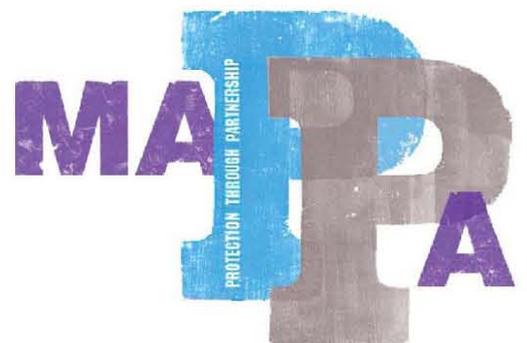


Teesside



Annual Report 2010-11



Intro

Working together to make Teesside a safer place to be

The annual report identifies a year of progress, development and success in the management of public protection issues in Teesside, which covers Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton. The strength of the partnership between the Responsible Authority agencies – Prison, Police and Probation – has continued to grow since MAPPA began on Teesside in 1997. The report also highlights the input of Duty to Co-operate Agencies. The bringing together of all these people has contributed to the success we have had in managing those offenders who pose the highest risk of harm in our communities.

MAPPA SMB

The MAPPA Strategic Management Board (SMB) directs and reviews the work of various sub-groups such as training, communications and audit. It also reviews reports on levels of MAPPA activity and monitors trends in numbers of offenders and levels of meetings held. Each meeting also receives an anonymous case study, which highlights lessons to be learnt as well as examples of best practice that need to be shared and built upon.

Priorities 2011–2012

The priorities for Teesside MAPPA for 2011–2012 are:

- Continue to pursue the appointment of lay members to the Strategic Management Board
- Maintain high levels of MAPPA performance and meet expectations of KPIs (Key Performance Indicators)
- Continue to implement MAPPA training across all agencies especially in relation to learning from SCRs (Serious Case Reviews), collaboration with other multi-agency forums and developments in CT (Counter Terrorism) and HBV (Honour-Based Violence)
- Ensure the learning from the MAPPA inspection is fully implemented across all agencies.



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What is MAPPA?

MAPPA background

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) A number of other agencies are under a Duty To Co-operate (DTC) with the Responsible Authority. These include Social Services, Health Trusts, Youth Offending Teams, Jobcentre Plus and Local Housing and Education Authorities.
- (d) 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 duty to co-operate agencies.
- (e) Lay Advisers are members of the public with no links to the business of managing MAPPA offenders and 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 by the agencies in order to inform the risk assessments and risk management plans of those managing or supervising them.
- In the majority of cases that is as far as MAPPA extends but in some cases, it is determined that active multi-agency management is required. 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** – (in the main) violent offenders sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months or more; 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 management levels intended to ensure that resources are focussed upon the cases where they are most needed; generally those involving the higher risks of serious harm. **Level 1** involves ordinary agency management (i.e. no MAPPA meetings or resources); **Level 2** is where the active involvement of more than one agency is required to manage the offender but the risk management plans do not require the attendance and commitment of resources at a senior level. Where senior oversight is required the case would be managed at **Level 3**.

MAPPA is supported by ViSOR. This is a national IT system for the management of people who pose a serious risk of harm to the public. The police have been using ViSOR since 2005 but, since June 2008, ViSOR has been fully operational allowing, for the first time, key staff from the Police, Probation and Prison Services to work on the same IT system, thus improving the quality and timeliness of risk assessments and of interventions to prevent offending. The combined use of ViSOR increases the ability to share intelligence across organisations and enable the safe transfer of key information when these high risk offenders move, enhancing public protection measures. All MAPPA reports from England and Wales are published online at: www.justice.gov.uk

MAPPA Statistics

MAPPA-eligible offenders on 31 March 2011				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 1	408	72	-	480
Level 2	6	7	5	18
Level 3	3	0	0	3
Total	417	79	5	501

MAPPA-eligible offenders in Levels 2 and 3 by category (yearly total)				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 2	29	33	15	77
Level 3	8	0	0	8
Total	37	33	15	85

RSOs cautioned or convicted for breach of notification requirements	44
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Restrictive orders for Category 1 offenders	
SOPOs, NOs & FTOs imposed by the courts	
SOPOs	80
NOs	0
FTOs	2

Level 2 and 3 offenders returned to custody for breach of licence or sent to custody for breach of SOPO				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Breach of licence				
Level 2	3	2	1	6
Level 3	2	0	0	2
Total	5	2	1	8
Breach of SOPO				
Level 2	1	-	-	1
Level 3	1	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	2

Total number of Registered Sexual Offenders per 100,000 population	84
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This figure has been calculated using the 2010 Mid-Year Population Estimate published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 June 2011, excluding those aged less than ten years of age.

Explanation commentary on statistical tables

MAPPA background

The totals of MAPPA-eligible offenders, broken down by category, reflect the picture on 31 March 2011 (i.e. they are a snapshot). The rest of the data covers the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

(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 (94% this year) are actually managed under ordinary agency (Level 1) arrangements rather than via MAPP meetings.

(b) Registered Sexual Offenders (RSOs) – those who are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details and to notify any changes subsequently (this is known as the “notification requirement.”) Failure to comply with the notification requirement is a criminal offence which 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 and offenders disqualified from working with children.

(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 MAPP meetings.

(e) 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.

(f) 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. The full order lasts for a minimum of five years, and can last indefinitely. 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 (i.e. breaches) the requirements of the order, he can be taken back to court and may be liable to up to five years’ imprisonment.

(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) Foreign Travel Orders – these prevent offenders with convictions for sexual offences against children from travelling abroad where this is necessary to protect children from the risk of sexual harm.

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About MAPPA in Teesside

In 2004 in Teesside, a joint Police and Probation Public Protection Unit was set up which promotes the joined up working between agencies that makes MAPPA a success.

The Unit is recognised as an example of good practice by other Police and Probation areas across the country.

Along with Cleveland Police and Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust, HMP Holme House and HMP Kirkclevington Grange make up the Responsible Authorities and the organisations work closely together to manage risk.

Duty to Co-operate Agencies (Local Authority Social Care Services, Youth Offending Teams, Primary Care Trusts, other NHS Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities, Local Education Authorities, Jobcentre Plus, Local Housing Authorities, Electronic Monitoring Providers and Registered social landlords) also have a valuable part to play in the process of managing offenders.

The priority will always be the safety of the public, and by working in partnership with other agencies under MAPPA, the arrangements continue to ensure that offenders living in this area are managed effectively.

The level of risk to communities from dangerous offenders remains small, and the objective of this report is to reassure the public of the commitment to keeping neighbourhoods safe.

Teesside was one of four Force areas to pilot the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Pilot, which is an extra layer of protection where parents, carers and guardians can apply for information about whether individuals who have regular contact with their children are registered sex offenders.

Under the pilot a number of disclosures have been made and safeguarding action taken to protect children and the Public Protection team has received national recognition for its work on the scheme.

The scheme has now been integrated into business as usual for all those involved in it, and has been so

successful that the Home Office has rolled it out nationally.

Convicted sex offenders are now subject to more checks than ever before. The sex offenders register ensures monitoring is in place and agencies can continue to work together to protect the public from known sex offenders living in the community.

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Useful websites

www.dtvprobation.org.uk

www.cleveland.police.uk

www.victimsupport.org.uk

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