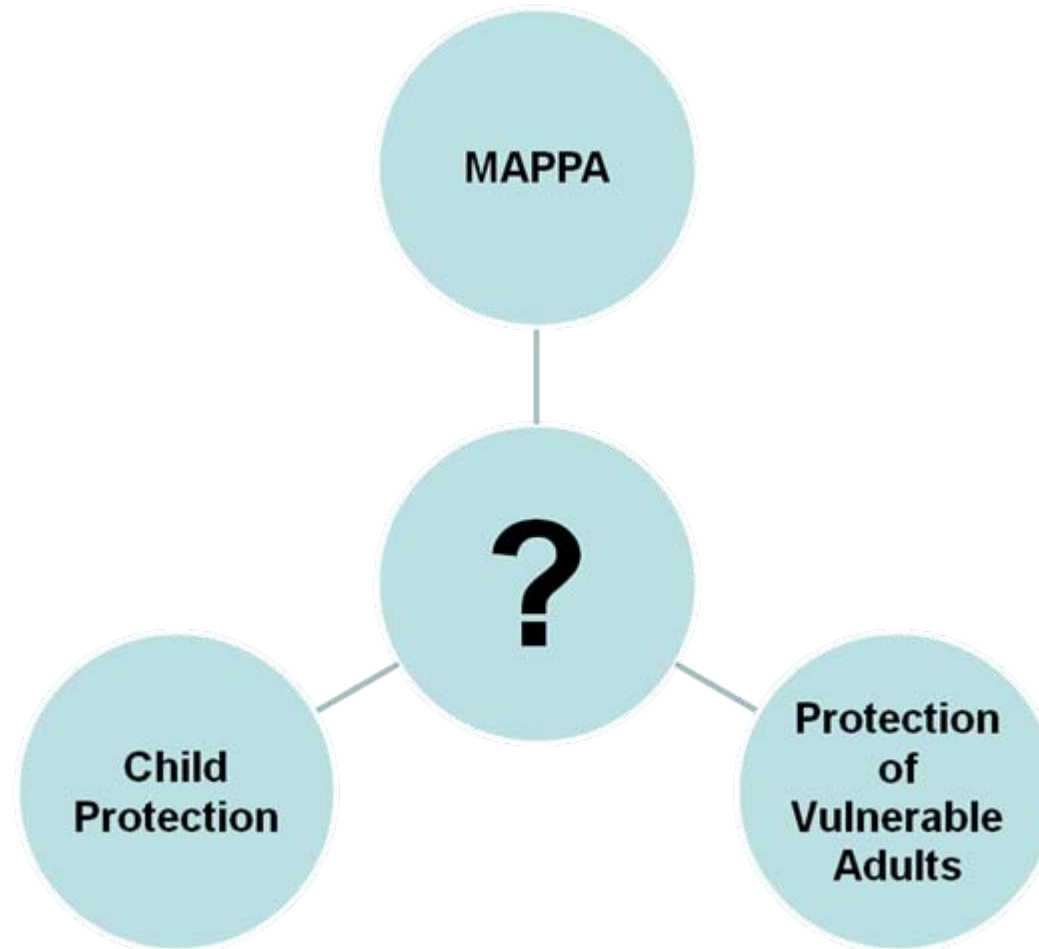


# Developments in MARACs and IDVAs

# Who is CAADA

- Established December 2004
- Aim to improve safety for victims of domestic violence by supporting IDVA work
- Training of IDVAs including CPD
- Leading Lights accreditation programme
- MARAC Implementation and QA
- Data collection and evaluation

# Why MARACs?

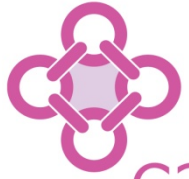


# What is a MARAC?

- Meeting held between 10-15 agencies
- Both voluntary and statutory- all can make referrals
- Share relevant information on highest risk victims
- Create a safety plan for each
- Review 15-20 cases per meeting
- Focus is on safety of adult victim
- Links made with LCSB/MAPPA/POVA where appropriate

# What is an IDVA?

- A trained caseworker
- Prioritises work with high risk victims
- From the point of crisis
- Works in partnership with other agencies especially via MARAC
- Focus is on safety
- Employed in both voluntary and statutory sectors



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# Why we need a multi-agency approach-1

- Evidence from homicide reviews and serious case reviews highlight:
  - Lack of risk assessment
  - Lack of information sharing
  - Lack of specialist support for victims

# Foundations

- Common Understanding of Risk
- Clear framework for sharing information
- Commitment from all key agencies
- IDVA presence

# The National Picture

(Dec 08)

## National Data as of December 2008

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Number of MARACs sending in data  | 143    |
| # of cases reviewed               | 19,700 |
| # of children involved            | 27,500 |
| % BME victims                     | 6.7%   |
| % Male Victims                    | 2.6%   |
| % Non police referrals into MARAC | 26%    |
| % repeat victimisation            | 24%    |



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# What underpins a successful MARAC

- Strategic buy-in for the process from key agencies
- Dedicated IDVAs to provide specialist input
- Adequately resourced and trained partners
- Keep the process simple
- Keep the process accountable

# Outcomes

- Beacon MARACs are managing
  - ✓ Up to 400 cases annually
  - ✓ With c 40% of referrals coming from non-police agencies
  - ✓ With a repeat victimisation rate of 35-40%
  - ✓ Proactive response to victims

# Next Steps

- Quality Assurance
- Building stronger links with health
- Building stronger links with safeguarding
- MARAC on a statutory footing