

# YP DASH COMPLETION GUIDANCE

This guide is to be used by professionals when completing a Young Persons DASH. The guide illustrates what information the professional is expected to obtain in order to effectively populate the YP DASH and accurately assess the risk of harm through domestic abuse to the young person. Some questions relate only to the current situation and for some the historical context should be included and considered in order to predict future behaviour.

Question number	Question	Historical / Current	Include the following information:
1	Are you very frightened?	Currently only	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.  Who they feel the risk is to i.e. themselves/new partners, their family etc.  Use Q2 to record this.
2	What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence?	Currently only	As above
3	Are you feeling low or finding you emotions hard to cop with?  Are you having suicidal thoughts?	Currently only	Does the young person have any diagnosed mental health conditions?  If they are feeling suicidal, have they made a plan to end their life? Do they have the means to carry out this plan? Does the plan include anyone else? You may need to do immediately safety planning re suicide risk.
4	Has the current incident resulted in injury?	Currently only	Current incident only. Otherwise select 'No'  Note previous injuries regardless (FIRST/WORST/LAST) include approx. dates of injuries and any medical treatment received.

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5	Does (.....) constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you?	Currently only	<p>If texts/calls, how many approx. a day? What is normal for them/what would the young person feel is appropriate?</p> <p>Are they possibly being tracked or electronically monitored?</p> <p>Why do they feel they are being watched? Is this feasible?</p>
6	Does (.....) try to control anything you do and/or are they excessively jealous?	Currently only	<p>Tracking – Why do they feel they are being watched? Is this feasible? Is technology being used to control or monitor them?</p> <p>What aspects of their life do they feel they have no control over?</p> <p>Does their abuser frequently accuse them of cheating? What do they have to do to manage this i.e. video calls when not with AP?</p> <p>What happens if they disagree with or say 'no' to their abuser?</p>
7	Is the abuse happening more often?	Currently only	<p>This refers to increase in <u>frequency</u> only.</p> <p>How regularly is it happening now compared to previously?</p>
8	Is the abuse getting worse?	Currently only	<p>This refers to increase in <u>severity</u> only.</p> <p>How does the current abuse compare to previously?</p>
9	<p>Do you see you family/friends as much as you would like?</p> <p>Do (.....) stop you from seeing friend and family or professionals?</p>		<p>How is the young person stopped from seeing friends/family?</p> <p>What happens if they resist?</p> <p>Are they still attending school or college?</p>

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10	Are you currently pregnant or have you recently had a baby?	Current/ recent	Are they known to social care?
11	Are there any financial issues?  For example, is (.....) experiencing any difficulties with money (debts or loans) or are you dependent on (.....) for money or do they take money off you?	Currently only	How is money earned?  What is it spent on?  Are there any physical threats to hand over money, or are they blackmailed to do so? If blackmail, what is being threatened?  Can the victim reasonably live on their income?
12	Have you broken up with or tried to break up with the person who is hurting you?	Currently only	How many times? When was the last time? What makes them go back, in their opinion?  If the alleged perpetrator (AP) is a family member – has the victim tried to leave the family home or end contact with family members.
13	If you have children, is there conflict between you and the person who is hurting you over seeing the children?	Currently only	Note any child contact arrangements:  Are these court ordered or informal?  Are the children witnessing abuse?
14	Has (.....) ever used weapons or objects (such as a phone or household item) to hurt you?	Include Historical	This can include normal household objects.  If the abuser has threatened to use a weapon select 'No' but note this along with which weapon.

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			At the time the threat was made was the abuser holding the weapon/had access to the weapon or not?
15	Has (.....) ever threatened to kill you or someone else?	Include Historical	<p>The key to this is whether they believed the threat. Do they think this is a real possibility?</p> <p>Approx. dates of incidents. Most recent date.</p>
16	Has (.....) ever attempted to strangle/choke/suffocate/drown you?	Include Historical	<p>Did they lose consciousness?</p> <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>Has the victim been held in positions that make breathing difficult, such as face down or bent over? (positional asphyxia)</p> <p>Approx. dates of incidents. Most recent date.</p>
17	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>
18	Is there any other person that has threatened you or that you are afraid of?	Currently only	<p>Always consider Honour-Based Abuse.</p> <p>Get details (name/Address/DOB if possible) of anyone who poses an additional risk. This is especially important if HBA is suspected.</p>

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19	Do you know if (.....) has hurt anyone else?	Include Historical	Consider Clare's Law (if age 16yrs +)  Are these DA related?
20	Has (.....) ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?	Include Historical	This includes inappropriate chastisement  Do they currently keep animals?  Has a report been made to police or RSPCA?
21	Has (.....) had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to problems in leading a normal life?	Include Historical	Are they currently receiving any medical treatment or counselling for these?  Approx. how much is taken? Is this a normal amount for this person?  How does it affect their behaviour?
22	Has (.....) ever threatened or attempted suicide?	Include Historical	Although it says include historical, consider mainly throughout the course of this relationship.  Include approx. dates and the victim's perceived reasons for these.  Were medical interventions used or sought.
23	Has (.....) ever breached bail conditions or not followed an order from the police or a judge in court?	Include Historical	Are there convictions for this?  Do they know whether there have been breaches relating to offences against others?

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24	Do you know if (.....) has ever been in trouble with the police or has a criminal history?	Include Historical	Consider Clare's law (if age 16yrs +)
<p>Use this space to outline any other concerns you have which would contribute to the risks facing the young person:</p>		<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>Is the young person or thir children (if any) known to Social Care?</p>	
<p>Does the young person have any specific needs or vulnerabilities in relation to disability and learning difficulties, substance misuse, mental health issues, cultural/language barriers, 'honour'-based systems or geographic isolation?</p>		<p>Include any additional needs, consider the following:</p> <p>Mental Health diagnosis, or concerns</p> <p>Substance misuse</p> <p>Risks of Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage or so called 'Honour-based' violence</p> <p>Connection to known gangs</p> <p>CSE, grooming or sex working</p>	

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Risk Assessment:

Use the comments boxes to justify why you have selected the risk level.

A referral to safeguarding services should be considered in every instance.

If you have selected 'High', an immediate referral to safeguarding services and MARAC (if over 16) is required.

You can use the YP DASH as the referral for MARAC, and the completed risk assessment should be sent to [marac@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:marac@gloucestershire.police.uk)

**If you feel that you would benefit from further discussion or advice around assessing risk and/or completing a DASH or YP DASH then please contact the GDASS helpdesk on 01452 726570 OR call our Professional's Advice Line on 01452 726561**