

Wiltshire Annual Report 2024 to 2025



Introduction

Hello and a very warm welcome to Wiltshire MAPPA areas 2024 – 2025 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of multi-agency public protection arrangements across Wiltshire, highlighting key developments, performance outcomes, and collaborative efforts over the past year. It reflects the continued commitment of all statutory partners to safeguarding communities through effective risk management of individuals subject to MAPPA. The report outlines progress made in strengthening referral pathways, enhancing inter-agency training, and improving strategic oversight, while also recognising the contributions of partner agencies and lay advisors in maintaining high standards of public protection.



For victims, sexual and violent offences cause immeasurable harm and concern, both physically and emotionally. Reassuringly, the number of sexual and violent crimes that individuals commit represent a small proportion of the total recorded crimes within Wiltshire. However, they remain the focus of the Police, Probation and Prison Services.

I hope to bring you all information and assurances around our local picture and showcase some of the essential work that has been completed within Wiltshire MAPPA. As always, Public Protection is the heart of how MAPPA operate and this year has seen a series of reviews into how Wiltshire work together to manage the violent and sexual risks within the Community and within our local Prison systems.

SMB Chair

Assistant Chief Constable Coles
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What are MAPPA?

MAPPA background

MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) are a set of arrangements to manage the risk posed by individuals who have committed the most serious sexual, violent and terrorist offences (MAPPA-eligible individuals) 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 Co-operate (DTC) with the Responsible Authority. These include Social Services, Health Services, Youth Offending Teams, Department for Work and Pensions and Local Housing and Education Authorities.

Local Strategic Management Boards (SMB) comprising senior representatives from each of the Responsible Authority and DTC agencies are responsible for delivering MAPPA within their respective areas. The Responsible Authority is also required to appoint two Lay Advisers to sit on each MAPPA SMB.

Lay Advisers are members of the public appointed by the Minister with no links to the business of managing MAPPA-eligible individuals 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).

MAPPA '25

MAPPA '25 is a campaign to mark the 25th anniversary of the legislation that introduced mandatory multi-agency co-operation in the management of those convicted of violent and sexual offences.

The aims of the MAPPA '25 campaign are;

- To increase awareness of, and confidence in MAPPA across a wide range of agencies, at all levels from frontline practitioners to senior leaders.
- To engage with those directly affected by MAPPA including victims and those subject to MAPPA management.
- To improve MAPPA practice across all agencies.
- To explore emerging themes in relation to public protection and encourage future investment in MAPPA by all relevant stakeholders

In February the National MAPPA Team held the first online event. The event was titled "Where did MAPPA come from and why did we need them" and featured a panel discussion with Emeritus Professor Hazel Kemshall and retired Detective Chief Inspector Tim Bryan, both of whom had been involved in the development of the arrangements in the early 2000s. The event was attended by over 800 people and has since been watched by over 1,700 proving popular with professionals from responsible authority, duty to cooperate and associate agencies, as well as the private sector who work with MAPPA individuals, who were keen to learn more about the history of MAPPA and the reasons that MAPPA remain vital to this day.

Most of the events have been/will be held in the year 2025-26 and will therefore be covered in next year's annual report.

How MAPPA work

MAPPA-eligible individuals 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 more senior oversight and structured multi-agency management. In such cases there will be regular MAPPA meetings attended by relevant agency practitioners.

There are 4 categories of MAPPA-eligible individual:

- **Category 1** –subject to sex offender notification requirements;
- **Category 2** – mainly those convicted of violent offences and sentenced to 12 months or more imprisonment or a hospital order;
- **Category 3** – individuals who do not qualify under Categories 1, 2 or 4 but whose offences pose a risk of serious harm.
- **Category 4** – terrorism convicted and terrorism risk individuals

Data on Category 4 individuals is not included in this report due to data protection issues related to low numbers. This data will be aggregated and published nationally.

