

Name of victim: Emma Pearson

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SafeLives Dash risk checklist for use by Idvas and other non-police agencies¹ for identification of risks when domestic abuse, 'honour'- based violence and/or stalking are disclosed

<p>Please explain that the purpose of asking these questions is for the safety and protection of the individual concerned.</p> <p>Tick the box if the factor is present. Please use the comment box at the end of the form to expand on any answer.</p> <p>It is assumed that your main source of information is the victim. If this is <u>not the case</u>, please indicate in the right hand column</p>	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	State source of info if not the victim (eg police officer)
<p>1. Has the current incident resulted in injury? Please state what and whether this is the first injury.</p> <p><i>Cuts to arms and face from broken glass (from door) Not first injury – has been bruised when grabbed e.g. held on floor, and when pushed into bathroom</i></p>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>2. Are you very frightened? Comment: <i>I can't go to sleep in case he comes round, or his mates. Anyone can get in right now until the door is fixed.</i></p>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>3. What are you afraid of? Is it further injury or violence? Please give an indication of what you think [name of abuser(s)] might do and to whom, including children.</p> <p>Comment: <i>having to have him back because I can't stand up to him, being thrown out of my flat, being stopped from using the food bank because I use it too much. Being thrown out of my flat if Darren disturbs the neighbours. Darren sending my Dad photos of me with no clothes on.</i></p>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>4. Do you feel isolated from family/friends? ie, does [name of abuser(s)] try to stop you from seeing friends/family/doctor or others?</p> <p>Comment: <i>None of my friends come and see me anymore. Darren wouldn't let me go and see my mum and now she's cross with me. I don't want to see my Dad. Darren took my phone because he broke his and won't give it back. I've got a cheap phone but he's got all my numbers. I don't remember any numbers.</i></p>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>5. Are you feeling depressed or having suicidal thoughts?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>6. Have you separated or tried to separate from [name of abuser(s)] within the past year? 4 times</p>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>7. Is there conflict over child contact?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ Note: This checklist is consistent with the ACPO endorsed risk assessment model DASH 2009 for the police service.

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<p>8. Does [name of abuser(s)] constantly text, call, contact, follow, stalk or harass you? Please expand to identify what and whether you believe that this is done deliberately to intimidate you? Consider the context and behaviour of what is being done.</p> <p><i>He is trying to get me to have him back so he can live in the flat. He started being nice, Oh Emma I'm sorry. When I said no he started threatening. He says he will send photos of personal stuff like me in the bath to my Dad. He follows me. He seems to know when I am at the food bank or going to my Mums</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>9. Are you pregnant or have you recently had a baby (within the last 18 months)?</p> <p><i>Previous 2 miscarriages (3 and 4 years ago)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>10. Is the abuse happening more often? Since I ended the relationship</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>11. Is the abuse getting worse?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>12. Does [name of abuser(s)] try to control everything you do and/or are they excessively jealous? For example: in terms of relationships; who you see; being 'policed' at home; telling you what to wear. Consider 'honour'-based violence (HBV) and specify behaviour.</p> <p><i>He told me what to eat and wear. He said I was too stupid to know what to do. He told me how to do everything even things like turning on the tele. He shouts at me to do the cleaning and when he wants a pizza.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<p>13. Has [name of abuser(s)] ever used weapons or objects to hurt you?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>14. Has [name of abuser(s)] ever threatened to kill you or someone else and you believed them? If yes, tick who:</p> <p>You <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Children <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>Tick the box if the factor is present. Please use the comment box at the end of the form to expand on any answer.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>DON'T KNOW</p>	<p>State source of info</p>
<p>15. Has [name of abuser(s)] ever attempted to strangle / choke / suffocate / drown you?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>16. Does [name of abuser(s)] do or say things of a sexual nature that make you feel bad or that physically hurt you or someone else? <i>If someone else, specify who.</i></p> <p><i>Lots of his mates. Jamile, Naz, George, Nathan</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>17. Is there any other person who has threatened you or who you are afraid of? If yes, please specify whom and why. Consider extended family if HBV.</p> <p><i>My Dad. I don't see him.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>18. Do you know if [name of abuser(s)] has hurt anyone else? Consider HBV. Please specify whom, including the children, siblings or elderly relatives:</p> <p>Children <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Another family member <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Someone from a previous relationship <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify) x</p> <p><i>He beat up Naz when Naz couldn't get enough money to buy drugs.</i></p>	<p>x</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>19. Has [name of abuser(s)] ever mistreated an animal or the family pet?</p> <p><i>Hamster (I think he killed it)</i></p>	<p>x</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>20. Are there any financial issues? For example, are you dependent on [name of abuser(s)] for money/have they recently lost their job/other financial issues?</p> <p><i>He has the bank account where my benefits go. He doesn't have a job. They stopped his JSA. I can't get any money. I don't have any food. There are letters coming saying I owe £580 for a wide screen television. I haven't got a wide screen television.</i></p>	<p>X</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>21. Has [name of abuser(s)] had problems in the past year with drugs (prescription or other), alcohol or mental health leading to problems in leading a normal life? If yes, please specify which and give relevant details if known.</p> <p>Drugs x – spliffs, blow-out, spice</p> <p>Alcohol x</p> <p>Mental health <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>x</p>			<p>Police and Emma</p>
<p>22. Has Darren ever threatened or attempted suicide?</p>		<p>x</p>		
<p>23. Has [name of abuser(s)] ever broken bail/an injunction and/or formal agreement for when they can see you and/or the children? You may wish to consider this in relation to an ex-partner of the perpetrator if relevant.</p> <p>Bail conditions x</p> <p>Non Molestation/Occupation Order <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Child contact arrangements <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Forced Marriage Protection Order <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>x</p>			<p>Police</p>
<p>24. Do you know if [name of abuser(s)] has ever been in trouble with the police or has a criminal history? If yes, please specify:</p> <p>Domestic abuse <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sexual violence <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other violence x</p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>x</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Police</p>
<p>Total 'yes' responses</p>	<p>17</p>			

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For consideration by professional

<p>Is there any other relevant information (from victim or professional) which may increase risk levels? Consider victim's situation in relation to disability, substance misuse, mental health issues, cultural / language barriers, 'honour'- based systems, geographic isolation and minimisation. Are they willing to engage with your service? Describe.</p>	<p>Emma lacks confidence as she can't always understand money or complicated writing. She has been undermined by being told she is stupid and that no one cares about people with learning disabilities. Darren showed her clips of films about Winterbourne View and told her she was lucky she had him.</p> <p>Darren has caused a rift between Emma and her Mum who used to be Emma's main support.</p>
<p>Consider abuser's occupation / interests. Could this give them unique access to weapons? Describe.</p>	<p>Some of Darren's friends carry knives</p>
<p>What are the victim's greatest priorities to address their safety?</p>	<p>To stop the harassment and keep her home</p>

<p>Do you believe that there are reasonable grounds for referring this case to Marac?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If yes, have you made a referral?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Signed</p>	<p><i>Ruth Morgan</i></p>
<p>Date</p>	
<p>Do you believe that there are risks facing the children in the family?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>If yes, please confirm if you have made a referral to safeguard the children?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Date referral made</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Signed</p>	
<p>Date</p>	
<p>Name</p>	

<p>Practitioner's notes</p>
<p>This risk assessment forms part of a Sec 42 safeguarding adults enquiry</p> <p>No safeguarding meeting is planned but one may be necessary to co-ordinate support to Emma</p>

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