

CALDERDALE MULTI-AGENCY DASH Risk Assessment

Based on ACPO/Safe Lives Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009) Risk Model

THIS FORM IS MANDATORY

Complete a separate DASH risk assessment for each victim, or if more than one perpetrator. If the victim is not easily identifiable, complete a DASH with both parties independently of each other.

Occurrence No:		
Involved person:	Victim: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of birth:	Subject: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:		
Victim's GP Practice:		
Involved person:	Perpetrator: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date of birth:	Subject: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:		
Has the perpetrator been involved in previous Domestic incidents with you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the perpetrator subject of any Court, non molestation or restraint orders?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the perpetrator been involved in previous Domestic incidents with relatives or previous partners?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the perpetrator currently on Police or Court bail?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the perpetrator currently subject of a Harassment warning?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the perpetrator have previous criminal convictions? If 'Yes', answer below	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Previous Domestic related offences	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Previous offences of Violence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Previous sexual offences including sexual violence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the perpetrator a registered sex offender?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Previous offences of stalking or harassment or previously received a Harassment warning?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Details (current conditions/orders or any additional offences or behaviour of worthy of note):		
The above information may or may not be known, but can be used to assist in assessing the perpetrator's potential for causing harm and help to inform a professional judgement decision on a level of risk faced by the victim.		

Victim current situation		
1. Has the current incident resulted in an injury?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you very frightened?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence? Please give an indication of what you think (state name) might do and to whom:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Kill: Self <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		
Further injury and violence: Self <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		
Other (please clarify):		
4. Do you feel isolated from family/friends, i.e. does the perpetrator try to stop you from seeing friends/family/Doctor or others?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are you feeling depressed or having suicidal thoughts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you separated or tried to separate from your perpetrator within the past year?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is there a conflict over child contact?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the abuser constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harasses you? If 'Yes', then you MUST complete the additional 'Stalking/Harassment' question section below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Children and Dependants		
9. Are you pregnant, or your partner, or have you had a baby in the past 18 months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are there any children, step-children that aren't the perpetrators that live in the household? Are there other dependants in the household (i.e. older relative)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Has the perpetrator ever hurt the children/dependants?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Has the perpetrator ever threatened to hurt or kill the children/dependants?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Domestic abuse history		
13. Is the abuse happening more often?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Is the abuse getting worse?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Does the perpetrator try to control everything you do and/or are they excessively jealous?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Has the perpetrator ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Has the perpetrator ever threatened to kill you or someone else and you believed them?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
18. Has the perpetrator ever attempted to strangle/choke/suffocate/drown you?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Does the perpetrator say or do anything of a sexual nature that makes you feel bad, or that physically hurt you or someone else?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Is there any other person that has threatened you or that you are afraid of? If 'So called Honour based violence' could be a consideration, then you MUST complete the additional 'So called Honour based violence' question section below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
21. Has the perpetrator previously caused injury to you or anyone else? Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Another family member <input type="checkbox"/> Someone from a previous relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
22. Has the perpetrator ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional questions relating to the Perpetrator		
23. Are there any financial issues? For example, are you dependant on the perpetrator for money/have they recently lost their job/other financial issues?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
24. Has the perpetrator had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to problems in leading a normal life? Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
25. Has the perpetrator ever threatened or attempted suicide?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
26. Has the perpetrator ever breached bail/an injunction/any agreement for when they can see you and/or the children? Bail conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non molestation/Restraining/Occupation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Child contact arrangements <input type="checkbox"/> Forced Marriage Protection Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual violence <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Stalking/Harassment Risk Assessment		
1. Has the perpetrator ever vandalised or destroyed property belonging to the victim?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has the perpetrator turned up unannounced to the victim's home, workplace, etc., more than 3 times per week?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Has the perpetrator loitered near the victim's home, workplace, etc?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Has any third party been harassed since the harassment began, e.g. family, friends and colleagues?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has the perpetrator acted violently towards another during the stalking incident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have others been engaged to help wittingly or unwittingly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

'So called Honour' based violence – Risk Assessment		
1. Is the victim truanting?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the victim being kept at home or their behaviour actively being policed (describe the behaviours in the 'Comments' section below)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the victim worried that they will be forced to marry against their will?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is the victim fearful of being taken abroad?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is the victim believed to be in a relationship that is not approved of?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are there threats that the child(ren) will be taken away?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there threats to hurt or kill the victim/others?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Consider other key indicators of risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the victim feel is the risk to them or their family? • Is the suspect a repeat or serial (multiple victims) perpetrator of Domestic Abuse? • Has there been a number of recent incidents and/or is the violence escalating? • Is there evidence of controlling or coercive behaviour by the perpetrator? <p>Domestic Abuse Stalkers/Harassment is a significant risk factor, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attitude/demeanour of the perpetrator. • Past/Present hobbies/occupations of the offender, i.e. Army/Police/Private Detective/Guns. • The duration and frequency of any harassment and the victim's belief concerning motive of the offender. • Any evidence of coercive control or harassment behaviours engaged in by the perpetrator. • The nature of unwanted 'gifts' left by the offender. • Whether the victim has responded in any way to the offender.

Comments

Please add context to the identified risk factors above. In particular consider *the victim's own assessment of risk and if any evidence of controlling or coercive behaviour by the perpetrator. Also consider the victim's vulnerability*, e.g. language/communication, mental/physical disability, substance abuse, etc.

Victim support services provide practical and emotional support and advice for victims of Domestic Abuse and their families. Obtain the consent of the victim for referral to victim support services. Does the victim consent?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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The DASH risk will determine what victim safeguarding interventions are required by you and others.

An informed professional judgement of the appropriate risk is essential.

Initial risk classification MUST be identified and victim told:	Standard Risk: <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Risk: <input type="checkbox"/>	High Risk: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Children

Record details of the children of both the victim and the perpetrator whether resident in the household or elsewhere. Plus any other children resident in the household.

1. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

2. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

3. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

4. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

5. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

6. Name: _____ DoB: _____ Sex: M F
Residential address: _____
General Practitioner: _____
School: _____
Witnessed? Yes No
Present? Yes No

It is your responsibility to check if any children are living in the household and they are safe.

Record any concerns you or others have relating to the wellbeing of the children.

- Record demeanour of those children, e.g. child may appear undernourished, visibly distressed, anxious, depressed, quiet and withdrawn, protective of parent, overly aggressive or confused.
- Anything significant said by the child, including their views and any concerns expressed by them.

If the Risk Assessment alters, the victim must be informed.

Person completing DASH

Role:

Date and time:

NB: This DASH Risk Assessment is dynamic and must be reviewed following significant events, i.e. perpetrator released from custody/court hearings (civil and criminal).

The risks are defined as:

STANDARD

No significant current indicators of risk of **serious harm**.

MEDIUM

There are identifiable indicators of risk of **serious harm**. Offender likely to cause serious harm if change in circumstances, i.e. failure to take medication, relationship breakdown, substance misuse, if bailed, after court appearance, etc.

HIGH

There are identifiable indicators of risk of **serious harm**. The potential event could happen at any time and the impact would be serious.

Recommended referral criteria to MARAC

1. **Professional Judgement:** if a professional has serious concerns about a victim's situation, they 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. This judgement would be based on the professional's experience and/or the victim's perception of their risk even if they do not meet criteria 2 and /or 3 below.
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.
3. **Potential escalation:** 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. It is common practice to start with 3 or more police callouts in a 12 month period but this will need to be reviewed depending on your local volume and your level of police reporting.