASH and MARACs.

What is risk assessment (DASH?)

Risk assessment is a crucial part of helping to deal with domestic abuse. Levels of threat, danger and violence need to be identified and established to ensure the most appropriate course of action, and also to ensure the victim’s safety. In Hampshire we recommend that everyone uses the DASH risk assessment. It also identifies cases needing to be referred to MARAC/HRDA.

What are MARAC and HRDA?

In a single monthly meeting, a domestic abuse Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) combines up-to-date risk information with a comprehensive assessment of a victim’s needs. It identifies the actions needed to keep them safe and the most appropriate services for all those involved: victim, children and perpetrator.

HRDA meetings are the daily version of MARAC that the highest risk cases are heard at, receiving a more immediate response.

Complete a MARAC referral form and email it, together with the DASH assessment if you have one, to hampshire.mash.admin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The MASH will decide if the case will be heard at MARAC or HRDA, you do not need to make this assessment or decision. You can also call 01329 316 113 to make referrals to MARAC/HRDA or to seek further advice

For more information about MARAC/HRDA and how to refer, visit the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership website.

What is the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (HDAP)?

The Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (HDAP) is formed by a variety of statutory and voluntary sector agencies working together to tackle the issue of domestic abuse. There are lots of organisations offering services and support to all members of a family. This includes victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people and perpetrators of abuse. The two commissioned services are currently provided by Stop Domestic Abuse and the Hampton Trust.

Support for victims, survivors and children - Stop Domestic Abuse

The main types of help offered for victims and children are: crisis accommodation or refuge, outreach support in the community, IDVA support for high risk clients, dedicated support for children and families, move on and resettlement services, and personal support networks and group work.

To find out more, contact the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Advice Line (run by Stop Domestic Abuse) on **03300 165 112**.

Support for perpetrators of abuse - Hampton Trust

For perpetrators, there are a variety of one-to-one and group work interventions that work to help perpetrators of abuse address the root cause of their behaviour to make positive changes. These services are free and impartial and can assist by giving practical help and emotional support as well as providing information on a wide range of matters, including housing matters, benefits, safety planning and the needs of children affected by domestic abuse.

To find out more, contact the Hampton Trust on **02380 009898**.

Both of these services can also signpost you to other organisations, depending on the client's needs, if they require a different, additional or more appropriate service.

What is the Victim Care Service?

The **Victim Care Service** is delivered by Victim Support to **standard risk** victims of domestic abuse. The specialist Domestic Abuse team offer practical, emotional and intensive support to victims of crime and abuse, as well as risk assessment and safety planning advice. You can refer directly for people at standard risk, or if unsure of risk level, contact the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service Advice Line who can help you with risk assessment and access to the right service. The Victim Care Service also has a specialist Children and Young Persons team supporting those aged between four and 18.

Key contacts and services

- **Hampshire Police: 999** in an emergency and **101** for all other calls/enquiries
- **Hampshire Domestic Abuse Advice Line: 0330 0165 112**
- **Stop Domestic Abuse: 0330 0165 112**
- **Victim Care Service** (for standard risk victims): **0808 178 1641**
- **Hampton Trust Advice Line: 02380 009898**
- **Hampshire Children's Services: 0300 555 1384**
- **Hampshire Adult Social Care** (safeguarding): **0300 555 1386**
- **MARAC/HRDA (Police Safeguarding Team):** hampshire.mash.Admin@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- **Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership** www.hants.gov.uk/domesticabuse

Domestic abuse disclosure - what should I do?

