

Marac review: quick guide

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The new Marac review process replaces the old Marac self assessment. The **10 principles of an effective Marac** have been refreshed to coincide with a new Marac review tool. The aim of a Marac review is to reflect on each principle in order to assess the effectiveness of the Marac, identify areas for development and improve outcomes for high risk victims and children.

Completing the review

Marac review is a collaborative process that includes Marac representatives, input from frontline professionals, the governance group and safeguarding boards. It is an online tool which aims to give Maracs greater ownership of their development. In addition, as the tool is an online document it will increase flexibility, providing the opportunity for the Marac to return to it, reviewing and assessing practice and policy as and when required.

There are two options for completion:

1. **A complete review of all 10 principles.** The Marac opts to view a set of questions for each principle to help identify any elements that are not being met. This will allow the Marac to create a comprehensive action plan which can be revisited and updated as required.
2. **Review a smaller number of principles.** Identifying areas that are key to the Marac's development or those which have the greatest impact on safety. Each principle chosen is broken down into a set of questions to help identify any elements that are not being met.

For each area of development, suggested actions will be provided and the Marac can choose which actions to include in their action plan. There is also the opportunity to add in additional actions suggested by those taking part.

Suggested process

1. The governance group that oversees the Marac initiates the review
2. In conjunction with the Marac, the governance group identifies which principles will be reviewed
3. A meeting is convened for Marac partners to collectively complete the Marac review tool online, giving the opportunity for discussion and the formation of an action plan
4. The governance group reflects on the Marac review and agrees the Marac action plan, maintaining responsibility for overseeing its implementation and completion

After the review

The knowledge hub will be the point of contact with areas after the review and will monitor completed reviews to identify areas of good practice and areas for development that SafeLives may be able to support with.

The Marac review tool will be available online for Maracs to return to and update as and when required.

SafeLives recommends that the Marac review is completed at least every two years, though areas may decide to complete a review sooner if there has been significant changes to the Marac, such as a homicide or serious incident involving a Marac case, an increase or decrease of Marac referrals of 15% or over, reduction in Idva capacity or changes to Marac personnel that impacts on how the Marac functions such as changes to chairing or administration.

Next steps

For further information, **contact the SafeLives knowledge hub.**