



Derbyshire

Multi Agency Public
Protection Arrangements

Protection through partnership

2007-08

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Introduction by the responsible authority agencies

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Protecting the public from violent and sexual crime continues to be of the highest priority across Derbyshire. The work jointly undertaken through MAPPA to manage offenders convicted for such offences is vitally important.

The crimes these offenders are responsible for greatly affect the lives of victims, their friends and families, and can in turn cause fear in local communities.

We recognise the public's concern about people who may present a risk of causing significant harm.

It is never possible to eliminate that risk entirely, but the aim of MAPPA is to make sure all reasonable steps are taken to reduce the risk of further serious harm to the public from known offenders.

MAPPA is a partnership. This report explains how different agencies involved in MAPPA work together, how the arrangements operate, and what actions are taken to improve their effectiveness.

It also contains statistical information about the number of offenders managed under the arrangements, and illustrates how the arrangements work in practice.

A major challenge this next year will be to continue applying new national guidance in this area. As well, we will see a change in the law making it a duty to consider disclosure to the public in certain circumstances.

More staff will also be deployed into the area of monitoring and supervising violent and sexual offenders, and steps will be taken that strengthen our multi agency approach further.

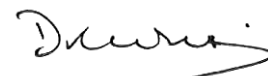
Much had been achieved in improving public protection through MAPPA but we are aware that we need continually to review and update these arrangements in order to afford our local communities the highest level of protection.



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An overview

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements in Derbyshire, as in the rest of England and Wales, work within a framework set down by law and in guidance issued by the government.

The arrangements have been set up to manage the risks of re-offending and harm to the public posed by sexual, violent and other dangerous offenders. In Derby and Derbyshire they bring together Derbyshire Constabulary, the National Probation Service Derbyshire Area, and the East Midlands Area of HM Prison Service into what is known as the MAPPA 'Responsible Authority'.

A number of additional agencies and services have a 'duty to co-operate' through the arrangements.

Within the Area the co-operating partners include:

- Derby City and Derbyshire County Youth Offending Services
- Derby City and Derbyshire County Social Care Services (Childrens and Adults)
- Derbyshire County Mental Health NHS Trust and other health providers
- Derby City and Derbyshire District Housing Services, and some social housing providers
- Department for Work and Pensions (Job Centre Plus)
- Electronic Monitoring ('tagging') providers
- (as a voluntary partner) the NSPCC whose work to end child cruelty involves working with offenders on a community sex offender treatment programme.

The purposes of MAPPA are to:

ensure that fuller and comprehensive risk assessments are completed on relevant offenders by making use of co-ordinated information sharing between the partner agencies

direct resources from the key agencies to manage these offenders and best protect the public from serious harm

A full description of the Arrangements across England and Wales, including reports from all 42 MAPPA Areas can be found at www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk/publicprotection

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Who are MAPPA offenders?

Three categories of offender are eligible for MAPPA

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Registered Sexual Offenders

These are sexual offenders who as a result of a conviction or caution are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details, and any later changes. The period of time that an offender has to register their details can be any period from 12 months to life, depending upon their age at the time of conviction, the age of any victims and the nature of the offence or type of sentence imposed.

634 Registered Sex Offenders in Derby & Derbyshire - 31 March 2008

Violent Offenders

These offenders have been sentenced to imprisonment or detention for 12 months or more after being convicted of one of a wide range of serious offences; this includes all persons convicted of murder. The category also covers a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration, together with offenders disqualified from working with children.

435 Violent Offenders and non-registrable Sex Offenders managed in the area during 2007/08

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Other Dangerous Offenders

These are offenders who do not qualify under Categories 1 or 2 but there is an identified link between their offending and likely harm to the public, and the high risk of harm they currently pose requires multi agency management.

The third category are included only when it is agreed they should be managed at MAPP Levels 2 or 3, and ends when they are discharged from joint management.

163 Other offenders managed under Derbyshire MAPPA during 2007/08

The first two categories are always included under the Arrangements until the end of their sentence, disqualification, or registration period.

ViSOR

ViSOR is a national database that holds details of sexual, violent and other dangerous persons.

