



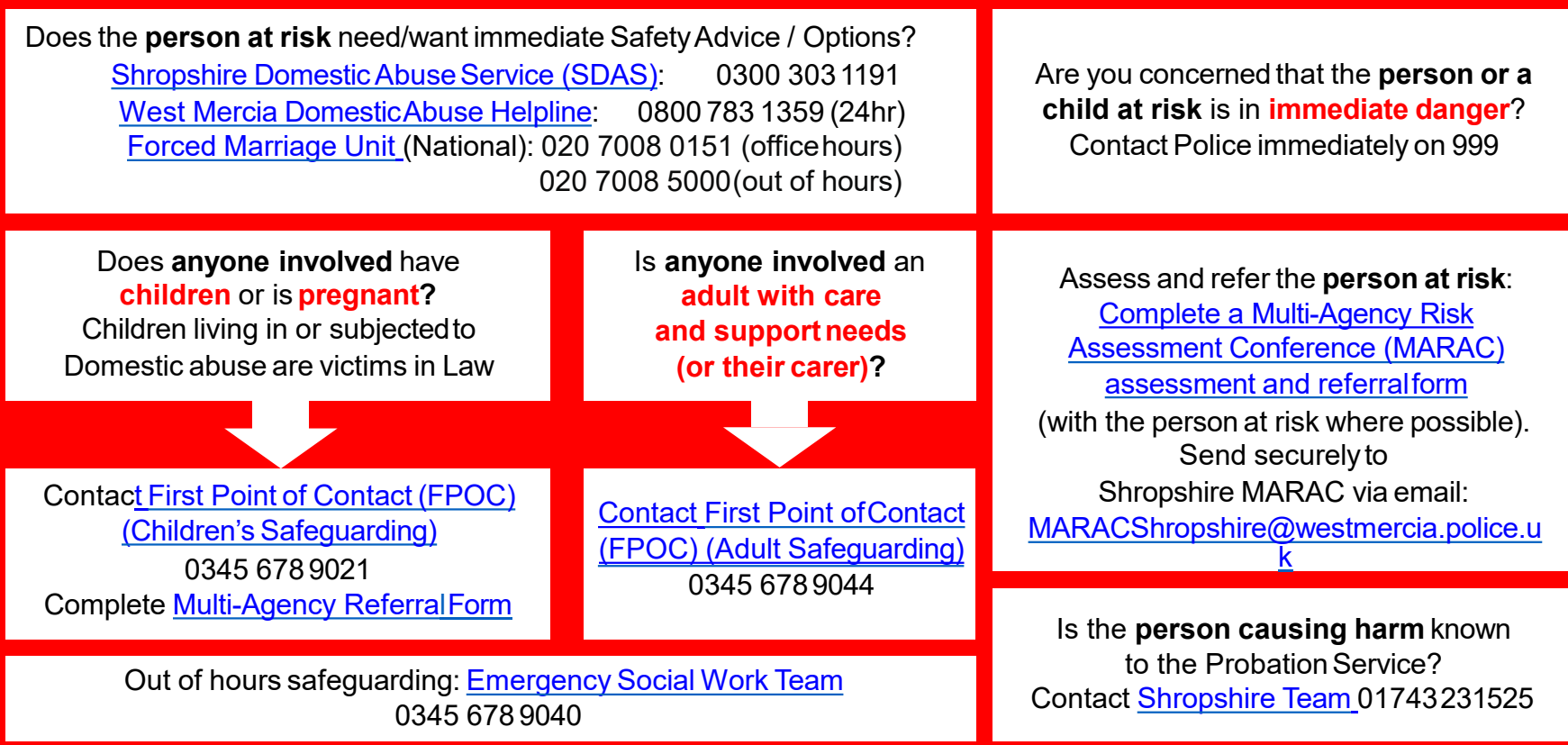
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# Shropshire Domestic Abuse Pathway

[Domestic Abuse: the legal definition](#)  
[Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance](#)  
[Forced Marriage Multi-Agency Statutory Guidance](#)

## Immediate Risk - 999

**Immediate risk = Serious Harm + Very High/High Likelihood**  
**Serious Harm =** Death or injury (either physical or psychological) which is life threatening and/or traumatic from which the person's recovery is expected to be difficult, incomplete or impossible.  
**Very High/High Likelihood =** Serious harm to the person(s) is already taking place or could happen at any time whenever the alleged perpetrator has an opportunity.



## Risks present but not immediate

**Risk =** Harm + Likelihood  
**Harm =** Can be physical or psychological. Consider the impact of the harm on the person. How long might it take them to recover from the domestic abuse?  
**Likelihood =** **Is harm still taking place or likely to take place again?** How often is harm taking place (frequency)?  
 How long has the harm been taking place for? When is the harm taking place (circumstances and context)?  
 What needs, strengths, strategies, support and/or resources does the person at risk already have which are helping or could help to reduce their risk?

