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Run by CRI

National Domestic Violence 24 hour Helpline

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National Men's Advice Enquiry Line

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Sussex Police

0845 60 70 999

In an emergency dial 999



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East Sussex Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

Working together to reduce
the risks for domestic
abuse victims at risk
of serious harm

How it works



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East Sussex MARACs

There are two MARACs held in East Sussex, one covering Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden areas and one MARAC covering Hastings and Rother.

What is a Domestic Abuse MARAC?

The MARAC is a meeting that brings together representatives from a number of agencies in East Sussex to discuss the safety, health and well-being of people experiencing domestic abuse (and their children) so that important information does not get missed. A multi-agency action plan is developed to provide the right help to make someone safer and reduce the risk of future abuse.

Who is referred to the MARAC?

People who are or have been in an intimate relationship, including a same sex relationship, and who are at high risk of current or future harm because of domestic abuse are talked about at the MARAC. Each domestic abuse case is risk assessed; these risk factors can include the nature of abuse for example, emotional, physical, sexual, financial abuse and previous behaviour including threats to kill.

Who attends the MARAC?

There are a number of different agencies who attend the MARACs in East Sussex. There are people from both voluntary and statutory organisations, such as Sussex Police, local housing authorities, East Sussex County Council, community health representatives, refuge providers and substance misuse services.

There is a protocol between agencies who attend the MARAC which makes it clear what is expected of individual agencies, including how to store, manage and share information.

Information shared at the MARAC

Information shared between agencies at the MARAC is restricted so only essential information is shared. This is so people experiencing domestic abuse are protected. MARAC agencies have agreed to keep the information confidential to the MARAC. Where it is safe to do so, all victims discussed at the MARAC will be asked if they are happy to be referred to the MARAC.

Who represents victims at the MARAC?

Anyone referred to the MARAC is offered support by an Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA). The IDVA will represent the victim's views at the MARAC. When safe to do so, the IDVA will contact the victim before the meeting to gather up-to-date information about the situation, and to discuss ways to increase their safety. The IDVA co-ordinates the MARAC multi-agency action plan and follows up actions from the meeting. Usually, they (or sometimes another professional) will provide feedback to the victim about the meeting.

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