Domestic abuse is “Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and emotional. This also includes honour based abuse (HBA), forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM)”

**SLOUGH MULTI-AGENCY DOMESTIC ABUSE REFERRAL PATHWAY**

**DISCLOSURE at non specialist service or agency**
- Reassure about confidentiality and explain the limits of this. Gain consent. Explain what actions you may have to take.

**Identify risks to the victim by using the DASH Risk Identification Checklist**
- For Honour Based Abuse cases, also complete the HBA Screening Questions (H-DASH)
- For Stalking cases, also complete the S-DASH

**Is your victim pregnant and/or do they have children?**

**Is your victim an adult with care and support needs?**

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**Do you have concerns that a child or young person may be at risk of harm or neglect?**
- Contact First Contact on: 01753 875362 or send MARF to child.protection@slough.gcsx.gov.uk

**Do you have concerns that an adult may be at risk of harm or neglect?**
- Contact Safeguarding on Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, call 01753 475111 (option 1) or; email safeguarding.adults@slough.gov.uk

**IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) informed via Modus referral**
- IDVA contacts the victim and represents their views at the MARAC meeting

**RECOGNISE**
- Only ask questions about domestic abuse when the individual is on their own and in private
- Document any disclosure, or suspicion of domestic abuse, in professional records kept at your organisation (not in the victim’s hand held records) and record what you are told in their own words
- Document decision making, actions taken to manage risk and rationale for sharing or not sharing of information (with or without consent)
- If you need to use interpreters, ensure they are professional. Never use family members, friends or children
- Consider risks associated with communication/correspondence e.g. the perpetrator finding letters/leaflets/text messages/phone call logs etc
- Call a professionals meeting if you have concerns that cannot be addressed through the MARAC

**RESPOND**
- Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Policies and Procedures [www.berkshiresafeguardingadults.co.uk](http://www.berkshiresafeguardingadults.co.uk)