

Domestic Abuse Flowchart – Primary Care

Initial Contact

Patient presentation and/or Indicators of abuse
ASK THE QUESTION

Are you afraid at home?
As an adult, have you ever been
emotionally or physically hurt by
your partner or someone
important to you?
Are you at risk from partner, ex-
partner, family or other?

No consent: dependent upon risks posed, advise the patient that you need to seek advice and may need to share information. This will only be shared if risks are significant. Document and seek advice from the Domestic Abuse Hub.

No Disclosure made:
Document response on
Systmone/EMIS or the reasons
why you were unable to ask

Disclosure made:
Obtain consent and
complete DASH Risk
Assessment

Assessment

STANDARD - No significant current indicators of risk of serious harm e.g. verbal incident, scoring under 8

MEDIUM - There are identifiable indicators of risk of serious harm, scoring 8-14

HIGH - Identifiable indicators of risk of serious harm, DASH score 14+ or if potential escalation/minimising behaviours are evident. Immediately high risk if patient discloses: **assault in pregnancy, sexual assault, strangulation/suffocation, fracture as a result of an assault, assault with a weapon (any implement).**

SEEK ADVICE AT ANYTIME FROM THE DOMESTIC ABUSE HUB 01422 337257

STANDARD

MEDIUM

MARAC

Action

- Document discussion and concerns
- Monitor case, ensuring further appointments are made alone
- Notify health visitor/Midwife of concerns at handover
- Consider if other children/dependents in the household
- Provide support services information

- Advise patient that you may be required to share information outside of health services. Provide reassurance that this is to reduce risk and to support.
- If you're unable to complete DASH risk assessment, please refer patient to local support services or an engaging health professional e.g. midwife, where this can assessment can be done in a safe place. Document concerns clearly.
- Ensure that patient is safe to return home and that safety plan in place e.g. 999, refuge details
- Complete an SBAR and scan completed DASH risk assessment on Systmone/EMIS
- In each instance notify DA Hub Health team 01422 337257 or on S1 task 'Domestic Abuse Service' who will follow this up.

COMPLETE THE ABOVE ON THE SAME DAY AS DISCLOSURE MADE

If there are children/dependents and referral is made to the DA Hub the same day no further social care referrals are required. If no referral made to DA Hub, please make suitable safeguarding referrals

Recommended referral criteria to MARAC/Domestic Abuse Hub:

1. **Professional Judgement:** if you have serious concerns about a victim's situation, you should refer the case to MARAC. There will be occasions where the particular context of a case gives rise to serious concerns even if the victim has been unable to disclose information that might highlight their risk more clearly. This could reflect extreme levels of fear, cultural barriers to disclosure, immigration issues or language barriers particularly in cases of 'honour'-based violence.
2. **'Visible high risk':** the number of ticks on the checklist. If you have ticked 14 or more 'yes' boxes the case would normally meet the MARAC referral criteria. If a patient discloses any high risk indicators: **assault in pregnancy, sexual assault, strangulation/suffocation, fracture from assault or assault with a weapon** this will automatically mean someone reaches MARAC threshold.
3. **Potential escalation:** For example, the number of police callouts to the victim as a result of domestic violence in the past 12 months. This criterion can be used to identify cases where there is not a positive indication of a majority of the risk factors on the list, but where abuse appears to be escalating and where it is appropriate to assess the situation more fully by sharing information at MARAC.

Victim Support Services

Staying Safe 01422 323339 (any age or gender) **Out of Hours:** 07590884206 (Thurs & Fri 5pm-10pm, Weekends 9-5pm)

National/Out of Hours: National DV Helpline 0800 970 2070

REFUGE - 0845 155 1485

Women: 08082000247 www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Men: MANKIND 01823 334244 <http://new.mankind.org.uk/> or Mens Advice Line 0808 801 0327

Local Perpetrator/Abuser support

Choices: 0113 2192417 to make an appointment/referral - www.changegrowlive.org

YCC: (male only 18+) Tel: 01484 519988 Enquiries: dyppenquiries@yccuk.org.uk **Respect:** (teen to parent) 01422 392819

For Advice and Information

For Professionals ONLY Domestic Abuse Health Service: 01422 337257 domestic.abuse@nhs.net

Luke Turnbull, Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults: 07775903676

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