

Hull & East Riding Safeguarding Adults Boards Multi-Agency Adult Risk Management (MARM) Meeting

Fact Sheet

MARM is a multi-agency approach to manage risks to an Adult. All the following conditions must apply for a MARM to be called:

1. The person is 18+.
2. Has the mental capacity to make decisions and choices about their life.
3. Has care and support needs (whether these are being met or not).
4. There is a risk of serious harm (physical or psychological) which is life-threatening and/or traumatic and which is viewed to be imminent or very likely to occur, or death by self-neglect, non-engagement with services and hoarding
5. There is a high level of concern from partner agencies

Health and social care services will have explored all known options of care and support/signposting, and the Adult has declined all such offers and is not engaging with any service.

Who can arrange a MARM risk assessment / meeting?

Consideration of a MARM can be initiated by any agency, including Hull or East Riding Adult Social Care, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, LA Housing, the NHS, Environmental Health, Probation, voluntary sector, faith groups or any other organisation working with the individual.

If I think all five criteria apply what should I do next?

Speak to the Adult Safeguarding Lead within your organisation to discuss and establish that all five criteria for a MARM meeting are met. You can then start the MARM process.

How do I get started?

Inform the relevant Adult Safeguarding Team via email; AdultSafeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk or safeguardingadultsteam@eastriding.gov.uk (dependent on the address of the person).

Information will be recorded about the MARM on the respective local authority Adult Social Care system.

The MARM Guidance can be found on the HSAPB & ERSAB website [Multi-agency Adult Risk Management \(MARM\) – Hull Collaborative Partnership](#). This provides detailed information about the process. Remember, any agency can request their Adult Safeguarding Team consider a MARM. The Safeguarding Team will consider if the MARM criteria is met, and if so, identify the lead agency.



How do we involve the person in the MARM process?

It is useful to involve the person concerned, and every effort should be made to engage them in the process. The leaflet 'MARM-What to Expect' [Multi-agency Adult Risk Management \(MARM\) – Hull Collaborative Partnership](#) explains the MARM process and gives the person an opportunity to write down their wishes and feelings. This may be useful for people who do not want to attend the meeting but would like to contribute, or who have difficulty expressing their wishes and feelings. A carer or family member could help them fill in the leaflet. If they don't want to be involved you can still go ahead with the MARM.

Who should I invite to the meeting?

All agencies involved or who could be involved to support the person. It is important that professionals who attend the MARM meeting can make decisions on behalf of their organisation.

What happens during the MARM meeting?

Agencies outline their responsibilities, share information about the person, evaluate concerns, and produce an action plan to manage the risks. The MARM meeting may identify the need to make other referrals about the person, other adults at risk or children. Whether or not the person is present, their views must be sought and considered. There is a meeting template to record the discussion and actions agreed, this should be completed with as much information as possible.

Do you have some examples of what has been discussed at MARM meetings?

- Self-neglect
- Hoarding
- Refusal of services

How do we know what has been agreed at the MARM meeting?

It is important that accurate minutes are kept using the MARM meeting record template to identify the agreed actions. The minutes must be circulated within 10 working days of the meeting to all attendees.

What happens after the meeting?

The actions agreed at the meeting should be completed within the agreed timescale. Where necessary, review meetings should be arranged.

When do I close the MARM?

The MARM process should be closed when actions have been completed. Remember, the purpose of the MARM process is to minimise the likelihood of death or serious harm. The MARM minutes should identify the process and action taken to manage the risks with an evaluation of the outcome.

Where can I find more information about MARM?



The HSAPB and ERSAB have a dedicated website where all the MARM documentation can be found.

[Multi-agency Adult Risk Management \(MARM\) – Hull Collaborative Partnership](#)