

**Domestic Abuse Related Death Review [DARDR] Confidentiality Agreement**

**All related DARDR Meetings**

The purpose of the Domestic Abuse Related Death Review is to:

* Establish what lessons are to be learned from the case about the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard and support victims of domestic abuse including their dependent children.
* Identify clearly what those lessons are, both within and between agencies, how and within what timescales they will be acted on and what is expected to change as a result.
* Improve intra and inter-agency working and provide a better service to victims of domestic abuse.
* Acknowledge areas of best practice.
* Contribute to a better understanding of the nature of domestic abuse.
* Ensure the Review is conducted according to best practice, with effective analysis and conclusions of the information related to the case.

To assure a co-ordinated response that fully addresses all systematic concerns surrounding deaths as a result of domestic abuse, all relevant data should be shared and reviewed by the Panel, as permitted within the stipulations of the Data Protection Act, including historical information concerning the deceased and their family, the perpetrator and the circumstances surrounding the death. Much of this information is protected from public disclosure.

A disclosure of information related to the subject of the Review outside DARDR Meetings will be considered a breach of confidentiality. All documents should be marked restricted until the Overview Report is agreed by the Home Office and should not be disclosed without consent of the Chair and LDAP Business Manager. Content of meetings is confidential and is provided on a strictly need to know basis. Meeting Minutes should not be copied, or contents shared outside meetings without prior discussion with the Chair and LDAP Business Manager.

Public statements about the general purpose of the Domestic Abuse Related Death Review process may be made, if they are not identified with any specific case.

IF meetings are held via MS Teams, it is the responsibility of any person placing personal information regarding the DARDR on the Teams Chat to delete that information from the chat before leaving the meeting.

**Conflict of Interest:** Please disclose any conflict of interest that could influence your professional role on the Panel, e.g. a family connection.

**All those present at these meetings agree to abide by the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement.**