From 2008 the three MAPPA Responsible Authority agencies - Police, Prisons and Probation - will be able, for the first time, to work on the same system, enabling risk assessment and risk management information to be shared in a timely way to reduce re-offending and protect the public.

As well as supporting the joint management of individuals identified as MAPPA offenders ViSOR can also benefit crime investigations through identifying potential suspects for violent crimes or sexual offences.



Listening to victims

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By assessing and managing the risks posed by dangerous offenders the Arrangements aim to reduce the chances of anyone becoming a victim of crime. This begins with steps taken to protect those who have already been victims. In many cases the person who commits a violent or - in particular - a sexual offence will have been known beforehand in some way to the person they victimise, perhaps in a trusted position. Information provided by victims is taken into account at MAPP meetings and can add to what is known about the offender. Derbyshire Probation Area employs victim liaison officers whose sole role is to provide a service to the victims of many of the offenders included under MAPPA. This Service includes:

- offering a point of contact through which victims can voice any concerns about the offender
- information on how the custodial sentence and release supervision arrangements work
- contact at key points during the sentence to be told of changes that may be happening
- the chance to express a view about possible release conditions
- being notified of Licence conditions that directly affect them - for example that the offender is not to approach the victim or the area where they live.



Mia and her children endured recurrent physical and mental abuse over a number of years from a partner who exercised control through intimidation, force and the threat of self-harm if she did not comply with his demands.

When the offender was convicted for offences of violence against her and sent to prison he tried to continue the domination by getting members of his wider family to check on what Mia was doing.

Following the sentence Mia was contacted by the Probation Services Victim Liaison Officer and accepted the offer of service to be kept informed of the stages of sentence and eventual release arrangements. Planning for the offenders release was carried out through MAPP meetings at which Mia's views were reflected. As a result the release licence contained a condition that the offender must not enter the neighbourhood where Mia and the family lived. The Police's Domestic Violence Unit maintained contact with Mia and offered an alarm through which urgent assistance could be summoned if needed.

Through the agencies Mia was also put in touch with an independent sector organisation and attended a support group which helped her to recognise the patterns of power and abuse, and to rebuild some self-esteem.

The offender was directed to live at an approved address and to attend the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP) provided by the Probation Service. Mia was consulted over the completion of a risk assessment and had access to a Women's Safety Worker to whom any concerns could be reported.

Contact was maintained throughout the period of the Licence.

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What do we mean by 'risk'?

When we speak of 'risk' in the context of assessing and managing sexual and violent offenders we mean mainly two things:

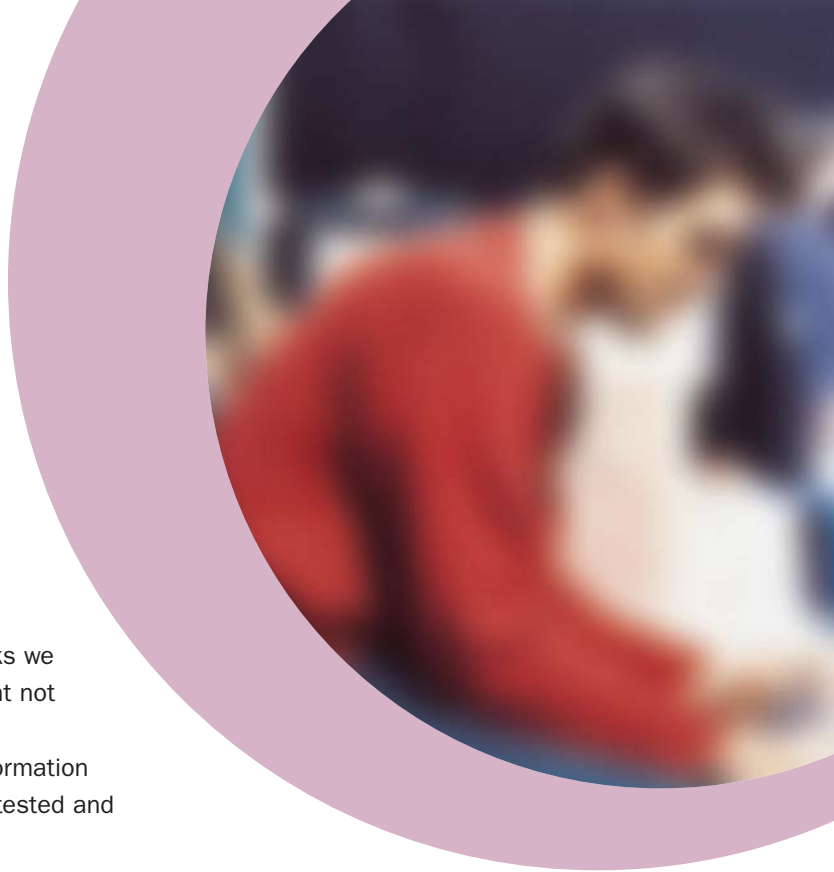
- How likely is it that the offender will commit another offence; and
- If that happens what impact - either physical or psychological - can we foresee for anyone who may be a victim?

