

## Principle 7: Volume – managing the balance between resources and need

### What is the principle?

The volume of cases referred to the MARAC should be commensurate with your local population.

### Why is this principle important?

The aim of MARAC is to support those victims who are at high risk of homicide and serious harm. It is a volume process and in order to achieve a significant reduction in repeat victimisation, it should include approximately the top 10% of all victims in terms of risk profile. In a mature MARAC where up to 50% of referrals come from the police and 50% from other agencies, this will equate to about the top 5% of police referrals and the remaining cases coming from other partners. To meet National Indicator 32 areas will need to demonstrate that an appropriate volume of cases are being referred to MARAC.

### How will the evidence be assessed?

The assessment criteria are looking for evidence of best practice and your MARAC will be awarded a RAG rating (Red, Amber or Green) based on the evidence you submitted relating to policies, procedures and implementation. We will also use evidence provided in the responses to the Multi-Agency Questionnaires to assess this principle

**Best practice:** Your volume will be between 80-100% of the CAADA recommended volume.

### Guidance on principle 7

(figures below relate to the QA resource pack, June 09 - Feb 10 edition)		Why is this important?
7.1	Does your volume reflect the CAADA recommendation for your area?	In the CAADA report following our visit to observe your MARAC, we will have set a target for the volume that your MARAC should be undertaking annually.

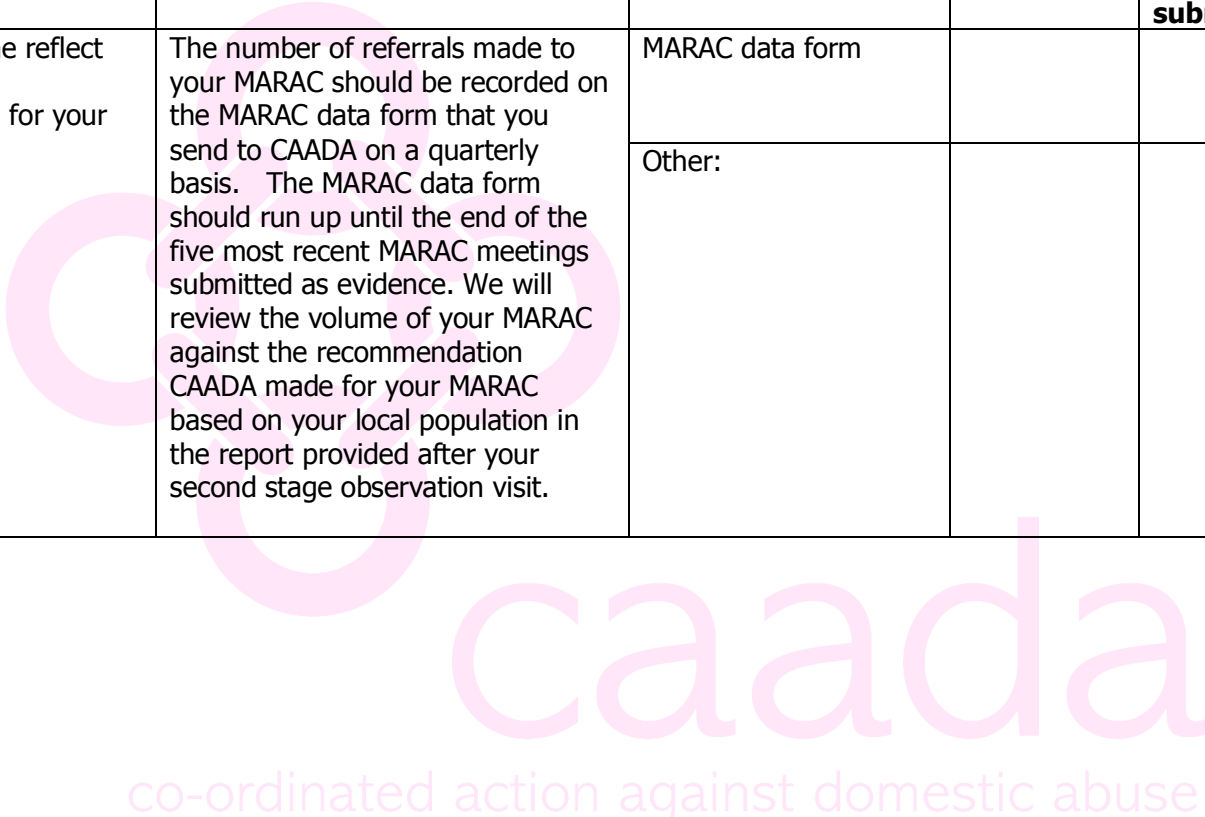
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## Principle 7 evidence grid

Sub-principle		What are we looking for?	Evidence for this sub-principle:	Evidence submitted? Yes or No.	Where is the sub-principle illustrated within the evidence submitted?
7.1	Does your volume reflect the CAADA recommendation for your area?	The number of referrals made to your MARAC should be recorded on the MARAC data form that you send to CAADA on a quarterly basis. The MARAC data form should run up until the end of the five most recent MARAC meetings submitted as evidence. We will review the volume of your MARAC against the recommendation CAADA made for your MARAC based on your local population in the report provided after your second stage observation visit.	MARAC data form		
			Other:		


  
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