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Annual Report

Introduction

We are pleased to introduce the 19th Annual Report of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) which reviews the work we have undertaken to protect the public and make our communities safer.

Our focus and priority has continued to be protecting the public from serious harm, which remains challenging with a further continued year on year rise of offenders being managed. This challenge has obviously been more complex by the onset of the Global Coronavirus Pandemic towards the end of the year to which this Annual Report relates. The relationships we have in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with the statutory and responsible agencies for managing MAPPA registered offenders continues to strengthen year on year and are addressing the challenges faced, with a broader focus seen on vulnerability and organised crime. This has placed us in an excellent situation from which to plan and problem-solve together in order to continue the work of MAPPA and protect the public within the COVID restrictions placed upon all the contributing agencies. The positive impact of the MAPPA Arrangements are illustrated by the ongoing commitment to managing MAPPA cases, excellent representation at MAPPA meetings and the investment being made to continually improve. The move to the use of Microsoft Teams to conduct meeting proved initially challenging, but now works in a highly effective manner.

The MAPPA framework within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland remains efficient with minimal expenditure and excellent performance indicators. Importantly, for the ninth consecutive year the partnership, risk management and effective protection arrangements have contributed to no serious further offences being committed by the most challenging offenders managed at MAPPA Level 2 or 3.

This Annual Report provides an explanation of the MAPPA arrangements, the local statistics and a summary of our local approach.

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What is MAPPA?

MAPPA background

MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection

Arrangements) are a set of arrangements to manage the risk posed by the most serious sexual and violent offenders (MAPPA-eligible offenders) under the provisions of sections 325 to 327B of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

They bring together the Police, Probation and Prison Services in each of the 42 Areas in England and Wales into what is known as the MAPPA Responsible Authority.

A number of other agencies are under a Duty to Cooperate (DTC) with the Responsible Authority. These include Social Services, Health Services, Youth Offending Teams, Jobcentre Plus and Local Housing and Education Authorities.

The Responsible Authority is required to appoint two Lay Advisers to sit on each MAPPA area Strategic Management Board (SMB) alongside senior representatives from each of the Responsible Authority and DTC agencies.

Lay Advisers are members of the public appointed by the Minister with no links to the business of managing MAPPA offenders who act as independent, yet informed, observers; able to pose questions which the professionals closely involved in the work might not think of asking. They also bring to the SMB their understanding and perspective of the local community (where they must reside and have strong links).

How MAPPA works

MAPPA-eligible offenders are identified and information about them is shared between agencies to inform the risk assessments and risk management plans of those managing or supervising them.

That is as far as MAPPA extend in the majority of cases, but some cases require structured multi-agency management. In such cases there will be regular MAPPA meetings attended by relevant agency practitioners.

There are 3 categories of MAPPA-eligible offender:

- Category 1 registered sexual offenders;
- Category 2 mainly violent offenders sentenced to 12 months or more imprisonment or a hospital order; and
- Category 3 offenders who do not qualify under categories 1 or 2 but who currently pose a risk of serious harm.

There are three levels of management to ensure that resources are focused where they are most needed; generally those presenting the higher risks of serious harm.

- Level 1 is where the offender is managed by the lead agency with information exchange and multi-agency support as required but without formal MAPPA meetings;
- Level 2 is where formal MAPPA meetings are required to manage the offender.
- Level 3 is where risk management plans require the attendance and commitment of resources at a senior level at MAPPA meetings.

MAPPA are supported by ViSOR. This is a national IT system to assist in the management of offenders who pose a serious risk of harm to the public. The use of ViSOR increases the ability to share intelligence across organisations and enable the safe transfer of key information when high risk offenders move, enhancing public protection measures. ViSOR allows staff from the Police, Probation and Prison Services to work on the same IT system for the first time, improving the quality and timeliness of risk assessments and interventions to prevent offending.

