



# DASH Completion Guidance

Question number	Question	Historical / Current	Include the following information:
1	Has the current incident resulted in injury?	Currently only	<p><u>Current</u> incident only. Otherwise select 'No'</p> <p><u>Note previous injuries regardless</u> (FIRST/WORST/LAST) include approx. dates of injuries and any medical treatment received.</p>
2	Are you very frightened?	Currently only	<p>Most people will say they are scared, but we need to know what the worst thing they think could happen is – don't give them the option, let them tell you.</p> <p>Who they feel the risk is to i.e. Children/Themselves/New partners etc.</p> <p>Use Q3 to record this.</p>
3	What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence?	Currently only	As above
4	Do you feel isolated from family/ friends i.e. does (name of abuser(s).....) try to stop you from seeing friends/family/Dr or others?	Currently only	Has the AP <u>made</u> them feel isolated?
5	Are you feeling depressed or having suicidal thoughts?	Currently only	Is this diagnosed? If so, are they receiving medication for this?
6	Have you separated or tried to separate from (name of abuser(s)....) within the past year?	Currently only	<p>Within the past year only.</p> <p>How many times?</p> <p>When was the last time?</p> <p>What makes them go back, in their opinion?</p>
7	Is there conflict over child contact?	Currently only	<p>Note any child contact arrangements.</p> <p>Are these court ordered?</p>
8	Does (.....) constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you?	Currently only	<p>If texts/calls, how many approx. a day?</p> <p>Are they possibly being tracked?</p>



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			Why do they feel they are being watched? Is this feasible?
9	Are you currently pregnant or have you recently had a baby in the past 18 months?	Currently only	Within last 18 months only.
10	Are there any children, step-children that aren't in the household? Or are there other dependants in the household (i.e. older relative/vulnerable adult)?	General	Remember other vulnerable adults.
11	Has (.....) ever hurt the children/dependents?	Include Historical	This is referring to direct physical abuse only. Including inappropriate chastisement.  Note down if there is significant emotional abuse but select 'No'.
12	Has (.....) ever threatened to hurt or kill the children/dependants?	Include Historical	As above.
13	Is the abuse happening more often?	Currently only	More often. So in what way has it escalated.  How regularly is it happening now compared to previously?
14	Is the abuse getting worse?	Currently only	This refers to increase in severity only. Primarily relating to physical incidents.  How does the current abuse compare to previously?
15	Does (.....) try to control anything you do and/or are they excessively jealous?	Currently only	Tracking – Why do they feel they are being watched? Is this feasible?  What aspects of their life do they feel they have no control over?  Consider parenting
16	Has (.....) ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?	Include Historical	This can include normal household objects.  If AP have threatened to use a weapon select 'No' but note this with which weapon
17	Has (.....) ever threatened to kill you or someone else and you believed them?	Include Historical	The key to this is whether they believed the threat. Do they think this is a real possibility?  Approx. dates of incidents. Most recent date.
18	Has (.....) ever attempted to	Include	Did they lose consciousness?



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	strangle/choke/suffocate/drown you?	Historical	<p>Were threats made at the time?</p> <p>How regularly is this happening?</p> <p>Are they using objects to do this? i.e scarves/belts.</p> <p>Approx. dates of incidents. Most recent date.</p>
19	Does (....) do or say things of a sexual nature that makes you feel bad or that physically hurt you or someone else?	Currently only	<p>If this is not happening currently select 'No'.</p> <p>Note any previous incidents.</p>
20	Is there any other person that has threatened you or that you are afraid of?	Currently only	<p>Always consider HBV.</p> <p>Get details (name/Address/DOB if possible) of anyone who poses an additional risk. This is especially important if HBV is suspected.</p>
21	Do you know if (.....) has hurt anyone else?	Include Historical	<p>Consider Clare's Law.</p> <p>Are these DV related?</p>
22	Has (.....) ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?	Include Historical	<p>This includes inappropriate chastisement</p> <p>Do they currently keep animals?</p> <p>Has a report been made to police or RSPCA?</p>
23	Are there any financial issues? For example, are you dependent on (.....) for money/have they recently lost their job/other financial issues?	Currently only	<p>How is money earned?</p> <p>What is it spent on?</p> <p>Can the victim reasonably live on their income?</p> <p>Should allegations management be considered? (Usually high risk only).</p>
24	Has (.....) had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to	Include Historical	<p>Are they currently receiving any medical treatment or counselling for these?</p> <p>Approx. how much is taken? Is this a normal amount for this person?</p>



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	problems in leading a normal life?		How does it effect their behaviour?
25	Has (.....) ever threatened or attempted suicide?	Include Historical	<p>Although it says include historical, consider mainly throughout this relationship.</p> <p>Include approx. dates and the victims perceived reasons for these.</p> <p>Was medical interventions used or sought.</p>
26	Has (.....) ever breached bail/an injunction and/or any agreement for when they can see you and/or the children?	Include Historical	<p>Are there convictions for this?</p> <p>Do they know whether there have been breaches relating to offences against others?</p>
27	Do you know if (.....) has ever been in trouble with the police or has a criminal history?	Include Historical	Consider Clare's law.
28	Has the victim or perpetrator access to lawfully held and licensed weapons.	Currently only	If considered high risk, this must be reported to police immediately.
Summary of MARAC Referral and any other relevant information:			<p>Use this box to outline <u>the first, worst and last incidents</u>.</p> <p>If you feel this is high risk, use this box to clearly outline exactly why you feel there is <u>an immediate risk of significant harm or murder to the victim</u>. Use bullet points.</p> <p>If you feel it is high risk but are not referring to a MARAC, use this box to explain why. For example, case may already be held by MARAC or client is moving to refuge. In the case where client is moving to refuge request a MARAC to MARAC transfer from MARAC Administrator after discussion with your line manager.</p> <p>List any agencies or workers already involved, including best method of contact.</p> <p>Are the children, if any, known to Social Care.</p>