



**Lanarkshire
Community Justice
Authority**

Funding Developments Evaluation Form

About your project

1. Project name

What is the name of your project?

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

2. Project summary

Tell us about your project, what you planned to do and what you spent the money on.

A MARAC is a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference. The process involves completion of an initial risk assessment checklist by police officers attending domestic abuse incidents. The completed risk assessment is forwarded to the local domestic abuse unit, and those victims deemed to be at very high risk of serious assault or homicidal violence by a partner or ex-partner are referred to the MARAC. The goal of the MARAC is to reduce repeat victimisation.

In North Lanarkshire, Strathclyde Police N Division Domestic Abuse Unit disseminates information on very high risk cases to agency representatives on the MARAC. Agency representatives will then collate any relevant information from their agency to feed into the discussion at the MARAC. This will include searching their agency's information systems and/ or speaking with frontline members of staff who are working with the family.

Those attending the MARAC represent all key agencies with a remit to respond to domestic abuse, including the police, health service, social work, housing, education and the voluntary sector, e.g. Women's Aid. At the MARAC, relevant information about the victim's situation, the perpetrator and any children is shared, and action plans are agreed to promote the safety of the victim and any children, and also to hold the perpetrator to account.

Agency representatives are then tasked with ensuring that information shared by participating agencies is updated on their information systems and is fed back to frontline staff. They are also responsible for ensuring that agreed actions are picked up by appropriate personnel within their agency. This includes ensuring that Justice Workers who are working with perpetrators, even if the offenders are not known for domestic abuse related offences, are informed of the behaviours being undertaken by the individuals.

Costs attached to MARAC are associated with 2 Administrators hosted by Strathclyde Police, and 3 Advocacy Workers hosted by EVA Services.

Further funding of MARAC enhances both the public protection agenda and the links between violent offenders with existing mechanisms, e.g. child protection, adult support and protection, etc.

3. Your outcomes

Briefly describe what difference your project made by listing its outcomes (the difference your project made to the people who used it)

Within N Division the repeat victimisation rate for all domestic abuse incidents is 62.7%. The repeat victimisation rate for MARAC cases within N Division, within the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 was 16.4%. In the six-month period from 1st April 2009 to 30th September 2009 the repeat victimisation rate is 23%, a significant reduction demonstrating an effective process.

Strathclyde Police advise it is anticipated that throughout the following six months to the completion of this annual period the repeat victimisation rate will continue to fall.

4. Target Group

(E.g. young offenders, women offenders, specific social needs, people at a particular stage in the criminal justice process)

- Offenders involved in domestic abuse
- Victims of domestic abuse

5. Contribution to LCJA priorities

(How did this project contribute to reducing reoffending and the priorities set by the CJA in the area plan 2008-11)

PROJECT OUTCOME	LINK TO LCJA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2008-11	LINKS TO NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR MANAGEMENT OFFENDERS
Promotion of community safety	2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13; 3.1; 3.2; 3.5; 4.1; 4.2	C1; C2; C5; C6; C7; O7; O9; S1; S2; S6; S7
Reduction in repeat domestic abuse events against individual women	2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13; 3.1; 3.2; 3.5; 6.1; 6.2	C1; C2; C5; C6; C7; O7; O9; S1; S2; S6; S7
Improved engagement with services likely to help avoid offending	2.5.9; 2.5.10	C2; C6; O9; S2; S7
Better relationships with family and friends	2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10; 2.5.11; 2.5.12; 2.5.13	C2; C5; C6; C7; O6; O9; S2; S4; S5; S6
Improvement in overall pro-social attitude (community responsibility) and social responsibility (as a non-offending citizen)	2.5.5; 2.5.9; 2.5.10	C5; C6; C7; O6; O7; S2; S5; S6; S7

Project Costs

Please give detailed costs for the project

The costs attached to the MARAC - Administrators (2) who are hosted within Strathclyde Police N Division Domestic Abuse Unit and the MARAC Advocacy Workers (3) hosted within EVA Services. The project costs are as follows:

Administration £98,116
 Administration £50,117
 Total Costs £148,283

About your organisation

6. Organisation name

North Lanarkshire Council

7. Contact for the project

Mary Fegan, Head of Social Work Services / Chief Social Work Officer

8. organisation type

Public sector.

9. Signatory

Name:

Position:

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