

MARAC update

Changes to the MARAC
for Greater Essex

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Update on Southend, Essex & Thurrock MARAT

Issued on behalf of the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board – July 2017

Recap

Three new Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) arrangements were put into place from July 2016 across Southend, Essex and Thurrock. Essex and Southend have implemented a static MARAT model during that time and Thurrock has recruited a MARAC co-ordinator for their Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – as recommended by Safe Lives.

MARAC meets:

Essex: Twice daily, morning and afternoon.

Southend: Once weekly, Thursday

Thurrock: Once weekly, Wednesday

MARAC ensures domestic abuse cases are handled in an efficient, timely manner. **Under the new model every high level case should be heard at MARAC within two weeks of being reported.**

Core Agencies

- Health

Comment

Southend, Essex and Thurrock new MARAC models went live between July 2016 and August 2016. As a model, the new process is working well whilst at the same time learning lessons to continue to evolve. Although the MARAC is no longer held in the community, we all have a part to play in safeguarding victims and their families from domestic abuse.

Please ensure that your agency is linked in and you understand how your agency can refer into your area MARAC.

I'd like to thank those who have participated in new MARAC process. The more agencies involved in the MARAC process, the better we can safeguard against domestic abuse.

Please cascade this communication further amongst your organisations and share with anybody else you feel may benefit from this information.

- Alison Gilmour, Head of Domestic Abuse Partnerships.

- Community Rehabilitation Company
- Substance Misuse
- Housing
- Police
- IDVA
- Adult/ Children Social Care
- Education

How to Make a Referral to MARAC

All agencies have a valuable role to play in safety planning for victims and we will ensure you receive information and are able to make a contribution.

We are referring to agencies who are not part of the static MARAC Teams as MARAC Allied Partners.

Within this communication you will find the MARAT Manager for your area, please contact them directly for the MARAC external referrals form, you will also need to complete a DASH risk assessment with this and submit to your local MARAT. Please include a full rational on the referral form as to why the case is high risk.

This will need to be submitted to:

Essex: MARACESSEX@essex.pnn.police.uk

Thurrock: thurrockmash@thurrock.gcsx.gov.uk

Southend:
southenddfpsafeguarding@southend.gcsx.gov.uk

Prior to MARACs – Arrangements

You will be given a date and time as to when the case will be heard. New processes to ensure that referring agencies full engagement have been put into place. (This is flexible, and you will be advised

MARAT Manager – Contact

If you have any questions please email:

Essex:

Jacqueline.Lovegrove@essex.pnn.police.uk

Southend:

JulieJones@southend.gov.uk

Thurrock: sogu@thurrock.gov.uk

a week before your case is heard).

There is an expectation for referring agencies to present their case to enable the best safeguarding possible. Options to dial into the conference or physically attend are available.

After MARAC

After the MARAC you will receive a copy of the action plan. You will only need to update us if you have been unable to complete your action – we operate under the expectation that actions will be completed by professionals if they have agreed to them within the MARAC meeting.

Work for a static MARAC partner agency?

You should be copying in your lead to your referral and advising them directly as to whether you will be attending to present the case information. If you don't know who your lead is contact your area MARAC Manager for further information.

Observe MARAC

We do welcome observers to the MARAC meetings to help gain a better understanding of the process and offer the opportunity to meet the team and ask any questions regarding the new static process.

Operating Protocol

If you would like a copy of the operating protocol please contact the relevant MARAC Manger.



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