BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MULTI-AGENCY DOMESTIC ABUSE REFERRAL PATHWAY



Domestic abuse is any single incident, course of conduct or pattern of abusive behaviour between individuals aged 16 or over who are personally connected to each other as a result of being, or having been, intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. Children who see, hear or experience the effects of the abuse and are related to either of the parties are also considered victims of domestic abuse. Abuse includes physical or sexual abuse; violent or threatening behaviour; controlling or coercive behaviour; economic abuse; or psychological, emotional or other abuse.

If there is no disclosure but you suspect otherwise, periodically 'ask the question'

For Honour Based Abuse (HBA) or Forced Marriage (FM) cases, share information on a strictly needs to know basis. Take active steps to ensure records are kept secure, confidential and where possible, restricted

For FGM cases, refer to your local safeguarding procedures

If there is any immediate danger call 999 immediately

DISCLOSURE at non specialist service or agency

Reassure about confidentiality and explain the limits of this. Gain consent. Explain what actions you may have to take

Identify risks to the victim by using the

DASH Risk Identification Checklist

For Honour Based Abuse cases, also complete the <u>HBA Screening</u>

Questions (H-DASH)

For Stalking cases, also complete the S-DASH Is your victim pregnant and/or do they have children?

Is your victim an adult with care and support needs?

Do you have concerns that a child or young person may be at risk of harm or neglect? Contact Buckinghamshire Council's **First Response Team** via:

01296 383962

Do you have concerns that an adult may be at risk of harm or neglect? Contact the **Safeguarding Adult's Team** via: 0800 137 915

Out of Hours Emergency
Duty Team for both
Children and Adults

0800 999 7677

Is the alleged perpetrator in a position of trust working with children?
Make contact with the Local Authority
Designated

<u>secure-</u> LADO@buckingha mshire.gov.uk

Officer (LADO)

01296 382 070

Is the alleged perpetrator in a position of trust working with vulnerable adults?

Make contact with

Safeguarding:
0800 137 915

I have identified the victim as being at STANDARD / MEDIUM risk of serious harm

- Consider immediate and long term risks and needs
- Risk can fluctuate so regularly review risk levels and decision making
 - Discuss basic safety planning with the victim
 - Ensure the victim knows where to go for help
- Signpost / consent-based <u>Aylesbury Women's</u>
 <u>Aid</u> 01296 437777 or <u>Wycombe Women's Aid</u>
 01494 461367 (incl Chiltern & South Bucks)
 (referral form and DASH RIC required)
 - If victim is male contact <u>SAASSBMK</u> via: 01296 719772
 - Consider signposting / referrals to other services (<u>Referral Routes map</u>)

I have identified the victim as being at HIGH risk of serious harm

Speak to your agency's Designated MARAC Officer (DMO) and complete MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) referral, with or without consent, via Modus

If your agency does not have a DMO, contact MARAC on 01865 854271 or via MASHbucks@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

MARAC meeting takes place, information is shared

Action plan agreed. Agencies flag and tag files

IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) informed via Modus referral IDVA contacts the victim and represents their views at the MARAC meeting

In all circumstances (adults and children)

- Only ask questions about domestic abuse when the individual is on their own and in private
- Document any disclosure, or suspicion of domestic abuse, in professional records kept at your organisation (not in the victim's hand-held records) and record what you are told in their own words
- Document decision making, actions taken to manage risk and rationale for sharing.
 or not sharing. information (with or without consent)
 - If you need to use interpreters, ensure they are professional. Never use family members, friends or children
- Consider risks associated with communication/correspondence e.g., the perpetrator finding letters/leaflets/text messages/phone call logs etc
 - Call a professionals meeting if you have concerns that cannot be addressed through the MARAC

Bucks Domestic Abuse
Board

Safeguarding Children's Partnership

RECOGNISE

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Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adult's Board