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MAPPA Statistics

MAPPA-eligible offenders on 31 March 2020				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Violent	Other dangerous	Total
Level 1	1027	362	-	1389
Level 2	1	1	1	3
Level 3	3	0	0	3
Total	1031	363	1	1395

MAPPA-eligible offenders in Levels 2 and 3 by category (yearly total)				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Violent	Other dangerous	
Level 2	6	4	2	12
Level 3	4	3	1	8
Total	10	7	3	20

RSOs cautioned or convicted for breach of notification requirements	60	

RSOs who have had their life time notification revoked on application	15	

Restrictive orders for Category 1 offenders		
SHPOs, SHPOs with foreign travel restriction & NOs imposed by the courts		
SHPO	78	
SHPO with foreign travel restriction	0	
NOs	3	

Number of people who became subject to notification requirements following a	
breach(es) of a Sexual Risk Order (SRO)	0

Level 2 and 3 offenders returned to custody						
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total		
Breach of licence	Breach of licence					
Level 2	1	1	0	2		
Level 3	1	0	0	1		
Total	2	1	0	3		
Breach of SOPO						
Level 2	1	-	-	1		
Level 3	1	-	-	1		
Total	2	-	-	2		

Total number of Registered Sexual Offenders per 100,000 population

This figure has been calculated using the Mid-2019 Population Estimates: Single year of age and sex for Police Areas in England and Wales; estimated resident population, published by the Office for National Statistics, excluding those aged less than ten years of age.

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Explanation commentary on statistical tables

MAPPA background

The totals of MAPPA-eligible offenders, broken down by category, reflect the picture on 31 March 2020 (i.e. they are a snapshot). The rest of the data covers the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

(a) MAPPA-eligible offenders – there are a number of offenders defined in law as eligible for MAPPA management, because they have committed specified sexual and violent offences or they currently pose a risk of serious harm, although the majority are actually managed at Level 1 without formal MAPPA meetings. These figures only include those MAPPA eligible offenders living in the community. They do not include those in prison or detained under the Mental Health Act.

(b) Registered Sexual Offenders (RSOs) – those who are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details and to notify of any subsequent changes (this is known as the "notification requirement.") These offenders are assessed and managed by the police. They may also be managed by probation or health services if they are subject to licence or a hospital order. Failure to comply with the notification requirement is a criminal offence that carries a maximum penalty of 5 years' imprisonment.

(c) Violent Offenders – this category includes violent offenders sentenced to imprisonment or detention for 12 months or more, or detained under a hospital order. It also includes a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration. These offenders are assessed and managed by the National Probation Service, Youth Offending Team or Mental Health Services.

(d) Other Dangerous Offenders – offenders who do not qualify under the other two MAPPA-eligible categories, but who currently pose a risk of serious harm which requires management via MAPPA meetings. These offenders are assessed and managed by whichever agency has the primary responsibility for them.

(e) Breach of licence – offenders released into the community following a period of imprisonment 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.

(f) Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) (including any additional foreign travel restriction).

Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs) and interim SHPOs replaced Sexual Offence Prevention Orders. They are intended to protect the public from offenders convicted of a sexual or violent offence who pose a risk of sexual harm to the public by placing restrictions on their behaviour. They require the offender to notify their details to the police (as set out in Part 2 of the 2003 Act) for the duration of the order.

The court must be satisfied that an order is necessary to protect the public (or any particular members of the public) in the UK, or children or vulnerable adults (or any particular children or vulnerable adults) abroad, from sexual harm from the offender. In the case of an order made on a free standing application by a chief officer or the National Crime Agency (NCA), the chief officer/NCA must be able to show that the offender has acted in such a way since their conviction as to make the order necessary.

The minimum duration for a full order is five years. The lower age limit is 10, which is the age of criminal responsibility, but where the defendant is under the age of 18 an application for an order should only be considered exceptionally.

(g) Notification Order – this requires sexual offenders who have been convicted overseas to register with the police, in order to protect the public in the UK from the risks that they pose. The police may apply to the court for a notification order in relation to offenders who are already in the UK or are intending to come to the UK.

(h) Sexual Risk Order (including any additional foreign travel restriction)

The Sexual Risk Order (SRO) replaced the Risk of Sexual Harm Order (RoSHO) and may be made in relation to a person without a conviction for a sexual or violent offence (or any other offence), but who poses a risk of sexual harm.

The SRO may be made at the magistrates' court on application by the police or NCA where an individual has committed an act of a sexual nature and the court is satisfied that the person poses a risk of harm to the public in the UK or children or vulnerable adults overseas.