No matter how well we are able to assess these risks we can never say with total certainty what might or might not happen in the future. But we do seek to make our assessments as good as they can be by sharing information between the MAPPA partner agencies, and by using tested and approved methods for assessing risk.

The Prison and Probation Services carry out assessments using the Offender Assessment System - or OASys. This looks at factors that have been shown to be linked to offending, such as personal and family relationships, employment history, the ability to manage money, use of drugs or alcohol, and attitudes towards victims. Plans to manage the offender then match offender supervision requirements, interventions, and restrictions to these factors. In many cases this can be done through standard - or ordinary - management by the Probation Service, or by the Probation and Police Services together in the case of sexual offenders under supervision. Sexual offenders are all assessed using another tool – Risk Matrix 2000.

Young offenders under 18 are similarly managed by the Youth Offending Services based on an ASSET assessment. Other agencies use additional assessments.

Because of their higher risk and greater complexity some cases call for active multi agency management.



How are offenders managed?

There are three levels of Public Protection management. Although linked to the assessed risk of serious harm the level of management is based upon the extent of multi agency co-operation required for an effective risk management plan.

Every MAPPA offender is managed at one of these levels, and may move between them over time, as measures take effect.

1

Ordinary Management

Offenders at this level are subject to the standard arrangements applied by the agency responsible for their supervision or management. But this does not rule out information sharing and liaison between the agencies which may take place through meetings between the key workers involved, or in other ways.

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Active Multi Agency Management

The risk management of offenders at this level requires the continuing active involvement of several agencies, co-ordinated through regular MAPP meetings. In Derby and Derbyshire these meetings are held across the city and county in each of the Police and Probation Services four Divisions.

385 offenders managed at Level 2 in the course of 2007/08

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Enhanced Multi Agency Management

Like offenders at Level 2 these cases need co-ordinated management but with the additional involvement of senior officers who can identify or authorise extra resources, such as police surveillance or specialised accommodation. This senior management involvement can also provide continuing oversight of individual cases that cause especial public concern. The Area Level 3 meeting is held every month at Derbyshire Police HQ, or at other times, as needed.

25 offenders managed at Level 3 in 2007/08

What the police do

The Police have a key role to play in protecting the public from those sexual and violent offenders who pose a risk of serious harm. It is the responsibility of the Police to assess and manage risk in order to prevent harm where possible, reduce the likelihood of harm and the possible impact.

This involves proactively identifying, assessing and managing the risk of serious harm and taking action to reduce that risk through information sharing, multi-agency responses and where necessary, by Police action as a single agency.

In order to achieve this Derbyshire Constabulary has a centrally managed but locally based Dangerous Persons Management Unit dedicated to policing activity in relation to sexual, violent and other identified dangerous offenders.

They work with other agencies to develop and deliver tailored plans to manage the risk posed by individual offenders living in the community.

What the probation service do

The Probation Service works to reduce re-offending and the risk of harm to the public.

This starts with comprehensive offender assessments to help the Courts reach suitable sentencing decisions, and continues through the supervision of a wide range of offenders who either become subject to community sentences, or serve a custodial sentence and are then released on Licence.

