

Data Collection Case Study: Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea

In January 2020 data collection on harmful practices cases commenced in 3 London boroughs encompassing data collated from MARAC and from local agencies. Data categories were agreed by the local harmful practices operational group, and the project officer analysed the previous 2 years of MARAC minutes, as well as collecting information going forward.

Using the data collected, information has been shared on areas including:

- Prevalence of high-risk cases identified
- Demographics
- Perpetrator profile
- Gaps in data and how we could address these.
- Professional areas of improvement needed e.g. lack of adequate risk assessment
- Highlighting the breadth of work of by and for agencies

Since 2020 this information has been shared in a number of spaces in order to create discussion and influence local strategy and policy. This has included:

- The local harmful practices group to inform the work of the group
- The local VAWG Board to highlight findings and influence strategy
- Local VAWG leads to influence strategy
- Local MARAC reps to improve practice
- Local MARAC co-ordinators in inform their work
- Local MARAC steering group
- Another London harmful practices group
- Health colleagues to highlight harmful practices

It has also been used to produce a paper on findings - available [here](#). For more information on collecting harmful practices data at MARAC, see toolkit documents