



The adults reviewed for this multi agency audit are aged between 20 and 81. Because of the theme all of the adults are female. Some of the domestic abuse was from a partner and some from adult children and one from a parent.

The adults in the audit have a range of issues in addition to the Domestic Abuse they were experiencing including Dementia, end of life care, alcohol and substance misuse, mental health, debt, physical disability and pregnancy

What we are worried about?

The audit group saw concerns in terms of:

- Difficulty in engaging with someone who refuses help
- Earlier referral in 2018, this information wasn't initially triangulated with the recent referral
- Housing noted a lack of multi agency work with one of the adults, and there was no use of the escalation policy. Sirona also not aware of the safeguarding information. No evidence of advocacy considered for this adult.
- Initial delay in referral, but good work subsequently.

Make use of the Escalation Process. Find the policy here

Curiosity is needed to look at what is happening behind the presentation of an adult. Click here for guidance



Theme: Referral to MARAC and Completion of DASH

- Evidence of DASH for some cases but not all and a DASH should be completed for ALL adults when there is a risk of Domestic Abuse
- Referral to MARAC using the form available by clicking this box
- Information or questions about MARAC by emailing marac@southglos.gov.uk



Multi Disciplinary Meetings are very valuable for good multi agency working and outcomes for adults and should be prioritised



Practice established during covid of using online safeguarding meetings has led to greater engagement of professionals – will be keeping the virtual dial in option with hybrid meetings



Check out who is involved so that organisations are not missed from Multi Agency meetings

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If there is a risk of Domestic Abuse make sure a DASH is completed

What Good Practice did we see?

- Student Social Worker showed curiosity
- Joint visit with GP and Social Worker and joint visit with Housing and Social Worker
- Strong multi-disciplinary approach for most adults including outstanding work with very complex situations
- Referral to Creative Solutions Board
- Use of safety planning
- Involvement of wider family
- Social Prescribing by GP
- Use of MARAC and DRIVE
- Person centred work evident
- Joint work with children's services
- Trauma informed practice evident

Click these shapes for more information



Organisations that audited their involvement with the six adults were: Adult Social Care, Sirona, NBT, Next Link, Avon & Somerset Police, GPs, AWP, Bromford Housing, SWAN Advocacy

Trauma Informed Practice Training

DASH Form available here

Domestic Abuse information including training, MARAC information and resources available here

Contact Next Link, specialist Domestic Abuse provider, by clicking here