



We welcome the findings of the recent Domestic Homicide Review and Safeguarding Adult Review into the life of Maria.

Firstly, we would like to convey our deepest condolences to Maria's family and friends following her tragic death.

The review has helped to identify important changes that need to be made across the Safer Cornwall Partnership.

We are acting on these recommendations and we are working to make immediate improvements.

By developing a direct referral pathway and providing further training and advice there has been a 500% increase in domestic abuse service referrals from general practices over the last two years.

Women only rehabilitation and detox spaces are also now provided to minimise the risk of further exploitation.

We will continue to work together to make sure residents' safety is at the heart of what we do.

Notes to editors - we would be grateful if you could signpost to the following agencies when publishing details of cases involving sexual or domestic abuse or there is a concern about safeguarding.

In an emergency always call 999.

If you think you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, contact the **specialist domestic abuse service in Cornwall** on 0300 777 4777. Safer Futures provides support, safety planning, advice, therapy and recovery in domestic abuse and sexual violence. The helpline is open Monday to Friday, 09.00 – 21.00 and Saturday, 09.00-17.00. Services are provided to women, men, young people and children. Professionals can also make referrals via the helpline. Online: saferfutures.org.uk; Email: safewrfutures@firstlight.org

Support is also available from the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247**

National Stalking Advocacy Service <https://www.paladinservice.co.uk/>

If you or someone you know has been raped or sexually assaulted, contact the **Devon and Cornwall Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)** via sarchelp.co.uk or call 0300 303 4626.



The SARC provides safety, support, forensic medical facilities and assessments, sexual health advice and counselling to women, men, children and young people.

If you have been a victim of domestic abuse or a sexual offence and would like to report this to the police, please call 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency) or online at www.dc.police.uk/contact

Support is also available from the **National Rape Crisis Helpline** 0808 802 9999 or go to <https://rapecrisis.org.uk/get-help/want-to-talk/>

If you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health, call the **Cornwall and Isles of Scilly 24/7 NHS Mental Health Response Line** on 0800 038 5300. It's free to access by anyone, any age, any time, day or night.

If you are:

- an adult experiencing abuse or neglect
- or are concerned about an adult experiencing abuse or neglect

telephone us on 0300 1234 131

We will listen to what you have to say and will ask you questions to make sure we understand your concerns.

You can also contact us out of hours on 01208 251300

Or you can make an [online referral](#).

If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116