The management of offenders can include individual work done with an offender manager who oversees the sentence; attendance at groups to address offending behaviour, and referral for other interventions such as drug testing, or to improve employability. A few high risk offenders with complex needs are accommodated for a time in managed Probation hostels known as Approved Premises. The Service also arranges unpaid work projects through which offenders pay back to the community.

Swift enforcement action is taken for any breach of a sentence or Licence.

A dedicated liaison service is provided for the victims of serious sexual and violent offenders.

What the prison service do

As part of the Responsible Authority the Prison Service plays a key role in the overall MAPPA process by

- Ensuring high risk offenders are assessed and prioritised for interventions, including attendance at offending behaviour programmes, during sentence
- Monitoring prisoners behaviour, including any attempts to contact witnesses and victims or to network with similar offenders
- Passing information about an offenders progress - for example the extent to which risk may have been reduced - to partner MAPPA agencies.

Within the East Midlands region the Prison Service, - as part of the National Offender Management Service - has been developing a public protection strategy through the development of Offender Management Units.

The secondment of a senior prison manager to work with Derbyshire MAPPA has improved the exchange of information which supports the robust management of offenders in both prisons and the community.

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Fraser was given a sentence of several years imprisonment with a similar period of extended licence supervision for offences of assault, possessing an offensive weapon, and indecent child assault.

In view of the serious nature of the offences, in which threat and force were used against the victim, and a history of convictions that included other child sexual matters, the planning for Fraser's release was managed through MAPP Level 3 meetings, with an additional notification to the National Public Protection Unit as a Critical Public Protection case.

The release licence supervised by the Probation Service contained extra conditions to prevent Fraser from being in any household or taking work where there were children, and to restrict his access to public play spaces where they might be present. He was directed to reside in Probation Approved Premises under curfew overnight and at certain times during the day. In addition he was required to attend a long term sexual offending treatment programme with the NSPCC.

Alongside this the Police made Fraser aware that he was subject to active management, and additional monitoring steps were taken.

Appointments were offered by the Mental Health Service, who liaised with Fraser's GP over the prescribing of appropriate medication.

After a number of months during which Fraser's compliance with the joint management measures was tested and reviewed, plans were developed with the assistance of Local Authority Housing Services for Fraser to move into suitable community accommodation, with additional support and monitoring from an independent sector provider.

The co-ordination of risk management work was then continued at MAPP Level 2.

As someone required to register his details indefinitely Fraser will continue to be managed under MAPPA for the rest of his life.

Managing risk

When the nature and likelihood of risk has been assessed a management plan is drawn up which sets out what is to be done to minimise the chances of harm happening.

Where offenders are managed at MAPP Levels 2 or 3 this will involve a multi agency action plan. A plan is developed for each offender, which can then be amended as circumstances change.

A multi agency plan might include some of the following:

regular reporting to a probation offender manager, or monitoring by a specialist police officer

placing constraints on what an offender can do or where they go through restrictive licence conditions or preventative orders like SOPO's and ASBO's

constructive attendance at programmes aimed at changing offending behaviour

directing the offender to live in a hostel or at an approved address

access to social housing, taking community safety into account

appointments with psychiatrists, psychologists or community mental health workers where there are mental health problems

(in certain cases where it is justified) the use of Police surveillance

additional measures to protect and safeguard children through work done with families by Childrens Social Care Departments

electronic monitoring ('tagging')

extra support from independent sector providers or voluntary groups

mandatory drug or alcohol testing, and referral to substance misuse services

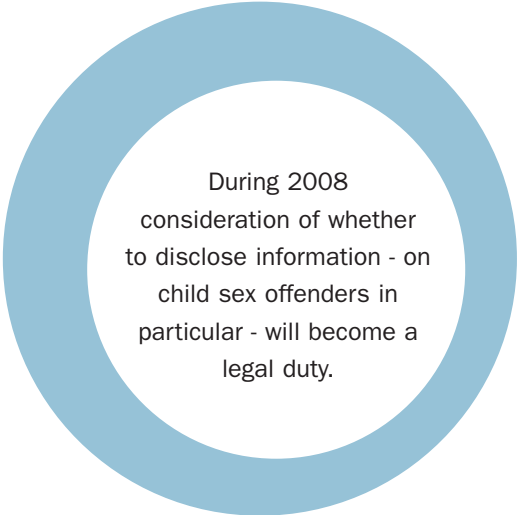
contingency plans, including recall to prison when Licences are breached

