



Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Pathway

Domestic Abuse: the legal definition

Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance (in draft not yet in force)

Forced Marriage Multi-Agency Statutory Guidance

Immediate Risk - 999

**Immediate risk =
Serious Harm =**

Serious Harm + Very High/High Likelihood
Death or injury (either physical or psychological) which is life threatening and/or traumatic from which the person's recovery is expected to be difficult, incomplete or impossible.

Very High/High Likelihood =

Serious harm to the person(s) is already taking place or could happen at any time whenever the alleged perpetrator has an opportunity.

Does the **person at risk** need/want immediate Safety Advice / Options?

[Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service \(SDAS\)](#): 0300 303 1191
[West Mercia Domestic Abuse Helpline](#): 0800 783 1359 (24hr)
[Forced Marriage Unit](#) (National): 020 7008 0151 (office hours)
020 7008 5000 (out of hours)

Are you concerned that the **person or a child at risk** is in **immediate danger**?
Contact Police immediately on 999

Does **anyone involved** have **children** or is **pregnant**?
Children living in or subjected to Domestic abuse are victims in Law

Is **anyone involved** an **adult with care and support needs (or their carer)**?

Assess and refer the **person at risk**:
Complete a [Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference \(MARAC\) assessment and referral form](#) (with the person at risk where possible).
Send securely to

Contact [First Point of Contact \(FPOC\) \(Children's Safeguarding\)](#)
0345 678 9021
Complete [Multi-Agency Referral Form](#)

Contact [First Point of Contact \(FPOC\) \(Adult Safeguarding\)](#)
0345 678 9044

Shropshire MARAC via email:
MARACShropshire@westmercia.police.uk

Out of hours safeguarding: [Emergency Social Work Team](#)
0345 678 9040

Is the **person causing harm** known to the Probation Service?
Contact [Shropshire Team](#) 01743 231525

Risks present but not immediate

Risk =

Harm + Likelihood

Harm =

Can be physical or psychological. Consider the impact of the harm on the person. How long might it take them to recover from the domestic abuse?

Likelihood =

Is harm still taking place or likely to take place again? How often is harm taking place (frequency)? How long has the harm been taking place for? When is the harm taking place (circumstances and context)? What needs, strengths, strategies, support and/or resources does the person at risk already have which are helping or could help to reduce their risk?

Does the **person at risk** want to seek advice or **talk to someone**?

[SDAS](#): 0300 303 1191 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

[West Mercia Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)

(includes webchat) 0800 783 1359 (24 hr)

Visit or direct the person to Love Shouldn't Hurt

Contacts and Support [Love Shouldn't Hurt](#)

(includes information for specific groups)

Assess the **person at risk**:

If they want to talk to you and it is safe to do so; have a conversation about the risks to them.

Use the [Domestic Abuse Stalking & Harassment \(DASH\) checklist](#) to help you.

If the person meets the [MARAC criteria](#) go to 'Immediate Risk' above.

Refer to [Adults Working with Risk Guidance](#)

Does the **person at risk** want to report the abuse?

[West Mercia Police](#): 101

Has the **person at risk** been raped or sexually assaulted? Does the person want to report the abuse and/or want support?

Sexual Assault referral Centre

[The Glade](#) – Adults

0808 178 2058 (24 Hours)

[West midlands CYPS](#) – Childrens

0808 196 2340 (24 Hours)

[AXIS Counselling](#) (& ISVA)

01743 357777/01952 278000

Does **anyone involved** have **children** or is **pregnant**?

Is **anyone involved** an **adult with care and support needs (or their carer)**?

Refer to:
[SSCP Thresholds Document & Early Help Website](#)

Refer to:
[Adult Safeguarding Process in Shropshire](#)

Does the **person causing harm** recognise and want to access help and support for their harmful behaviour?

[Respect WebChat/Phoneline](#)
0808 8024040

(for intimate partner abuse only)

If the **person causing harm** is in a Position of Trust:

Refer to relevant

[Children's](#) and/or [Adults](#) Multi-Agency Procedures.

Contact [First Point of Contact \(FPOC\) \(Children's Safeguarding\)](#)
0345 678 9021 for advice/to refer concerns

Contact [First Point of Contact \(FPOC\) \(Adult Social Care/Safeguarding\)](#)
0345 678 9044 for advice/to refer concerns

Does **either person** have and want support for current mental health needs?
[Adult Mental Health Access Service](#):
0808 196 4501

Does **either person** have and want support for alcohol or drugs misuse?
[Shropshire Recovery Partnership](#):
01743 294700

Information and services for people who are living in or moving to [Telford](#).
www.telford.gov.uk/info/20291/domestic_abuse

Promote [Clare's Law](#) to the public. As professionals you can share risk information to prevent harm.