



Welcome

A very warm welcome to your latest edition of CAADA e-news. We hope it will help you practically in your work, keep you up-to-date about developments at CAADA and give you an opportunity to set the agenda for future editions.

MARAC quality assurance update

A total of 14 Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) from across the UK have progressed through the first ever intake of CAADA's quality assurance programme. The development programme, which is funded by the Home Office and designed to promote 'gold standard' practice in and around MARACs, is the first process of its kind for MARACs in the UK. By committing to a rigorous quality assurance assessment, participating MARACs are helping to ensure that victims receive a consistent, effective service, wherever they are based - thereby keeping victim safety at the heart of MARAC activities.

The 14 MARACs have received comprehensive quality assurance reports, which will be moderated by an external panel with key MARAC agencies represented. A further seven areas from the first intake are still currently being assessed. An additional 35 MARACs have been invited to take part in the second quality assurance intake, which will take place across 2009-2010. [For further information on CAADA's quality assurance programme, click here.](#)

IDVA training - please sign up for spring - first come, first served

CAADA is now inviting practitioners to sign up for spring 2010 IDVA training. By inviting early expressions of interest, we will be able to determine which locations are most useful to you as learners, allowing us to place courses in the most relevant areas. We changed our application process recently so that we are accepting applicants on a first come, first served basis.

CAADA's IDVA training is available to both statutory agencies and registered charities. We're immensely grateful for funding from The Sigrid Rausing Trust and the Northern Rock Foundation which has enabled us to provide a limited number of subsidised places for registered charities, but these are strictly limited. However, we have more places for both statutory and voluntary agencies that are able to fund the training independently. Please contact us on idva.applications@caada.org.uk for more information.

If you work for a charity and would like to attend our training, please let us know as early as possible. We will try and work with local funders to contribute towards the cost of the training so that we can expand the number of places that we offer to IDVAs from the charity sector.

We've recently collated feedback from some of our 2009 IDVA course delegates and were thrilled to find out how much of a difference the course has made to professionals' working lives:

- "I have learnt more in these five months than I have in five years at my workplace. Any professional who comes across domestic abuse should do this course. It has been excellent." Spring 2009 Leeds course participant
- "I found the quality of training to be excellent, professional and informative, challenging and thought provoking." Spring 2009 London course participant

[Visit our website today to find out more about the CAADA IDVA](#) course and how it can help you in your role. [Alternatively, click here to read more course feedback.](#)

Did you know?

CAADA is a charity and we do not make any profit from our work. We subsidise all our loss-making training and support to IDVAs and any charitable organisations by independently raising funds from charitable trusts. We do this to ensure our work helps support the largest volume of high risk victims possible.

Since 2005 we have trained over 720 IDVAs but this is still less than half the 1300 to 1500 IDVAs we estimate are needed nationally.

Since 2005 we have trained over 200 MARACs in operation in England and Wales. This is still well short of full national coverage.

[Early findings from an evaluation of multiple IDVA services cite abuse ceasing for 7 out of 10 victims that engage with IDVAs.](#)

Going the extra mile for domestic violence

Thirteen point one miles - not something you'd normally even walk in a day - let alone run. But that's what 15 members of staff, family and friends of CAADA did in Bristol on Sunday 6th September, to raise money for CAADA and awareness of domestic violence.

It is not too late to sponsor someone from the CAADA team just go to www.justgiving.com/caada and make a donation.

New for autumn: risk training for frontline professionals and MARAC health representatives' day

CAADA is planning to develop a one day training course on use of the CAADA-DASH Risk Identification Checklist or frontline professionals. The course will be aimed at the full range of agencies who engage with potential victims in their day-to-day work, from the those who work with domestic violence victims on a daily basis, such as police, health and housing professionals, to those who come into contact with victims on an intermittent basis, for example education professionals. If you'd like to express an early interest in receiving this training or would like more information, please email risk@caada.org.uk and we will get in contact with you when we are planning to deliver the risk identification training in your area.

On November 20th, CAADA is piloting a one day MARAC health representatives' workshop. The workshop will look at best practice in relation to making links with GPs, identifying risk within the healthcare setting, sharing information and action planning. We're expecting this course to be oversubscribed, but if it's successful we will consider implementing this nationally. To express an interest in this training, contact training@caada.org.uk.

Improved website content

Visitors to www.caada.org.uk will notice that the content of the site has changed slightly. We've reorganized the navigation of the site to make it more user-friendly, and added new content including comprehensive [Training](#), [News](#), [Practitioner Resources](#) and [Quality Assurance & Accreditation](#) sections. We'd love to get your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve the site further, so do get in touch by emailing Samantha.Brown@caada.org.uk with your thoughts and ideas.

Latest MARAC quarterly data from CAADA - April to July 2009

Total number of MARACS sending data to CAADA during this period	201
Number of cases reviewed by those MARACs	29,702
Number of children in those families	40,974
% of repeat cases as an average across all 201 MARACs	23.00%
% of non-police referrals to these MARACs	30.35%
% B&ME victims amongst the cases reviewed	8.78%

Pass it on

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Recruitment: Trustee position

The CAADA Board of Trustees is looking to recruit a trustee for the charity's Finance Sub-Committee.

In addition to the main responsibilities of all trustees, the role of a Finance Sub-Committee Trustee is to be responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial affairs of CAADA.

Meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July & October, alternating between CAADA's Bristol & London offices.

Closing date 18th September 2009.

[For further information including an application pack, visit our website.](#)

Recruitment: Quality Assurance Assessor

The quality assurance process is designed to promote good and consistent practice in and around the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to ensure that victims of domestic violence receive a consistent, safety-focused service wherever they are based whilst allowing for local differences in practice.

Assessors will form part of the MARAC quality assurance team, assessing MARACs from September 2009 to October 2010 and providing support and advice to them, as well as contributing to the wider MARAC implementation team.

Please note, this is a one year contract. Closing date for applications is Thursday 18th September 2009. Interviews will be held on Friday 2nd October 2009.

[For further information including an application pack, visit our website.](#)