



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 Q3 2018: Focus on Young People

What we collect: We collect data on the number of victims aged 16 – 17, and calculate this as a percentage of all cases. We also collect data on the number of people aged under 18 who are perpetrating abusive behaviour towards victims discussed at Marac. Because individual cases can have multiple perpetrators we are not able to calculate the percentage of all those perpetrating abuse who are aged under 18.

Currently we do not collect the relationship to the victim, so do not know whether those under 18 are perpetrating abuse towards an intimate partner or a family member. We hope to start collecting information on relationship in future.

What the data tells us:

- In October 2017 to September 2018 1.5% of the cases discussed at Marac involved a victim aged under 18 (1,469 cases).
- This is low compared to the UK adult population of 16 and 17 years olds (2.7% in 2017 [Mid-Year estimates](#)). This is despite young people aged 16 – 24 experiencing abuse at the highest rates, according to the [Crime Survey England and Wales](#).
- During this period 932 people aged under 18 were identified in Marac cases as perpetrating abuse.

Trends in the data: The percentage of cases involving a young person has remained relatively steady over the past three years, fluctuating around 1.6%. So, although the number of cases involving Young People has increased, this increase has been in line with the general increase in overall number of cases. The number of those perpetrating abused aged under 18 shows a similar trend.

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