



## 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.

Via this issue you can download the **new** CAADA-DASH Risk Identification Checklist that CAADA has developed in conjunction with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), some practical 'quick start' guidance on how to use the checklist, a **new** MARAC Representatives' toolkit as well as your application form for the Autumn intake of our CAADA Advocates' Training Course (CAT).

We also share with you news about our training for Family Intervention Projects (FIPs) developed with the Department of Health and significant new job opportunities at CAADA you may want to apply for. Alongside this you can also review the latest MARAC Quarterly data.

Please do let us know if you find e-news useful, what you would like to see in future editions or any other comments by contacting us [enews@caada.org.uk](mailto:enews@caada.org.uk)

## Download new risk and MARAC tools designed specifically for you

Over the past year we have worked with ACPO and a number of IDVA services nationally to pilot an updated **Risk Identification Checklist (RIC)** and you can [download the final version now](#) and start using it today. The form is designed for agencies that are part of the MARAC process and either do not have their own assessment tool or would like a supplementary form for identifying domestic abuse. It has also been endorsed by CAF/CASS, Respect, GLDVP and NCDV.

The new checklist builds on the most commonly used risk assessment tools but has a wider scope including family violence, stalking and includes new questions especially relating to honour-based violence (HBV) that were not included in the previous version. It also includes updated practice guidance notes to support the new questions. We expect that it will start to be used by police forces in England and Wales later this year and CAADA will be training on its use as a core part of our training courses, CAT, MARAC and FIPs. We are also planning to develop a training day for all partner agencies at MARAC if this is something that would interest you or your organisation, please contact us on [training@caada.org.uk](mailto:training@caada.org.uk).

We have also developed a brand new **MARAC Representatives' Toolkit** which you can [download now and start using today](#). We hope that the kit gives some really practical information about the role of the MARAC representative and complements the agency specific toolkits that we have already published. If you attend MARAC regularly but aren't quite sure of your role, or would like something to use to help new attendees understand how the MARAC works and their part within it, we hope that this will provide a lot of the answers.

## Could your next professional development step start here?

Are you a new IDVA, thinking of retraining, or simply not had the opportunity to get formal IDVA training? If so, applications for our Autumn CAT course intake are now open and we are already experiencing strong demand for places. If you are interested and to ensure you do not miss out, please [download your application form now and return today](#).

There are limited places and these are filling quickly as always. **Deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July**. We have recently conducted a full evaluation of our CAT course and the results of this are overwhelmingly positive. As many of you will already know, the course is designed as an essential introduction to the work of an IDVA.

## 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 of domestic abuse possible.

Since 2005 we have trained over 720 IDVA's but this is still less than half the 1,300 to 1,500 IDVA's we estimate are needed nationally.

Since 2005 we have trained over 150 MARAC's and there are now over 200 MARAC's 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 IDVA's.

## Comic Relief funding news

Comic Relief has recently announced a new programme funding support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or experienced domestic and sexual abuse.

For more information about this and their other new programme announcements visit [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

## Family Intervention Projects (FIPs)

In conjunction with the Department of Health we have recently started training Family Intervention Project practitioners across the country on the basics of working with families experiencing domestic abuse. The course includes material on the dynamics of domestic abuse, risk assessment and management and safety planning. FIP projects provide wrap-around support from multiple practitioners of families often engaged in antisocial behaviour. Research found that a substantial percentage of women in these families also reported domestic abuse. [Please see our website today](#) for more information.

## Latest MARAC quarterly data exclusively from CAADA

<b>Total Number of MARACS Sending Data to CAADA</b>	181
<b>Number of Cases Reviewed by those MARACs</b>	24,787
<b>Number of Children in those Families</b>	34,238
<b>% of Repeat Cases as an average across all 181 MARACs</b>	23.16%
<b>% of Non-Police Referrals to these MARACs</b>	29.58%
<b>% B&amp;ME Victims amongst the Cases Reviewed</b>	8.45%

These figures show an encouraging growth in the number of MARACs reporting their data to CAADA up to 181 from 143 in the previous quarter. Additionally, the number of cases reviewed has risen from 19,700 to 24,787. The number of children uncovered by MARAC is also highly encouraging. This final figure highlights a key success with the MARAC rollout - that literally thousands of cases involving high risk domestic abuse that were either unknown or not assessed as high risk by the police, are now getting a multi agency response. Given what we know about the difficulty of disclosing domestic abuse, we believe that this represents real progress.

## Pass it on

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## Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to read e-news. As always we are keen to invite your feedback on improving the next issue. Please send you suggestions and comments to [enews@caada.org.uk](mailto:enews@caada.org.uk) or alternatively telephone 0117 317 8750.

## CAADA, July 2009

## Recruitment news

Due to continuous growing demand for our data analysis, training and quality assurance services, we are delighted to be recruiting for several new roles at CAADA in the next month.

You can access all roles using [this link](#) or click on the individual roles below to find out more and apply today:

[Director of Professional Development, Bristol, £45-£55K](#)

[Director of Quality Assurance, Bristol, £45-£55K](#)

[Director of Insights, Bristol, £45-£55K](#)

[Finance Director, Bristol, £45-£55K \(p/t 3 days/wk\)](#)

[Head of Communications, Bristol, £30-£35k](#)

[2 Quality Assessors -1 year contract, London, £25-£30k](#)

[2 Trainer-Assessors \(1 maternity cover\)](#)

[Fundraiser, Bristol, £23-£27k](#)

All roles are full time, 37.5 hours per week unless otherwise stated.

Applications open on 29<sup>th</sup> June and close on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

Interviews are currently scheduled for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Initial applications are invited for all roles with a CV and covering letter explaining why you are suitable for the role.

Applications must be sent by email to the contact listed on the role profile.