Informing member of the public

Offenders included under MAPPA are all assessed for the risk of harm they may pose. The harm could be to an individual child or known adult. It might be towards children or adults of a particular description. Sometime staff working with the offender may be at risk, or the offender could harm themselves.

Whilst there is no general right to information about individual sexual and violent offenders, members of the public will receive information if this is necessary for someone's protection. All MAPP Level 2 and 3 meetings look at whether disclosures need to be made for this reason.

Sometimes an offender may be encouraged to give information to another person or community group about themselves. At other times information will be provided directly by the Police, Probation or another service. The protection of an identifiable member of the public from a risk of harm will always take precedence over any right to privacy on the part of the offender. Each year there are a number of disclosures made on offenders being managed under MAPPA in Derbyshire.



During 2008
consideration of whether
to disclose information - on
child sex offenders in
particular - will become a
legal duty.

On conviction for an offence of sexual assault by touching against a child under 13, Damien was sentenced to a Community Order with a condition to attend the Community Sex Offender groupwork programme. As a further consequence he also had to notify his details to the Police for 5 years.

An initial multi agency management plan was put in place through MAPP Level 2 meetings which brought together the Police, Probation and Children's Social Care Services.

As well as co-ordinating the registration and supervision requirements the planning focussed on limiting any opportunities Damien might have to gain access to children, including those within his own broader family.

Once protective steps had been put in place the assessment of risk was revised and management was taken forward at MAPP Level 1 with information sharing between the key agencies.

Information was then received indicating that Damien had subscribed to a national organisation whose communal activities covered an all age membership.

Management was escalated again to MAPP Level 2, where actions were agreed for:

- Probation and Police jointly to interview and challenge Damien, giving instructions to cancel his membership
- The Police to pass relevant information to the national organisation concerned
- The frequency of reporting to increase and joint home visits to be carried out
- Attendance at the community sex offender treatment programme to be progressed
- Children's Social Care again to confirm arrangements made with the family to protect children.

After initial denials and objections Damien complied with the measures taken and co-operated with the continuing supervision arrangements.

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How the arrangements are managed

Derbyshire MAPPA are a partnership which bring together the Responsible Authority agencies with those having a duty to co-operate, and other stakeholders.

These partners are represented on a Strategic Management Board which oversees the arrangements. Meeting six times a year the Board is chaired by an Assistant Chief Constable.

The Board monitors and reviews how the arrangements are working and through a yearly business plan directs any changes or improvements that are necessary. It also fosters connexions with related bodies such as the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Boards, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Partnership, the Community Safety and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, and Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board.

The partners represented are:

Derbyshire Constabulary
Derbyshire Probation Area
HM Prison Service (East Midlands)
Derby City and Derbyshire County Youth Offending Services
Derby City Council (Housing, Education and Social Care)
Derbyshire District Council (Housing) Services
Derbyshire County Mental Health NHS Trust
Derbyshire Primary Care Trusts
Derbyshire County Council Social Care Services
(Education and Social Care)
NSPCC (Midlands and West)
Derbyshire 'Supporting People'
Victim Support Derbyshire

What the lay advisers do

The Responsible Authority - Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Probation Area and HM Prison Service - is required to appoint two Lay Advisers to be members of the MAPPA Strategic Management Board.

The Advisers act as independent yet informed observers who are able to raise questions which professionals closely involved in public protection work might not think of asking. They also bring to the role their understanding from a standpoint grounded in the local communities where they must either reside or have strong links.

Reflection from lay adviser Deborah G Phillips

Public Protection remains a serious issue for many people living and working in the Derbyshire Area. There are diverse communities ranging from quite remote rural locations to the inner city areas, all of which fall within MAPPA Derbyshire.

