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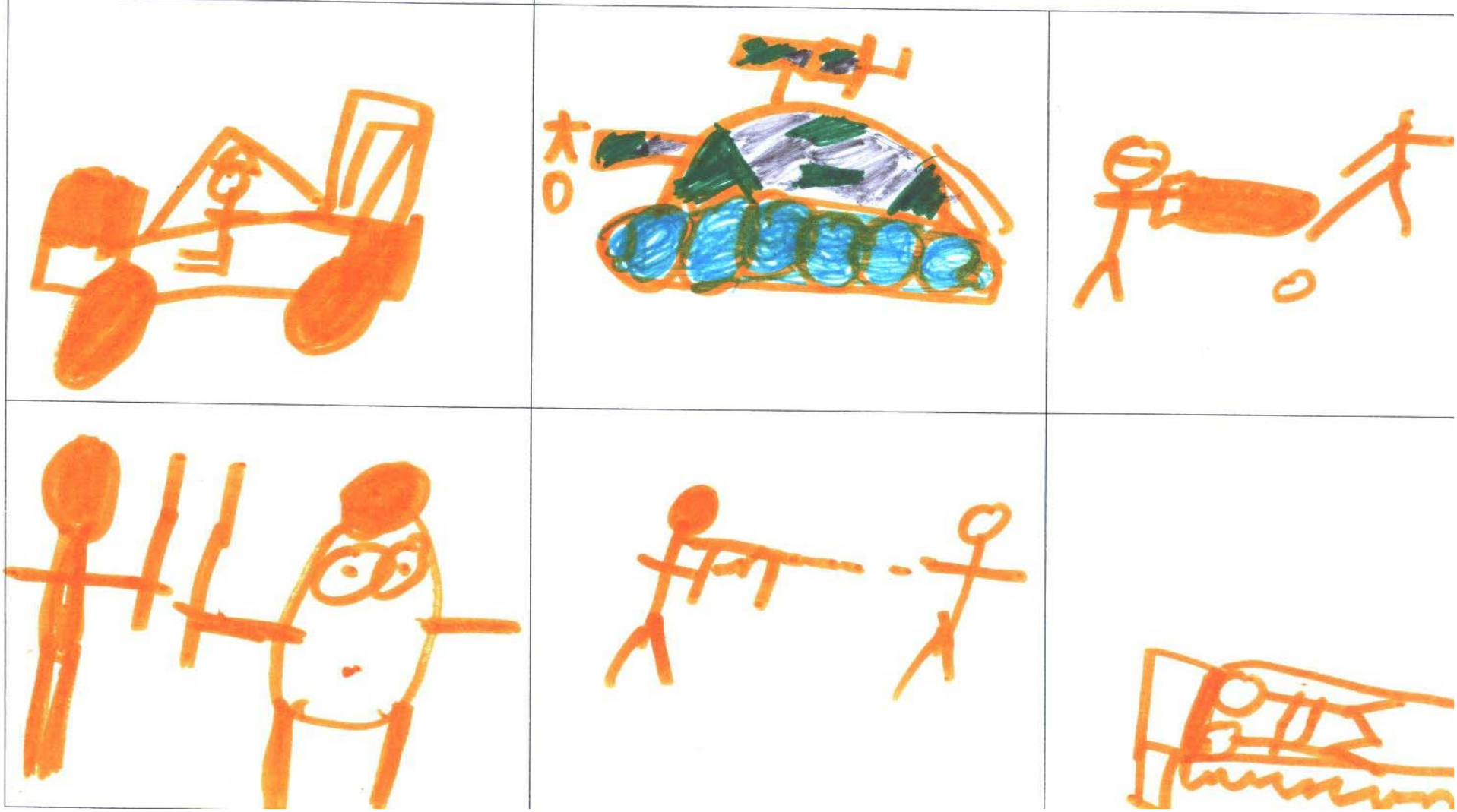

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Risk assessment

- 2002 South Wales model developed
- SPECCS from the Met
- 50:50 coverage across UK
- Universal UK wide tool includes HBV
- Balance of clinical and actuarial
- No down grading
- High Risk goes to MARAC

Intention of MARAC

- Share information
- Draw up a multi-agency action plan
- Reduce risks to victim/children
- Management of alleged perpetrator
- Review failures

Cardiff MARAC

- Started March 03 meets fortnightly
- Provides a co-ordinated multi-agency planning and delivery tool for 60 cases a month
- 80% of its actions delivered by IDVA's, who victims /survivors on the whole trust
- Risk focussed not needs focussed
- 60 -80 children on the list each month some on CPR
- 35-40% failure rate...repeats
- 12%BME victims /survivors

M.A.R.A.C. who is attending…

- Police
- Probation
- Midwife Social Services
- Child Protection Nurse
- Women’s Aid
- NSPCC
- Housing
- B.A.W.S.O.
- Social Services-Child Protection
- Social Services-Intake and Assessment
- Social Services-Adult Services
- Education
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- Mental Health Services
- Substance abuse workers
- Any other relevant agency

National Picture from CAADA

- 15,000 cases
- 18,527 children
- Repeats 25%
- Average 12 cases
- 100 MARAC's running and submitting data to CAADA 07-08
- 74% Police referrals

Evaluation of MARAC process

- 63% victims interviewed had not experienced further violence or abuse at 6 month point. At 12 month point this falls to 42%. The other 58% call police earlier , they have confidence the C.J. system can deliver.

Diversity

Does MARAC work for BME,LGBT, people with disabilities and male victims ?

MARAC issues

- Not a magic wand only as good as the agencies/professionals at the table
- Volume ..lets keep it small so we can give each case more time
- Lack of strategic leadership
- Poor chairing ,bossy DI's
- Some health and social services professionals not empowered by their agencies to commit

To make it work.

- Strategic leadership..does everyone in an agency know what MARAC is
- Committed professionals given time to do the research and undertake MARAC actions
- Good chairing
- Enough IDVA’s to do the work
- Expertise and skill ...these are our most complex and dangerous cases

Public Protection – the links

- Injury to animals
- Child Protection
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Violence
- Kidnap/siege taking
- Homicide

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