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 individual 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 individual.
- **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 individuals who pose a serious risk of harm to the public. The use of ViSOR increases the ability to share intelligence across organisations and enables the safe transfer of key information when high risk individuals move between areas, enhancing public protection measures. ViSOR allows staff from the Police, Probation and Prison Services to work on the same IT system, improving the quality and timeliness of risk assessments and interventions to prevent offending.

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MAPPA Statistics

MAPPA-eligible individuals on 31 March 2025

	Category 1: Subject to sex offender notification requirements	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 1	814	155	0	969
Level 2	0	0	5	5
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	814	0	0	5

MAPPA-eligible offenders in Levels 2 and 3 by category (yearly total)

	Category 1: Subject to sex offender notification requirements	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 2	12	13	19	44
Level 3	1	1	2	4
Total	13	14	21	48

Category 1 cautioned for breach of notification requirements	7
Category 1 convicted for breach of notification requirements	24

Category 1 who have had their life time notification revoked on application	2
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Restrictive orders for Category 1 offenders

Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO)	117
SHPO with foreign travel restriction	0
Notification Order	1

Number of individuals who became subject to sex offender notification requirements following a breach(es) of a Sexual Risk Order (SRO)	2
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Level 2 and 3 individuals returned to custody

Returned to custody for breach of licence	Category 1: Subject to notification requirements	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 2	4	4	6	14
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	4	4	6	14

Breach of SHPO	
Level 2	0
Level 3	0
Total	0

Total number of individuals subject to sex offender notification requirements per 100,000 population	119
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This figure has been calculated using the mid-2024 estimated resident population, published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on 30 July 2025, excluding those aged less than ten years of age.

Explanation commentary on statistical tables

MAPPA background

The totals of MAPPA-eligible individuals, broken down by category, reflect the picture on 31 March 2025 (i.e. they are a snapshot). The rest of the data covers the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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

(b) Subject to Sex Offender Notification Requirements – 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 individuals are assessed and managed by the police. They may also be managed by probation, youth justice 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 – individuals convicted of violent offences who were sentenced to imprisonment or detention for 12 months or more, or detained under a hospital order and a small number of individuals convicted of sexual offences who are not subject to notification requirements. These individuals are assessed and managed by the Probation Service, Youth Justice Service or Mental Health Services.

(d) Other Dangerous Offenders – individuals who do not qualify under the other MAPPA-eligible categories, but have committed an offence that indicates that they pose a risk of serious harm which requires management via MAPPA meetings. These individuals are assessed and managed by

whichever agency has the primary responsibility for them.

(e) Terrorism and Terrorism Risk Offenders – individuals subject to terrorism offender notification requirements; individuals convicted of terrorism or terrorism related offences who were sentenced to imprisonment or detention for 12 months or more, or detained under a hospital order; and those who have committed an offence and may be at risk of involvement in terrorism-related activity. These individuals are assessed and managed by Counter-Terrorism Police and the National Security Division of the Probation Service.

(f) Breach of Licence – individuals released into the community following a period of imprisonment will be subject to a licence with conditions (under probation supervision). If the individual does not comply with these conditions, the Probation Service will take breach action and the individual may be recalled to prison.

(g) Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) (including any additional foreign travel restriction). Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs) and interim SHPOs are intended to protect the public from individuals convicted of a sexual or violent offence who pose a risk of sexual harm to the public by placing restrictions and/or positive obligations on their behaviour. They require the individual 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 on the balance of probability 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 individual. In the case of an order made on a free standing application by a Chief Police Officer, the National Crime Agency (NCA), British Transport Police (BTP) or the Ministry of Defence Police (MODP), the chief officer/NCA/BTP/MODP must be able to show that the individual has acted in a way

since their conviction that makes 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.

(h) Notification Order – this requires individuals convicted of qualifying sexual offences overseas to register with the police, in order to protect the public in the UK from the risks that they pose. The police in England and Wales may issue a notification order directly to an offender who is already in the UK or who is intending to come to the UK who has to notify within three days of receipt. Individuals have a right of appeal against notification.