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements work to protect the public from the dangers posed by violent and sexual offenders, and are accountable to the public for what they do and how it is done.

As a Lay Adviser I feel able to ask questions as a member of the public acting as a 'critical friend'. My own particular skills and experience allow me to look at things with a different perspective from the professionals who are more closely engaged in the process.

I take part in regular Strategic Management Board meetings, attend MAPP meetings, and also have the opportunity to be involved with Case Reviews. I am satisfied that as a result of these activities, the agencies involved with the MAPPA process are working effectively, and for the benefit and safety of the public.

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Evan was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for making and possessing indecent images of children. This brought him under the notification requirements of sexual offences legislation for 10 years.

The prison release licence contained a number of standard and additional conditions including:

- To permanently reside only at an approved address
- To undertake only such work as previously approved
- To notify any developing relationships
- Not to use a computer or other electronic device for the purposes of accessing the internet or online messaging services.

This last condition went alongside requirements included in a Sexual Offences Prevention Order made at the time of sentence that Evan must not refuse entry to a Police Officer in order that an examination could be made of any device in his possession capable of storing, receiving or transmitting data.

Notification was sent to Job Centre Plus of restrictions to be placed on any offers of training and employment.

Evan was managed and information shared between the Probation and Police Services until the end of the licence, when the Police became the sole managing agency.

During a visit later carried out by specialist Police Officers to Evan's address an examination of his computer found possible indecent images of children. This was confirmed following seizure and further analysis. Evan was remanded in custody charged with further offences for which he received a substantial period of imprisonment.



Achievements during 2007/08

Each year MAPPA in Derbyshire grow and change.

In the past year we have seen:

The management of over 1200 offenders through all levels of the arrangements

An active approach towards obtaining preventative orders which constrain how serious sexual offenders can act

Improved focus when managing offenders at Level 2 through the adoption of a standard approach to organising meetings

Training provided on risk management skills for key staff, and for managers on the chairing of MAPP meetings

Implementation of ViSOR into Derbyshire Probation Area in support of the joint offender management carried out with Derbyshire Police and HM Prison Service

The secondment of a Prison Governor to the Area MAPPA Co-ordination Unit to strengthen the sharing of information, and links at all levels of management between prisons and the community agencies

Continuing links with related arrangements, such as the Local Safeguarding Childrens Boards

Further integration of the work of the Police's central Public Protection Unit and the MAPPA Co-ordination Unit, and agreement to strengthen the staffing of the MCU

Additional monitoring and reporting of MAPPA activity to the SMB

Developments in the SMB's oversight of the arrangements through more frequent meetings and the establishment of business sub-groups.

Plans for 2008/09

In the course of the next year the SMB is looking towards:

Maintaining multi-agency funding to support the arrangements

Developing a diversity strategy to ensure equal access and treatment for all groups and persons

Further strengthening the functioning of the MAPPA Co-Ordination Unit

Implementing new Level 2 and 3 referral procedures

Revising the structure of Level 2 meetings to enhance the level of core agency representation and contributions to joint action planning, and extend information sharing at Level 1

Extending the operational use of ViSOR and receiving additional management monitoring reports to assist the process of review

Promoting consideration of disclosure to assist the risk management of offenders and protect any persons prospectively at risk

Adopting a MAPPA Serious Case Review process to identify whether there are lessons to be learnt in the event of major harm arising from serious further offences

Continuing to build reciprocal links with related arrangements

Progressing plans to extend awareness of MAPPA

Seeing multi agency briefings being delivered to professionals from key services and agencies.

And the SMB will be measuring the effectiveness of the arrangements in Derbyshire against new national MAPPA standards introduced in October 2007 in order to ensure a common standard of effective public protection arrangements and that each of the agencies is playing a full part in MAPPA.

