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Domestic Abuse Pathway

Framing statement: "We are sorry if you have been asked these questions before, as Domestic Abuse in the home is common we now ask all clients about it routinely"

Q1 Are you ever afraid of your partner or a family member?
Q2 Has anyone at home ever physically hurt or threatened you or someone you care about?
Q3 Do you feel controlled and isolated? Does your partner/family member belittle and insult you?

Routine enquiry: 3 questions

Says **YES** to any of the above

Complete **CAADA DASH** Risk Assessment checklist

Very high risk result

Advise woman & **explain MARAC** process. Obtain consent to refer.

Consent given. Document in notes.

Complete the **MARAC referral**

Follow internal MARAC referral procedures. i.e. send info to MARAC rep for input to IAMF

Explain that the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) will contact her & will support her through the process.

Consent not given

The level of risk is so high that there may be legal grounds to disclose without consent

Inform a manager or your MARAC representative, make decision whether grounds exist to disclose without consent. Record your decision clearly in case it needs to be referred to & justified in the future.

Decision not to disclose

Clearly document your decision.
Encourage client to allow you to refer her to a support agency.

Remember the victim is still at very high risk of harm

Decision to disclose

Clearly record your reasons for disclosure

MARAC referral

Are Children involved?

Complete DV RIM as per **Key**

Follow Child pathway as per DV RIM Scales

Standard/medium /high risk result

Provide details of support services; encourage her to let you make a referral or to call an agency directly

Key: If DASH Score is;
>14= Complete DV RIM
10-14= complete DV RIM
<10= consider DV RIM

Consider DV RIM at any time if concerns re impact on child

Useful Numbers

Emergency: 999

Police Non-emergency: 101

Wirral Women and Children's Aid: 24 hour Helpline: 0151 643 9766

Wirral Family Safety Unit: 0151 604 3567

Tomorrows Women: 0151 647 7907

National Refuge helpline: 0808 2000 247

National Centre for Domestic Violence: Txt – 60777or Freephone: 0800 970 2070

Victim Support Helpline: 0845 30 30 900

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