

## **Shropshire Domestic Abuse Pathway**

Domestic Abuse: the legal definition Domestic Abuse: statutory quidance Forced Marriage Multi-Agency Statutory Guidance If you are concerned that an adult or child at risk, is in immediate danger, Contact police immediately on 999

Immediate Risk — Call 999

# **High-Risk indicators below:**

**Serious Harm:** Severe distress and/or physical/psychological harm. Risk of homicide, suicide, or self-harm.

Likelihood of Harm: Assess frequency - is it happening daily or at every opportunity. living together or apart. Is the person planning to leave **Beyond Physical Harm:** Include non-physical risks like harassment, control, coercion and stalking, Is it honour based?. Impact on Children: Children witnessing or experiencing abuse are also victims. Whether it is direct or indirect experiences.

**Escalation and Cumulative risk:** Note any increase in incidents – or consider previous incidents, number of hearings at MARAC etc. Ensure you consider the combination of previous and current incidents. Considering the level of impact on the victim and family.

If HIGH-RISK follow the steps below-

If not immediate but you are concerned it is High-Risk (see above) - Assess and refer the person at risk:

Complete MARAC form found on right hand side when you click this link MARAC Guidance (if no consent, also complete the Share info without consent form also found on the right-hand side MARAC Guidance ). Then send securely to:

Shropshire MARAC via email: MARACShropshire@westmercia.police.uk.

Also refer the person (with consent) to –

West Mercia Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 783 1359

Forms: Referral Form | West Mercia - support offered to all genders and children. If unsure contact directly to discuss

Does anyone involved care for

children or is pregnant? Children living in or subjected to

Domestic abuse are victims in Law

**Contact** First Point of Contact (FPOC)

(Children's Safeguarding) 0345 678 9021

Complete- Referral Form

If it is Out of hours contact - Emergency Social Work Team 0345 678 9040

For High- Risk Perpetrators

If the perpetrator admits abusive behaviours and the case has been referred to MARAC contact:

driveadmin@cranstoun.org.uk

If medium risk-Would they consider a course to change behaviours? See perpetrator section in medium risk.

Are they on probation - Contact Shropshire probation Team 01743 231525

### **Support for Children and Young** people

BeeU: Shropshire - Mental Health

<u>The Children's Society</u> - Emotional wellbeing support.

Health Visiting and School Nursing Service Tel:0333 358 3654 shropcom.spoa@nhs.net

Can the victim complete a <u>Clare's Law (available for all genders)</u> request? (a check into perpetrators possible past DA offences)

Is anyone involved an

adult with care

and support needs

(or their carer)?

**Contact** First Point of Contact (FPOC) (Adult

<u>Safeguarding</u>)

0345 678 9044

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## **MEDIUM** - Risks and Concerns Present But Not Immediate.

#### Risk = Harm + Likelihood

•Harm: Can be physical or psychological. Consider the impact, duration of abuse, and recovery needs.

•Likelihood: Is harm ongoing or likely to recur? Assess frequency, duration, and context. Identify existing strengths, strategies, and support that could reduce risk.

•Escalation and Cumulative risk: Note any increase in incidents – or consider previous incidents, amount of hearings at MARAC etc. Ensure you consider the combination of previous and current incidents. Considering the level of impact on the victim and family.

#### **Assess the person at risk:**

When safe to do so -

Discuss their concerns and yours, be patient and understanding. Use this guide Domestic Abuse Stalking & Harassment (DASH) checklist

to help you.

If the person meets the MARAC criteria go to 'Immediate Risk' above.

Refer to- Working with Risk SSCP

- Does the person want further support -

-Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service | 0300 303 1191 (8am-6pm Mon-Fri) – support is available to all

genders and to children.

<u>Child to parent abuse support</u> – check guidance

here August 2023 CPA Policy.pdf

If person has children/ is pregnant. Consider -Child Safeguarding guidance or Early Help or call - 03456789021 for advice

If person is an adult with care and support needs - Adult Safeguarding Guidance or call

0345 678 9044

Has the person at risk been raped or sexually assaulted? – do they want to access support or help to report?

**AXIS-** Sexual Violence and abuse support for adults and CYP - 01743 357777.

For sexual assault and referral centres for Adults and CYP contact for 0330 223 0099

Survivor Pathway

#### **For Perpetrators**

Does the person causing harm recognise it and want to change- contact Cranstoun tw@cranstoun.org.uk or call 01952 454 759

Advise them about Respect -Respect WebChat/Phoneline 0808 8024040 (for intimate partner abuse only) If the person causing harm is in a Position of Trust: Refer to relevant Children's and/or Adults

Multi-Agency Procedures.

Does either person have and want support for current mental health needs?

Service: 0808 196 4501

## **Support for Children** and Young people

See above for services to support young people

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Does **either person** have and want support for alcohol or substance use? **Shropshire Recovery** Partnership: 01743 294700

**Adult Mental Health Access** Or advise they discuss with GP.

Information and services for people who are living in or moving to Telford. www.telford.gov.uk/info/20291/domestic\_abuse

If you are still unsure discuss with line manager or seek advice from your local Domestic abuse service for advice.

Promote <u>Clare's Law</u> to the public. As professionals you can share risk information to prevent harm.