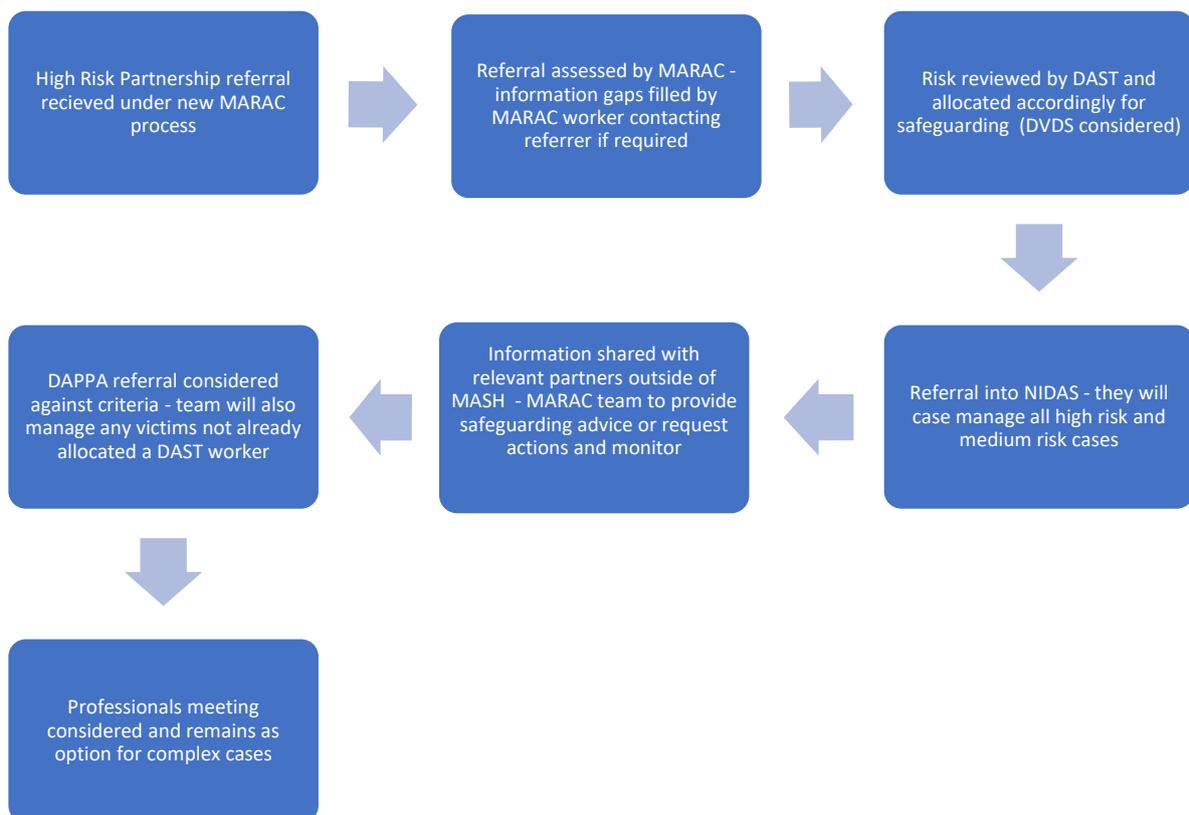


Following a full review and consultation with partners, Norfolk Police will now move away from the SafeLives Multi Agency Risk Assessment **Conference** (MARAC) model. MARAC is not a statutory provision, however Norfolk police remain fully committed to providing a co-ordinated partnership approach to safeguarding domestic abuse victims and children.

Norfolk MASH continually evolves and seeks to improve practice. The introduction of NIDAS into the MASH has further streamlined victim contact and, as the service develops, will effectively co-ordinate multi-agency support. The new Domestic Abuse Partnership Perpetrator Approach (DAPPA) team further compliments this by managing risk around high harm perpetrators. The coordination of these evolved processes will be known as the Multi Agency Risk Assessment **Coordination** process, thus maintaining a consistency of terminology using the MARAC acronym.

This exciting modernisation of services has shown that by the time a case reached conference, agencies working with the family have already been notified, information has been shared, and safeguarding is already in place with a multiagency risk management plan being co-ordinated by the MARAC team. This has ultimately meant that a large percentage of conferences have resulted in no actions or actions of little value.

Partners can still refer high risk cases into Norfolk Police on the newly designed MARAC form. The process that has been running for the last two years will continue as per below with the addition of referral into NIDAS and DAPPA referral where appropriate:



Appropriate actions will continue to be set however partners will be expected to take accountability for safeguarding and take positive action in relation to their own agency responsibility to safeguard.