

Lambeth Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel (DAPP)

Fact sheet

This factsheet sets out what the Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Panel (DAPP) is, why it matters, and how cases are identified.

What is DAPP?

In the year ending March 2024, there were 108 domestic abuse-related deaths in England and Wales¹, highlighting the need for responses beyond the MARAC to directly disrupt perpetrator behaviour. In Lambeth, we have 8 active domestic abuse-related death reviews (DARDs). We have information about our 4 published DARDs on our webpage [Domestic abuse related death reviews | Lambeth Council](#)

DAPP was established with the Drive Project to disrupt perpetrator behaviour and safeguard victims. Unlike MARAC, DAPP focuses directly on perpetrators. Police, probation, social services and housing work together to agree on clear actions that reduce harm and ensure accountability.

DAPP forms part of Lambeth's coordinated response under the Lambeth Made Safer Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-2027. This strategy, informed by survivor consultations, strengthens our system response to high-risk perpetrators while keeping victim and survivor safety at the centre of all decision-making.

Referral criteria

Cases are not directly referred to DAPP. Discussions are not directly referred; cases are identified through MARAC, or where appropriate, at the Sexual Exploitation and Harm Panel (SEHP). Whilst the MARAC Chair may refer on a case to DAPP on a case-by-case basis, DAPP is not a standalone referral route; DAPP focuses on

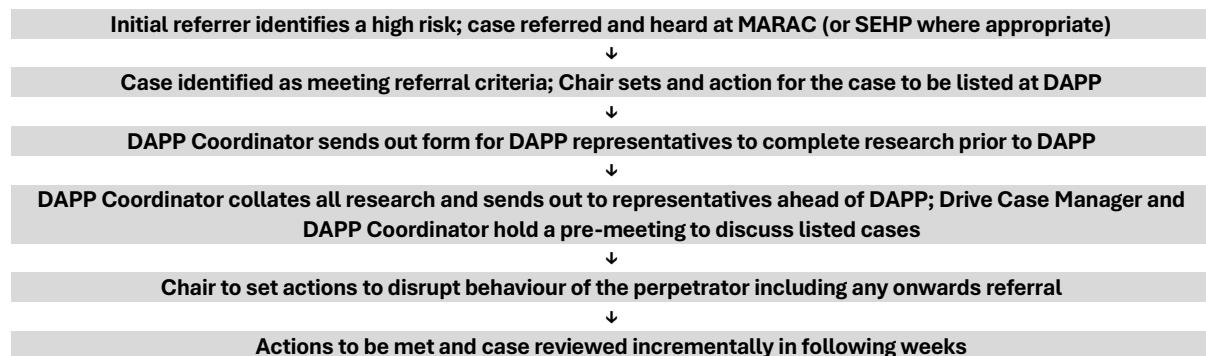
- Repeat MARAC cases
- Exceptionally high-risk cases that warrant further discussion following MARAC
- Where there is an indication that the perpetrator may be likely to engage in behaviour change interventions (for this, an agency actively involved with the perpetrator, otherwise known as a 'lever agency' should be present)

Drive sets clear criteria for 1:1 intervention: the perpetrator must not be in custody, there must be victim oversight, and a lever agency must be involved. Where direct engagement is unsafe, Drive uses disruption tactics. Victim safety is always the priority.

A suitable 1:1 case involves a perpetrator who is not subject to a significant custodial sentence and who has a pattern of high-risk behaviour, for which a lever agency can engage. Where a perpetrator poses a serious threat and will not engage, agencies coordinate disruption to restrict abuse and protect the victim.

¹ National Centre for Domestic Violence: [Domestic Abuse Statistics UK - NCDV](#).

DAPP process



Interventions following DAPP: Drive and CIFA

Drive is the main route for high-risk perpetrators identified at DAPP.

Cases are managed through support and engagement or, where needed, disruption, depending on risk and potential for change. Support and engagement mean the Drive Case Manager works with the perpetrator to address needs and encourage change. Disruption is used in high-risk cases where engagement is unsafe, with agencies acting to restrict abuse without the perpetrator's knowledge.

Rise Mutual provides consent-based behaviour change interventions for adults willing to change.

Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA)
Tailored services for racialised and minoritised communities through a focused, coordinated family and community approach
Adult to Parent Familial Abuse (APFA)
Adult-child to parent familial abuse; this provision also includes abuse towards elder siblings
Respectful Partnerships
Working with LGBTQIA+ perpetrators to address cultural or historical influences behind abusive behaviours
Female Awareness Domestic Abuse (FADA)
1:1 support provided to women who are exhibiting violent behaviour

Rise Mutual will accept direct referrals via CIFA@risemutual.org.

DAPP contact details

For more information, please visit: [Information for practitioners | Lambeth Council](#)

Contact Lambeth's Violence Reduction Unit DAPP Coordinator at

lambethdapp@lambeth.gov.uk

- Download the [Lambeth MARAC privacy notice](#)
- Download the [SafeLives DASH Risk Checklist](#)

- Make a MARAC referral: [Oasis: MARAC Web Referral](#).
- Download the [Guidance for multi-agency forums: Addressing perpetrators](#)

Respect Helpline

Respect is the national charity that can offer guidance to professionals working with perpetrators of domestic abuse. They also complete frontline work with male perpetrators, as well as having a help line for male victims.

Website: [Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men | Men's Advice Line UK](#)

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