MAPPA Statistical Information

Derby & Derbyshire Area 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008

Number of MAPPA Eligible Offenders in the Area

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Registered Sexual Offenders | 634 |
| Violent Offenders | 435 |
| Other Dangerous Offenders | 163 |
| Total | 1232 |

Offenders managed via MAPP Meetings

| | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Registered Sexual Offenders | 99 | 16 |
| Violent Offenders | 129 | 03 |
| Other Dangerous Offenders | 157 | 06 |
| Total | 385 | 25 |

Enforcement for Offenders managed via MAPP Meetings

| Sent to custody for breach of Sexual Offences Prevention Order | | Returned to custody for breach of Licence | |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| Level 2 | 01 | Level 2 | 45 |
| Level 3 | 00 | Level 3 | 09 |
| Total | 01 | Total | 54 |

Serious Further Offences by offenders managed via MAPP Meetings

Charged with a Serious Further Offence

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|--------------|-----------|
| Level 2 | 03 |
| Level 3 | 00 |
| Total | 03 |

Of those charged during the year

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|--------------------------|----|
| Level 2 & 3 combined | |
| Convicted of SFO | 01 |
| Other outcome | 01 |
| Remains charged with SFO | 01 |

MAPPA Statistical Information

Derby & Derbyshire Area 1 April 2007 - 31 March 2008

Additional Data on Registered Sex Offenders

Registered Sexual Offenders in:

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| A Division Amber Valley & Erewash | 116 |
| B Division High Peak & Derbyshire Dales | 63 |
| C Division Chesterfield, Bolsover & North East Derbyshire | 176 |
| D Division Derby & South Derbyshire | 279 |

Total number of

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| Registered Sexual Offenders in Derbyshire per 100,000 population | 65 |
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Registered Sexual Offenders cautioned
or convicted for breach of requirements

22

Sexual Offences Prevention Orders

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Applied for | 55 |
| Interim Orders issued by Courts | 07 |
| Full Orders issued by Courts | 55 |

Notification Orders

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Applied for | 02 |
| Interim orders issued by Courts | 00 |
| Full Orders issued by Courts | 02 |

Foreign Travel Orders

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Applied for | 00 |
| Interim Orders issued by Courts | 00 |
| Full Orders issued by Courts | 00 |



Statistical commentary

The number of identified offenders included under MAPPA in Derby and Derbyshire increased overall by just 26 during 2007/08.

The total of registered sexual offenders rose by 4%. This is in line with the national picture. An increase is expected because of the length of time that registration periods can last for. More new registrations are still being added than are finishing each year. However 2007/08 saw the end of notification requirements for those offenders who had to register for 10 years from the date that notification arrangements first came into force in the UK in 1997. The number of registered sexual offenders per 100,000 population – 65 – falls within a comparative range across the country of between 80 or so and just over 40 per 100,000 population.

Some 22 offenders were prosecuted for not complying with an aspect of their registration requirements.

An increase of 7% took place in the total number of offenders managed and supervised in the community after serving prison sentences of 12 months or more for specified violent or other serious offences. The number identified under this category is likely to increase further in future as a result of changes made in recent years to the way that courts can sentence dangerous offenders.

The number of 'other offenders', who are added into the arrangements fell back slightly. This group includes a wide range of other offences and behaviour, most notably domestic abuse and violence.

In all there were 385 offenders referred and managed at Level 2 for some period during the year. At any one time the number was less than this. As well as 157 'other offenders', 99 were registered sexual offenders and a further 129 were violent offenders. There was an increase in the proportion of Category 2 offenders being dealt with through multi agency meetings.

There was a small reduction again over the year in the number of offenders subject to enhanced management at Level 3, where once more the largest proportion managed were registered sexual offenders.

Recall to custody is a sanction applied if offenders do not comply with their release Licence conditions. A range of reasons lie behind the 54 instances of offenders recalled during 2007/08; these included not reporting for supervision as instructed, breaches of specific conditions, or other behaviour that might indicate an increasing risk to the public. Though the number of recalls reduced in comparison with the previous year this reflects additional efforts made by the Probation Service to improve offenders compliance with supervision.

Despite all the steps taken re-offending cannot be prevented completely. Three offenders managed at Level 2 were charged with a Serious Further Offence. Of those where the outcome was known by 31 March 2008 one person had been convicted of a serious offence and one for a lesser charge. The serious further offence conviction arose from work by partner agencies to bring to justice an offender about whom there had been major concerns.