A SRO may prohibit the person from doing anything described in it, including travel overseas. Any prohibition must be necessary to protect the public in the UK from sexual harm or, in relation to foreign travel, protecting children or vulnerable adults from sexual harm.

An individual subject to an SRO is required to notify the police of their name and home address within three days of the order being made and also to notify any changes to this information within three days.

A SRO can last for a minimum of two years and has no maximum duration, with the exception of any foreign travel restrictions which, if applicable, last for a maximum of five years (but may be renewed).

The criminal standard of proof continues to apply. The person concerned is able to appeal against the making of the order and the police or the person concerned are able to apply for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.

A breach of a SRO is a criminal offence punishable by a maximum of five years' imprisonment. Where an individual breaches their SRO, they will become subject to full notification requirements.

Individuals made subject of a SRO are now recorded on VISOR as a Potentially Dangerous Person (PDP).

(i) Lifetime notification requirements revoked on application

A legal challenge in 2010 and a corresponding legislative response means there is now a mechanism in place that allows qualifying sex offenders to apply for a review of their notification requirements. Persons do not come off the register automatically. Qualifying offenders may submit an application to the police to review their indefinite notification requirements. The police review the application and decide whether to revoke the notification requirements. This decision is made at the rank of Superintendent. Those who continue to pose a significant risk will remain on the register for life, if necessary.

Individuals will only become eligible to seek a review once they have been subject to indefinite notification requirements for a period of at least 15 years for adults and 8 years for juveniles. This applied from 1 September 2012 for adult offenders.

Local page

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland MAPPA had another successful year in 2019-20, helping to protect the public from those who have the potential to cause serious harm. This is all the more remarkable given challenges posed by the impact of the pandemic on the operations of all partner agencies. Most agencies within the partnership are working from home wherever possible. Despite this MAPPA business has not been hindered during this period. With the expanded roll-out of Microsoft Teams across all partner agencies, although there have been challenges, meetings continue to run smoothly, and core purposes have been met in terms of effective information sharing and risk management planning.

This in turn reflects the commitment of partners to cooperate and work collaboratively at a time of unprecedent upheaval in respective operational delivery.

The safety of victims or of any child or adult at possible risk of harm is the primary consideration when planning the management of a MAPPA eligible offender. Within this context protecting the communities of LLR from violent and sexual offenders is a key priority for agencies across the county.

The Responsible Authority for Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements in LLR comprises Leicestershire Constabulary, HM Prison Service, and the National Probation Service, acting jointly.

Managing offenders, protecting victims or vulnerable persons and keeping individuals and communities safe cannot though be achieved by criminal justice services on their own. All too often, other services have to be actively involved as well. So, alongside the Responsible Authority agencies, the arrangements also bring together:

City and County Youth Offending Services City and County Children's Social Care and Education Services

- City and County Adult Social Care Services
- LLR Healthcare Foundation Trust

Community Health Services and other local NHS Services

Clinical Commissioning Group

City and Borough and District Council Housing Services along with a number of social housing providers

Jobcentre Plus (Department for Work and Pensions) Electronic Monitoring Services (Capita)

Immigration Enforcement section, including the Home Office.

Projecting ahead to the coming year there will be enhanced scope for innovation as well as greater partnership working. There are three significant developments on the horizon that will impact on our work.

Firstly, IOM has recently undergone a National Review, consequently, the focus going forward will be on neighbourhood crime with specific reference to Robbery, Burglary, Theft from Person and Vehicle Theft. Within this context there is a recognition that this group of offenders are particularly suited to an IOM approach, all too often having multiple, interlinked drivers to their offending such as: substance misuse, housing and employment needs, mental health issues. IOM structures are best placed to help offenders to address these needs.

Secondly, all MAPPA partners have pledged to reflect and embed the core principles of the female strategy within their practice. Primary purpose of the initiative is to improve outcomes for women who have offended or are at risk of coming within scope of the Criminal Justice system.

Finally, the reunification of Probation Service which takes place in June 2021, will herald the transfer of all Sentence Management, including Unpaid Work, interventions and programme delivery to the NPS.

I have every confidence that these developments will contribute to further strengthening partnership working across LLR.

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