



## Ending domestic abuse

Every quarter SafeLives collects data from Maracs across the UK. This data is published annually at Police Force level by the [Office for National Statistics](#). Key national figures are also reported quarterly on the [SafeLives website](#), and every quarter Maracs can access more detailed data for their own Marac, Police Force, region and Most Similar Force group.

To help spread the word about what information is available, each quarter we will be producing a short brief focusing on one area of the data we collect.

### **Marac data Q4 2018: Focus on referral routes**

**What we collect:** We collect data on the number and percentage of referrals from the police and 12 other named agencies. We also include an 'other' category, making 14 referral route categories in total.

As most referrals come from the police we often report this as two figures: the percentage of referrals from the police and the percentage of 'partner agency referrals' (referrals from any other route). However with this data we can also look at individual referral routes in more detail, and how they vary between areas.

#### **What the data tells us:**

- In January 2018 to December 2018 66% of the cases discussed at Marac across the UK were referred by the Police. However, this varies fairly widely by region, with London seeing only 31% of referrals from the Police, while for West Midlands the rate is 80%.
- After the Police, Idva is the most common referral route at 11%, followed by the voluntary sector at 4.8%.
- Some referral routes which made up a very small proportion of referrals nationally did however account for larger proportions of referrals in certain Police Forces. For instance referrals from Primary Health Care services were 2.2% across the UK but at Police Force level this varied between 0% and 12.5%.
- Education was a particularly uncommon referral route across the UK, with almost three quarters (74%) of Maracs receiving no referrals via this route over the year.

**Trends in the data:** Over the last three years the percentage of referrals from the police versus partner agencies has been fairly consistent, increasing only slightly from 64.3% in 2016 to 65.9% in 2018. The percentage of referrals from each of the partner agencies has also remained largely consistent.

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