



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 Q2 2019: Frequency of meetings

What we collect: Maracs submit data for each separate meeting. We then calculate the total number of meetings each Marac has had within the 12-month period. If a Marac has missed uploading their data for the quarter, then we use their last quarter's data as a proxy.

What the data tells us:

- In July 2018 to June 2019 there was a total of 6,106 Marac meetings.
- There was a wide range of frequency of meetings across individual Maracs; from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 252 meetings within the 12 months.
- 33% of Maracs are operating at a frequency of more than fortnightly (defined as more than 24 meetings within the 12 months).
- 9 Maracs (3%) had more than one meeting per week
- The top 2 Maracs with the highest number of meetings had a caseload of above our expected 40 cases per 10,000 adult female population.
- The top 3 Maracs with the highest number of meetings had repeat rates of over 40% (above our expected level).

Trends in the data: The number of Marac meetings at a national level has increased over the last few years; up this year by 8% compared to the same time period in 2018 and up by 11% compared to 2017. Data at individual Marac level also indicates an increase in the frequency of meetings; the average number of meetings per Marac this year was 22, compared to an average of 21 in 2018 and 19 in 2017. This year 33% of Maracs had more than 24 meetings per year, up from 29% for the same time period in 2018 and 26% in 2017. This data supports what a growing number of Maracs are telling us in that they are operating differently to the 'original' monthly or fortnightly Marac model.

Contact Marac@SafeLives.org.uk if you are a Marac Chair or Coordinator and would like help accessing your data.