

Welcome to the March 2010 edition of CAADA Enews

A very warm welcome to the March edition of CAADA Enews. We hope it will help you practically in your work and keep you up-to-date about developments at CAADA.

New CAADA report shows that MARACs could save more lives and £740 million to the public purse

CAADA has launched a new report about MARACs entitled *Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse*. The report outlines why MARACs save lives and money: it includes headline figures from a full cost benefit analysis exercise for the national MARAC picture, as well as real case studies of women who have been through the MARAC process and are now in a place of safety. The cost benefit analysis work has been independently verified by New Philanthropy Capital and identifies £740 million of potential savings if MARACs were properly resourced for maximum effectiveness. The report champions the cause for MARACs across the UK, calling for three things from the government:

- For MARACs to be put on a statutory footing
- For more resources and funding to be invested in the model, including £40-£50m funding for IDVA services
- For the children identified at MARAC to receive specialist support

The report outlines how 120,000 high risk victims living in the UK could be effectively supported if the model was properly resourced and implemented. Both the [referenced](#) and [unreferenced](#) versions of *Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse* are available to download from www.caada.org.uk. MARAC chairs and coordinators, IDVA services, DV Coordinators and other stakeholders will receive hard or digital copies over the coming weeks. For more information contact Samantha Brown by emailing samantha.brown@caada.org.uk.

Apply today – 1 day risk training, 7th and 8th April, London

CAADA is excited to be launching a one day, dedicated training course on domestic abuse risk identification. [An introduction to domestic abuse risk identification](#) is designed specifically for frontline agency practitioners who engage with potential victims in their day-to-day work. The course aims to provide delegates with a basic understanding of domestic abuse, as well as enable professionals to confidently use the [CAADA Domestic Abuse, Stalking and 'Honour'-Based Violence \(DASH\) Risk Identification Checklist](#) in frontline work. Professionals who might benefit from the training include A&E nurses, GPs, housing officers, homelessness officers, health visitors, substance misuse workers and midwives, amongst others. The cost is £150 per statutory delegate and £100 per charity delegate.

If you attend MARAC and feel that frontline colleagues within your agency will benefit from this training, please print off the leaflet and application form included in the email mailout of this edition of Enews and distribute to colleagues. If you're a frontline professional who would like to attend the training, discuss your needs in relation to other dates or venues or need more information, please fill in the attached application form or email risk@caada.org.uk today.

Responses to CAADA's funding survey - sector feedback

Thanks to everyone who responded to CAADA's online funding survey in December's edition of Enews. Your responses give us a snapshot of the funding issues that IDVA services are facing in today's difficult climate.

Safety in Numbers – did you know?

Some key facts from the largest ever research study into IDVA services, launched in November 2009 - [Safety in Numbers: A Multi-Site Evaluation of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors](#)

- On average, victims accessing IDVA services have experienced **5.5 years of abuse**.
- The proportion of high risk clients accessing IDVA services who are experiencing two or more forms of abuse (eg. physical and sexual abuse) is **86%**.
- The proportion of high risk clients who are experiencing jealous and controlling behaviour is **86%**.
- The proportion of high risk clients who are experiencing physical abuse is **84%**.
- The proportion of high risk clients who are experiencing harassment and stalking behaviour is **48%**.
- The proportion of high risk clients who are experiencing sexual abuse is **23%**.

Feel free to use this information in your funding applications to demonstrate to funders what high risk domestic abuse looks like.

- Half of respondents told us that their services have secured less than half of the funding that is required for 2010-2011.
- A quarter stated that their services prepare reports for more than four funders.
- Two thirds reported that more than one day per month is spent collating information for funding reports, and that this was often done using the valuable time of a Manager or lead IDVA.
- 9 out of 10 people thought that the availability of standard reports would help services to secure funding in the future, primarily because it is quicker and easier to generate reports for funders.
- The most commonly cited concerns about standardised reporting were that it must be straight forward to implement, relevant for local circumstances and that funders must be bought into it.

CAADA is currently developing an Insights service - a simple reporting system designed to produce standardised information about service level outputs and outcomes. This service will give managers relevant and up-to-date information to help monitor the delivery and impact of their services as well as reduce the time taken to report to funders. In the longer term the service will lead to the creation of a national dataset to provide robust evidence which can be used to influence policy and practice. To find out more about the Insights service email insights@caada.org.uk today.

Is your service ready to become a Leading Light in the domestic violence sector?

CAADA's Leading Lights accreditation programme is designed to recognize and reward safe practice in IDVA services across England and Wales. Through a rigorous process of accreditation, including support visits and training days, IDVA services will be guided towards CAADA Leading Light status. We are now accepting applications for Intake 4 of the Leading Lights Programme which will begin in June 2010. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 26th May 2010.** Please note places for each intake are limited and are normally over-subscribed and so we encourage early application to the programme. [Please visit our website](#) to find out more about the programme and application process or contact [Karen.coward@caada.org.uk](mailto:karen.coward@caada.org.uk).

New MARAC toolkits for fire and ambulance services

New frontline practitioner toolkits for Fire and Rescue Services and Ambulance Services are available on the [Practitioner's Resources section](#) of www.caada.org.uk. The toolkits are designed to be used by Fire and Rescue and Ambulance frontline professionals who may come into contact with domestic violence victims during the course of their day-to-day work. The toolkits outline the MARAC process and show how to refer to MARAC. Please feel free to circulate these new resources to relevant work contacts as appropriate.

Join CAADA staff in fundraising for the sector

Over the last month, CAADA staff and friends have dedicated their personal time to fundraise money to enable us to subsidise more voluntary IDVAs to attend our training courses. Demand for all our services comes from both charities and statutory agencies and we provide these to charities at a significantly reduced cost to ensure they remain accessible to all. Throughout March, staff have held dinners for their friends with the aim of raising cash whilst enjoying a good meal, and on May 9th, CAADA staff and friends are donning their running shoes once again to raise funds by running the Bristol 10km. If you are interested in supporting any of our fundraising efforts, please contact Keziah Rutherford today on keziah.rutherford@caada.org.uk.

Pass it on

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Did you know?

CAADA is a national charity supporting a strong multi-agency response to domestic abuse. Our work focuses on saving lives and saving public money. CAADA provides practical tools, training, guidance, quality assurance, policy and data insight to support professionals and organisations working with domestic abuse victims. The aim is to protect the highest risk victims and their children – those at risk of murder or serious harm.

As a charity, CAADA does not profit from any element of its 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 800 IDVAs but this is still short of the 1300 to 1500 IDVAs we estimate are needed nationally. Since 2005 we have trained over 220 MARACs in operation in England and Wales. However, in 2009 less than a quarter of people who needed to access MARACs were able to do so – and more services are desperately needed.

If you'd like to find out more about the work of CAADA, IDVAs and MARACs, please visit our website today: www.caada.org.uk