

What is a Community MARAC?

MARAC stands for Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference and is a monthly multi-agency meeting.

The Community MARAC facilitates, monitors and evaluates effective information sharing to prevent crime, safeguard adults and children at risk, and safeguard vulnerable adults and children.

The Community MARAC aims to protect witnesses giving information to agencies, as well as prevent extremism and extremist ideology, whether by early intervention or by enforcement.

Further Information

For more information on the Community MARAC please contact:

CommunityMARAC@havering.gov.uk

What happens at the meeting?

Information is shared and discussed at the Community MARAC helping to increase safety, prevent crime, extremism and extremist ideology.

An action plan is coordinated by agencies in order to safeguard those individuals at risk and against repeat victimisation. The responsibility to take actions rests with agencies, and is not transferred to the Community MARAC.

What are its functions?

The Community MARAC enables a multi-disciplined approach to complex cases, encouraging effective communication between all agencies.

The Community MARAC has 2 key functions:

1. To deal with complex/high level cases of anti-social behaviour from individuals where mental health, safeguarding or extremism are a major feature.
2. To deal with complex/high level cases which cannot be resolved locally and need the support of the Community MARAC. *(These cases do not need to involve anti-social behaviour)*

Who attends the meeting?

The Community MARAC is attended by representatives from a range of agencies including the Police, Children and Adult Social Services, Housing, Health, Education and many other specialists from the statutory and the voluntary sectors.

Each professional agency appoints a **Single Point of Contact (SPOC)** to represent their agency.

SPOC's are responsible for:

- Attending each meeting and appointing a deputy to attend if absent.
- Making their staff aware of the panel referral process and referring cases to the meeting
- Encouraging staff to make referrals and ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed
- Being the point of contact for their agency in relation to all enquiries arising from the meeting.

How do I refer?

Anyone wishing to refer a case to the Community MARAC must discuss with either their line manager, SPOC or safeguarding lead in their agency.

Prior to a referral every effort must have been made to try to resolve the case, which would include holding a multi-professionals meeting.

Referral to the Community MARAC is via completion of an online referral form:

<https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20096/community/643/anti-social-behaviour-in-our-community/4>

7-minute briefing