Surgery Name

Patient Name

Patient Address

Patient DOB

**Case discussed at the Southwark Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC – High Risk Domestic Abuse Victims)**

Date

Dear GP

[Patient name] was discussed at the MARAC Meeting on [Date]

A MARAC is a multi-agency meeting in which domestic abuse victims who have been identified as at high risk of serious harm or homicide are referred to and discussed.

The MARAC is attended by representatives from a range of agencies including police, health, child protection, housing, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), probation, mental health teams, substance misuse teams and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. Information is shared about the current risks, enabling representatives to identify options to increase the safety of the victim and any other vulnerable parties such as children.

This is for your information, please be aware of the case and record as appropriate in notes. Appropriate steps are needed to hide sensitive information and documents from online visibility for current and future patient online access to medical records. The online visibility tool is available right clicking the document within care history. Contact EMIS support if you require assistance. Suggested codes:

* Subject of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference 13Hm
* Victim of Domestic Abuse 14XG
* Victim of Domestic Violence 14X8
* At Risk of Domestic Violence 13ZZ0

**The information contained in this letter is strictly confidential and should only be discussed with the victim when it is safe to do so. Particular caution should be given to discussing any concerns around domestic abuse when another person is present other than the patient. MARAC does not require the consent of the patient, who themselves may be unaware of the conference.**

**Please note**:

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub), MASH.MailBox@southwark.gov.uk Tel no’s 020 7525 1921 / 020 7525 5000

If you would like more information on this case please email Emma Kehoe (MARAC Coordinator) emma.kehoe@southwark.gov.uk.cjsm.net

Yours sincerely,

**Tina Nicholson**

Detective Inspector, Southwark Community Safety Unit, Metropolitan Police Service

For more information about MARACs and domestic abuse, please see the below links:

[www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200230/domestic\_violence\_and\_abuse/3588/marac](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200230/domestic_violence_and_abuse/3588/marac)

[www.safelives.org.uk](http://www.safelives.org.uk)

[www.solacewomensaid.org](http://www.solacewomensaid.org/)

Would your practice like further training on domestic abuse?

Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group have commissioned the IRIS programme, a free practice-based domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training support and referral programme for clinical and non-clinical staff. This is the equivalent of Safeguarding Level 3 training.

If you are interested in this training please contact either the IRIS Clinical Lead Dr Liz Henderson lizhenderson@nhs.net or the IRIS Advocate Educator Rebekka Hammelsbeck r.hammelsbeck@solacewomensaid.org