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MARAC Information Request Form - General Practice

You have been sent this form by ... because a patient of yours is being discussed at a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) because high risk domestic abuse has been identified.

This professional has completed Part 1 of the form and has requested that you provide additional relevant information.

Below you will find detailed information regarding the legal grounds for sharing information with the MARACS, as well as the summary of Caldicott Principles that justifies sharing information at the MARAC. Please read 'Surrey MARAC Guidance for GPs' (attached) if you are using this form for the first time, or if you need background information about the role of GPs at the MARAC. Referrals to MARAC are often made without consent of the person and the information is requested understanding that this may be the case.

Please return the form to MARACCRU@surrey.pnn.police.uk within one week of receiving the request.

Part 1: To be completed by the MARAC coordinator or the MARAC health representative

Name			Organisation	
Job Role			Phone	
Email				
Person	Name	Date of Birth	Address	
Victim				

Part 2: To be completed by the GP

Please provide relevant and proportionate information about the family members registered with your practice. Ensure that any information you share is 'Caldecott compliant' and that you document any decision to share (or not to share) information:

If the registered patient is the victim:

When was the patient last seen and by whom?
Has the patient disclosed any recent incidents of domestic abuse (within the last 12 months)? If 'yes', please provide details below and any safeguarding measures taken by the GP or colleague
Has the patient presented with any problems or conditions that may be associated with domestic abuse? <i>For example, anxiety or depression, substance misuse (drugs or alcohol), unexplained chronic pain.</i> For additional information see NICE guidance on domestic abuse Recognizing domestic violence and abuse Recognition Domestic violence and abuse CKS NICE . If 'yes', please provide details below.
How many times has the patient been to A&E in the last 12 months, and were any of the visits possibly related to the domestic abuse? For additional information see NICE guidance on domestic abuse Recognizing domestic violence and abuse Recognition Domestic violence and abuse CKS NICE
Does the victim have any disabilities, mental health needs, problematic substance use issues, pregnancy (within the last 12 months) or other safeguarding needs that may increase the risk of violence and abuse? If 'yes' please provide details below.

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If the registered patient has a child:

Please consider all the above questions and then detail below any answers that apply to the child(ren). Please specify which child you are referring to if there is more than one (i.e. has the child disclosed any incidents of domestic abuse? Has the child attended A&E within the last 12 months? Does the child have any additional vulnerabilities that could increase the risk of harm?)

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Do you have any safeguarding concerns for the child(ren)? If 'yes', please detail your concerns below, as well as whether a safeguarding referral has been made to Children's Social Care, including when this referral was made and whether there was any response.

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Any additional information

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Reasons for sharing information with MARAC

Please record below your reasons for sharing this information	Yes/No
You have concerns about the welfare of a child(ren) or adult experiencing high risk domestic abuse and believe they are suffering or likely to suffer serious harm or homicide	
There are other legal grounds (as detailed below) - please summarise below if you wish to reference any of the additional legal grounds:	

Lawful grounds for sharing without consent¹

Grounds in UK legislation which require or enable the sharing of information	
Prevention and detection of crime	S.115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998
To protect vital interests of the data subject; serious harm or matter of life or death	Schedule 8, Data Protection Act 2018
For the administration of justice (usually bringing perpetrators to justice)	Part 3 & Schedule 8 DPA 2018
For the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, including the safeguarding against and the prevention of threats to public security	Part 3 S.31 & 35 DPA 2018
Child protection disclosure to Children's Social Care or the Police	Children Act 1989 & 2004
In accordance with a court order	Requests to share information must show why it is relevant for the purpose for which they are requested, including a Court Order
Overriding public interest	Common Law
Right to life and right to be free from torture or inhuman or degrading treatment	Human Rights Act, Articles 2 & 3
Prevention of abuse and neglect	The Care Act 2014
Person lacks the mental capacity to make the decision regarding consent	Mental Capacity Act 2005

Additional information

Summary of updated Caldicott principles for information sharing:²

The MARAC process must comply with all Caldicott principles to be correctly implemented:

1. Formally justify the purpose
2. Identifiable information only when necessary
3. Only the minimum required should be used
4. Need to know access
5. All must understand their responsibilities
6. Comply with and understand the law
7. The duty to share information can be as important as the duty to protect patient confidentiality

¹ For more information regarding the legal grounds for sharing information without consent, refer to: <http://www.safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Legal%20Grounds%20for%20Sharing%20Information%20Guidance.pdf>

² See 'Striking the balance' – applying Caldicott principles to the MARAC process': https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/215064/dh_133594.pdf; and the updated principles with added principle about the duty of sharing information (see page 21): https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/192572/2900774_InfoGovernance_accv2.pdf