

Changing Futures Programme Sussex: Safeguarding Structures & Meetings



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This document is a resource that aims to provide guidance to professionals around the safeguarding structures and meetings across West Sussex that are in place to support adults or young people where there is a safeguarding risk or concern.

If you believe that an adult is being harmed, abused or neglected, you should raise a safeguarding referral via the West Sussex County Council website - [Raise a concern about an adult - West Sussex County Council](#)

Safeguarding Structures				
Name	Purpose	Duties	Membership	Website
MASH Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	A single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns regarding children and young people in West Sussex.	Provide advice and information following safeguarding concerns and direct to an appropriate team or organisation (including making formal referrals to social care.)		Contact - children's social care support - West Sussex County Council
MAPPA Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements	Set of arrangements where the Police, Probation and Prison services work together with other agencies to manage risk around violent and sexual crimes.	Provide specific advice around risk assessment. Share information in interest of public protection. Complete serious case reviews.	Sussex Police Sussex Probation Service Sussex Prison Services	9.2 MAPPA Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual
Safeguarding Adults Board	A multi-agency partnership established to oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of	Assuring local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by statutory guidance. Working collaboratively to prevent abuse and	West Sussex County Council NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board	Home Safeguarding Adults Board (westsussexsab.org.uk)

	the safeguarding work of its members and partner agencies.	neglect where possible. Assuring safeguarding practice is continuously improving.	Sussex Police Voluntary Partner Organisations	
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Meeting Structures				
Name	Purpose	Membership	Frequency	Referral Route
MARAC Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference	For professionals to share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims of abuse.	Service Manager (WSCC) Sussex Police Social Worker Senior Probation Officer Representatives from Health	Monthly	Referral form: MARAC referral - West Sussex Self Service (achieveservice.com)
MARAC PLUS Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference Plus	To support those domestic abuse cases that repeatedly come to notice at locality MARAC level. Specifically, where a higher strategic oversight is required. Individuals may have compounding disadvantages, where locality MARAC's action planning is not able to effectively reduce domestic abuse risk.	Service Manager (WSCC) Detective Inspector (Sussex Police) Allocated IDVA Worker Social Worker Named Nurse Named professional for safeguarding adults Young Person & Families Service Lead Senior Probation Officer	Monthly	Via locality MARAC.
MARM Multi-Agency Risk Management Panel	To discuss and consider individuals where the initial Safeguarding Adult Procedure, and its associated policies have been unable	Members from the West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board and representatives from the statutory and voluntary sector.		Referral form: Safeguarding practice procedures and protocols Policy and protocols Safeguarding Adults Board (westsussexsab.org.uk)

	to reduce or alleviate risk.			
MATAC Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination	To provide a multi-agency approach to reduce and prevent incidents of domestic abuse across Sussex by discussing referred perpetrators of domestic abuse.	<p>Chief Inspector</p> <p>Representatives from Adult Social Care</p> <p>Representatives from Children's Social Care</p> <p>Representatives from Housing</p> <p>Representatives from Mental Health</p> <p>Change Grow Live</p> <p>Allocated IDVA Worker</p>	Monthly	 MATAC Referral Form - External.docx