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Dear Tony

I write to advise you of the current situation regarding M.A.R.A.C. within North Lanarkshire Council. You will be aware that an evaluation and review of the services has been ongoing throughout 2009.

Partner agencies of North Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde Police established a Strategic Planning Group to evaluate the effectiveness of M.A.R.A.C. and this group had commissioned the development of a Business Case to look at possible expansion of the M.A.R.A.C. process.

This Business Case was concluded in September 2009 and presented to the Strategic Planning Group on 5 October 2009. Whilst the Business Case recommended a continuation of the M.A.R.A.C. process, both NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde Police confirmed at this meeting that they were no longer in a position to provide the funding for the continuation of M.A.R.A.C. as a separate project. The proposals are that M.A.R.A.C. will become incorporated into main stream services. Confirmation was received that no further funding would be available from the Safer Scotland Fund.

A small working group has been tasked with preparing an exit strategy from the current M.A.R.A.C. process and to ensure that the positive elements of M.A.R.A.C. are incorporated into the main stream services of all partnership agencies involved. This will ensure Domestic Abuse continues to have a significant focus within each agency's agenda.

It is hoped that the new strategy will ensure that victims of domestic abuse continue to receive a positive service from all partnership agencies.

I will advise you in the fullness of time of the proposed way forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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