(i) 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, NCA, BTP or MODP 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.

An SRO may prohibit the person from doing anything described in it, including travel overseas, or place positive obligations upon them. Any prohibition and/or obligation 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.

An 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 an 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 an SRO are recorded on VISOR as a Potentially Dangerous Person (PDP).

(j) Lifetime notification requirements revoked on application – Qualifying individuals 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 subject to notification requirements 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 children.

This year, the offence of *Coercive and Controlling Behaviour* was added to the MAPPA eligible offences list, marking a significant development in recognising the risks associated with non-physical forms of abuse. This inclusion enables agencies to refer individuals convicted of this offence for multi-agency management under MAPPA, where appropriate. It strengthens our ability to assess and manage risk in domestic abuse cases, enhances victim safeguarding, and promotes a more comprehensive approach to public protection. The change also supports improved consistency in how such cases are identified and managed across partner agencies. Data collection around the impact of this within Wiltshire MAPPA area is ongoing and forms part of referral assessment.

We have also continued to focus on quality within MAPPA referrals which is enhanced through robust screening processes, regular multi-agency training, and reflective practice. Referrals are reviewed to ensure they meet threshold criteria and contain sufficient detail to support effective risk assessment and management. Feedback loops between agencies help identify areas for improvement, while learning from audits, case reviews, and where appropriate, Serious Case Reviews informs ongoing development. This collaborative approach ensures that referrals are timely, appropriate, and contribute meaningfully to public protection.

Wiltshire Police has welcomed a new senior management team this year within their Offender Management and MAPPA structure, bringing fresh leadership and renewed strategic focus to multi-agency working. Alongside the Co-ordinator, the team has prioritised strengthening MAPPA oversight, enhancing partnership engagement, and driving continuous improvement across public protection functions. Early collaboration has already led to clearer governance structures

and a more proactive approach to risk management and has included new incentivised risk management groups focusing on early engagement and risk management.

The audit findings for this reporting period were highly positive, confirming that MAPPA processes are being delivered effectively and in line with national standards. Key areas such as risk management, multi-agency collaboration, and case oversight were commended, with no significant concerns raised. These results reflect the strong commitment of all partners to public protection and continuous improvement.

Partner agencies within Wiltshire have been supported through a local, structured programme of MAPPA training, which includes induction sessions and refresher workshops tailored to emerging risks and learning. Training is designed with a bespoke focus to each of our agencies to enhance understanding of MAPPA processes, thresholds, and roles, ensuring consistent and informed referrals. We have also worked collaboratively with agencies to review referral quality, provide constructive feedback, and share best practice. This joint approach fosters a culture of continuous improvement and strengthens multi-agency working in the interest of public protection.

Of particular note has been working in combination with Avon and Somerset MAPPA area, along with our Health partners to give focus to the arrangements and day to day working within the management of Mental Health MAPPA nominals. A series of internal workshops were delivered in collaboration with our Mental Health Trust, Avon and Wiltshire Partnership (AWP), and focused on reviewing local MAPPA arrangements. Together, opportunities were explored to enhance the quality and consistency of referrals, as well as strengthen data management and case oversight within the

group. Key outcomes included the development of a consistent training package for staff, agreement on improved data recording practices, and a commitment to joint refresher training sessions aimed at reinforcing MAPPA thresholds and expectations.

Recruitment of a new MAPPA Lay Advisor was successfully progressed this year, following approval from the National MAPPA Team, ensuring continued community representation and oversight within the strategic management of MAPPA.

A key focus for the coming year will be the review and refresh of the Local MAPPA Business Plan. This process is essential to ensure that strategic priorities remain aligned with emerging risks, national guidance, and local needs. By revisiting our objectives and actions, we aim to strengthen multi-agency coordination, improve operational delivery, and ensure that resources are targeted effectively. The review will also provide an opportunity to reflect on progress made, identify areas for development, and engage partners in shaping a shared vision for public protection across Wiltshire.

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