

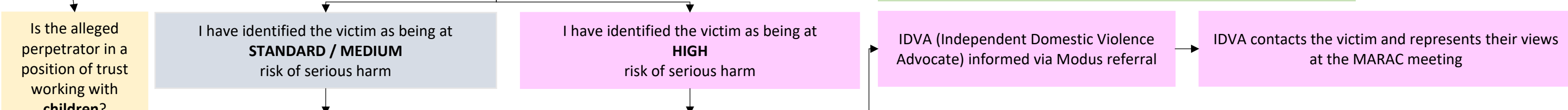
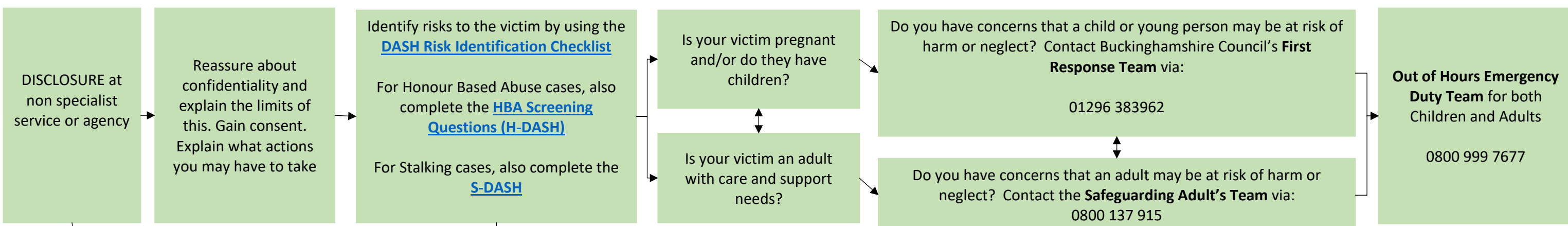
Domestic abuse is any single incident, course of conduct or pattern of abusive behaviour between individuals aged 16 or over who are personally connected to each other as a result of being, or having been, intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. Children who see, hear or experience the effects of the abuse and are related to either of the parties are also considered victims of domestic abuse. Abuse includes physical or sexual abuse; violent or threatening behaviour; controlling or coercive behaviour; economic abuse; or psychological, emotional or other abuse.

If there is no disclosure but you suspect otherwise, periodically 'ask the question'

For Honour Based Abuse (HBA) or Forced Marriage (FM) cases, share information on a strictly needs to know basis. Take active steps to ensure records are kept secure, confidential and where possible, restricted

For FGM cases, refer to your local safeguarding procedures

If there is any immediate danger call 999 immediately



Is the alleged perpetrator in a position of trust working with children?
Make contact with the [Local Authority Designated Officer \(LADO\)](#) 01296 382 070
secure-LADO@bucks.gov.uk

I have identified the victim as being at STANDARD / MEDIUM risk of serious harm

- Consider immediate and long term risks and needs
- Risk can fluctuate so regularly review risk levels and decision making
 - Discuss basic safety planning with the victim
 - Ensure the victim knows where to go for help
- Signpost / consent-based [Aylesbury Women's Aid](#) 01296 437777 or [Wycombe Women's Aid](#) 01494 461367 (incl Chiltern & South Bucks) (referral form and DASH RIC required)
 - If victim is male contact [SAASSBMK](#) via: 01296 719772
- Consider signposting / referrals to other services ([Referral Routes map](#))

I have identified the victim as being at HIGH risk of serious harm

Speak to your agency's Designated MARAC Officer (DMO) and complete MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) referral, with or without consent, via Modus

If your agency does not have a DMO, contact MARAC on 01865 854271 or via MASHbucks@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Is the alleged perpetrator in a position of trust working with vulnerable adults?
Make contact with Safeguarding : 0800 137 915

MARAC meeting takes place, information is shared

Action plan agreed. Agencies flag and tag files

In all circumstances (adults and children)

- Only ask questions about domestic abuse when the individual is on their own and in private
- Document any disclosure, or suspicion of domestic abuse, in professional records kept at your organisation (not in the victim's hand-held records) and record what you are told in their own words
- Document decision making, actions taken to manage risk and rationale for sharing, or not sharing, information (with or without consent)
 - If you need to use interpreters, ensure they are professional. Never use family members, friends or children
- Consider risks associated with communication/correspondence e.g., the perpetrator finding letters/leaflets/text messages/phone call logs etc
 - Call a professionals meeting if you have concerns that cannot be addressed through the MARAC