

# First response supervisor's checklist - domestic abuse

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Checklist of areas for observation and improvement	Yes or No	Areas for improvement
1. Victims made to feel safer after police intervention		
2. First responder demonstrates empathy		
3. First responder not judging a victim's life choices		
4. First responder not judging coping mechanisms such as alcohol/drugs/self-harm		
5. Collection of evidence and evidence-led prosecutions		
6. Completion of DARA as a tool to assist investigation and safeguarding not a tick box exercise		

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7. Recognition of and asking about coercive control		
8. Checks on children's welfare and reassurance given to children at the scene		
9. Recognition of, and recording offender manipulation of first responder		
10. History checks before arrival at scene from the call taker		
11. Addressing counter allegations		
12. Ensuring privacy when separating parties		
13. Telling the victim they are believed and it was the right decision to seek help		
14. Demonstrates an understanding of why victims can be uncooperative		
15. Safety planning with a victim and children		

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16. Safeguarding according to need		
17. Using Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) and the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS)		
18. Demonstrates understanding of the MARAC process and what the MARAC marker means (if applicable)		
19. Dealing appropriately with the needs of victims from diverse communities		
20. Targeting perpetrators for disruption and diversion		
21. Understanding and communicating with young victims and young people that harm in relationships		
22. Recognising harassment or stalking behaviours		

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23. Recognising interfamilial DA and its dynamics		
24. Taking positive action and explaining this to the victim		
25. Referral pathways for victims, children and perpetrators		

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