

Middlesbrough Specialist Domestic Abuse Services work in partnership with Middlesbrough Council as part of **Accessing Change Together Middlesbrough (ACT)**



We ACT on substance use, domestic abuse and housing matters.
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If there is immediate danger call 999

What to do in Middlesbrough if you see signs or receive disclosure from a victim / survivor of Domestic Abuse

If the Information must be shared on a strictly needs to know basis. Ensure all information/evidence is well documented and kept in a secure, confidential and were possible restricted access only place

If there is no disclosure but you suspect otherwise ask the question

Spot signs or disclosure of domestic abuse Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and emotional.

Disclosure

Reassure about confidentiality and explain the limits of this. Seek consent.
 Explain what action you may have to take.

Identify risks to the victim by applying the DASH Risk

Assessment rate of risk to include professional judgement.

Ensure all case notes and recording for children and adults concerned is updated on case management system within one working day.

Is the alleged perpetrator or victim in a position of trust working with children?

Refer to Local Authority Designated Officer

I have identified victim as **HIGH** risk of serious harm meets 14+MARAC threshold

Refer to MARAC and refer to IDVA My Sisters Place

IDVA makes contact with victim to ensure views and voice of children is heard

MARAC Meeting Takes Place

Multi Agency Action plan agreed

Continue to review the case and actions, liaise with all professional involved and ensure attendance at multi agency, meetings.

I have identified the victim as being at **STANDARD/MEDIUM** risk of serious harm

Consider immediate and long-term risks and needs.

Risk can fluctuate so regularly review risk levels and decision making.

Discuss basis safety planning with the victim.

Ensure the victim knows where to go for help and support.

Signpost/refer to the local domestic abuse services My Sisters Place.

Has the victim given consent for you to refer or inform police?

YES

Report Incident to Cleveland Police 101 or if there is immediate danger call 999.

NO

YES

Does the victim have care and support needs or is there another vulnerable adult in household?

Call Middlesbrough Multi Agency Children's Hub 01642 726004 and complete SAFER Referral Tool Form

Out of hours) 01642 524552

Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership Procedures

Home - Tees Safeguarding Children Partnerships' Procedures (teescpp.org.uk)

Call Adult Access 01642 065070

Teeswide Adult Safeguarding Board (TSAB) -Adult Policies and Procedures <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/> <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/general-public/domestic-violence/>

Is the victim no longer able to occupy their home due to probability of further violence or abuse?

If urgent call 01642 726800 or email Accessingchangetogether@middlesbrough.gov.uk