MARAC GP Letter

Dear Safeguarding Lead / Registered GP

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Please be advised that your patient was referred to a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference [MARAC](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/domestic-abuse/information-for-professionals/multi-agency-risk-assessment-conference-marac) on XX/XX/XX, because an assessment has shown that she/he is at high risk of current or future harm because of domestic abuse.

{Details of incident/case leading to referral eg as a result of a domestic incident /concerns raised by school nurse/etc : (contextual *information* ***sharing*** *is very useful to GPs)}*

As part of a new process to broaden information sharing and to improve safeguarding methods, it is important that the GP surgery is made aware of safeguarding concerns regarding potential victims and their family members.

**This letter serves as notification only. PLEASE DO NOT INFORM OR CONTACT THE VICTIM as this could put them at increased risk.**

Please also be mindful of how this notification is recorded in the patient’s notes especially if the patient has consented to “online access”. You may want to contact the safeguarding teams for advice on how to manage subject access requests

The patient has/has not given consent . However, under the MARAC protocol, relevant and proportionate information can be shared without the consent of the victim as the case has been judged high risk. Guidance can be located [here](http://www.safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Marac%20Guide%20for%20GPs_Final_25.07.17.pdf)

Please take the following actions:

1. Check your patient’s details and recorded address and notify XX if different.
2. Check if there are any other potential victims registered at this address.
3. Please consider sharing any information you may hold which might indicate that she/he is a victim of domestic abuse. For example any documented injuries, disclosures or mental health issues or any other information you hold which suggests increased vulnerability.
4. Please share any additional information which you judge to be relevant to protect this victim or other victims.

**Due to the nature of the risk, these cases are discussed within TWO WORKING DAYS of the referral.** **If you have any information or concerns that you think should be shared at the MARAC, please contact the MARAC team on either 01603 275740/01603 276041 or alternatively you can email queries to** marac@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Kindest regards