The number charged with a Serious Further Offence represents 0.24% of all offenders included under Derbyshire MAPPA in 2007/08.

Notes of explanation

The data on RSO numbers reflect the picture on 31 March 2008; ie a snapshot. The rest of the data covers the period 1 April 2007 and 31 March 2008.

MAPPA eligible offenders

These are a number of offenders defined in law as eligible for MAPPA management, because they have committed certain sexual and violent offences, although the majority (77% this year) are actually managed under ordinary agency (level 1) arrangements rather than via MAPPA meetings.

Registered sexual offenders (RSOs)

Those who are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details and notify any changes subsequently. Failure to comply with the notification requirements is a criminal offence which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years' imprisonment.

Violent offenders

This category includes violent offenders sentenced to imprisonment/detention for 12 months or more, or detained under hospital orders. It also includes a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration and offenders disqualified from working with children.

Other offenders

Offenders who do not qualify under the other 2 MAPPA eligible categories but who currently pose a risk of serious harm which require active MAPPA management.

Ordinary Management (level 1)

These offenders are subject to the usual (non-MAPPA) arrangements applied by whichever agency is supervising them. But this does not rule out information sharing, via ViSOR and other routes, and in some cases the ordinary arrangements involve joint agency supervision or co-operation.

Active MAPPA Management (levels 2 and 3)

The risk management plans for these offenders require the ongoing involvement of several agencies via regular multi-agency public protection (MAPP) meetings. Most of these offenders can be managed at level 2 but some cases will require the involvement of senior officers the use of special resources, such as police surveillance or specialised accommodation, and/or the ongoing oversight of senior officers.

Breach of licence

Offenders released into the community following a period of imprisonment of 12 months or more will be subject to a licence with conditions (under probation supervision). If these conditions are not complied with, breach action will be taken and the offender may be recalled to prison.

Serious further offence (SFO)

Any sexual or violence offence which carries a maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment or more. For the first time this year we are reporting not only the number of actively MAPPA managed offenders so charged but also on the outcome of the case. Other outcome means that the case has been dealt with by 31 March 2008 but that the offender was not convicted of an SFO; eg the offender was acquitted or the case was not proceeded with, or he/she was convicted of a lesser offence.

Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO)

A court may make a SOPO at the time of dealing with certain sexual offenders or when the police make a special application on account of the offender's behaviour in the community. A SOPO will require the subject to register as a sexual offender and can include conditions, for example to prevent the offender loitering near schools or playgrounds. If the offender fails to comply with (ie breaches) the requirements of the order, he can be taken back to court and may be liable to up to 5 years' imprisonment.

Notification Order

Require sexual offenders who have been convicted overseas to register with police, in order to protect the public in the UK from the risks that they pose.

Foreign Travel Orders

Prevent offenders with convictions for sexual offences against children from travelling abroad where it is necessary to do so to protect children from the risk of sexual harm.

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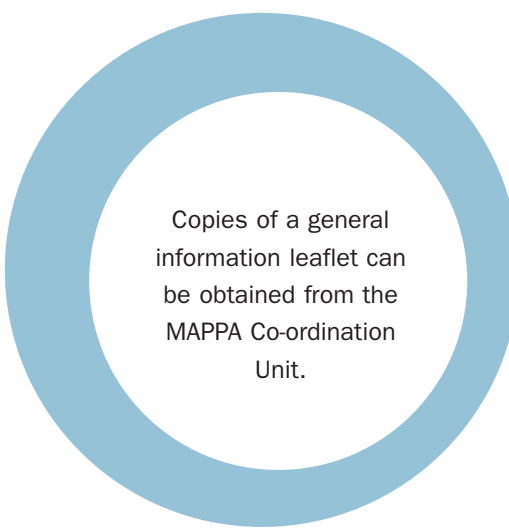
Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre

www.ceop.gov.uk

Stop It Now!

www.stopitnow.org.uk

National Helpline: 0808 1000 900



Copies of a general
information leaflet can
be obtained from the
MAPPA Co-ordination
Unit.

