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Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Referral Form

Criteria for a Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) (formerly known as Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR))

The Victim and Prisoners Act (2024) defines a DARDR as a review into the circumstances of the death of a person which is held:

- where the death has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse towards the person, within the meaning of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, and
- with a view to identifying the lessons to be learned from the death.

The Domestic Abuse Act (2021) defines domestic abuse as the behaviour of a person towards another person, where the two people are aged 16 or over and are personally connected to each other, and the behaviour is abusive. Abusive behaviour is defined as: physical or sexual abuse; violent or threatening behaviour; controlling or coercive behaviour; economic abuse; psychological, emotional, or other abuse.

Where the definition set out in these paragraphs has been met, a Domestic Abuse Related Death Review should be undertaken. This includes the consideration of deaths by suicide.

Submitting a Referral

Anyone who believes a case meets the criteria for a DARDR can submit a referral. Before doing so, please discuss the case with your agency's representative involved in the DARDR process.

If you are unsure who your representative is, or need further guidance, please contact the **Community Safety and Protection Team at Halton Borough Council**.

Email: clare.dinsdale@halton.gov.uk



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1. Referrer Details	
Name	
Job role and organisation	
Email address	
Telephone number	
Date submitted	

2. Victim Details	
Name	
Date of birth	
Date of death	
Age at time of incident	
Home Address (plus any known previous addresses)	
Gender	
Ethnicity	
Sexual orientation	
Nationality	
Language(s) spoken	
Disability	



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Religion	
Any other vulnerabilities	
Children (include address and school attended where known)	
GP Surgery	

3. Alleged Perpetrator Details (where appropriate)	
Name	
Date of birth	
Age at time of incident	
Home Address (plus any known previous addresses)	
Relationship to Victim	
Gender	
Ethnicity	
Sexual orientation	
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4. Other Relevant Individuals (add additional sections for multiple people)	
Name	
Date of birth	
Home Address (plus any known previous addresses)	
Gender	
Relationship to Victim	

5. Circumstances and Reason for Referral	
Circumstances of the case/incident	
Reason for referral Explain why the case is being referred to Safer Halton Partnership, considering the DHR criteria above	
Are any of the above named people known to your agency? If yes, provide brief details, including any known domestic abuse and/or safeguarding concerns	



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Any other information

Such as any other known agency involvement, any other information to decide whether to instigate a DARDR.

Submission Instructions

Please return the completed form securely to the Halton Council's Community Safety Team at Clare.Dinsdale@halton.gov.uk

What Happens Next

A DARDR notification will be sent to key Halton agencies to ask for initial information. This will be collated and used to inform the decision as to whether the referral meets the DARDR criteria and a review should be commissioned. The decision is made by Safer Halton Partnership. You will be informed of the outcome of the decision once it has been made.