

TITLE	MAPPA Briefing
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13 September 2016
WARD	None Specific
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee review the update below.

SUMMARY OF REPORT-MAPPA

The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and the Criminal Justice Act 2003 require the Police, Probation and Prison services (jointly comprising the "responsible authority") to establish formal arrangements for the purpose of assessing and managing the risks posed by the following categories:-

1. Sex offenders subject to the notification requirements as defined by the Sexual offences Act 2003.
2. An offender who has committed an offence within [schedule 15 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003](#) and received a relevant disposal.
3. An offender not included above who poses a high risk of serious harm to the public and has a relevant previous conviction,

All these categories may also include mental health disposals

Responsible Authority

The Responsible Authority is the primary agency for MAPPA. This is the police, prison and Probation Trust in each area, working together. The Responsible Authority has a duty to ensure that the risk posed by specified sexual and violent offenders are assessed and managed appropriately.

Duty to co-operate agencies

Other bodies have a duty to co-operate with the Responsible Authority in this task. These duty to co-operate agencies (DTC Agencies) will need to work with the Responsible Authority on particular aspects of an offender's life (e.g. education, employment, housing, social care).

Strategic Management Board

The supervision of this work is carried out by the Strategic Management Board (SMB) in each area. It has a range of governance-related functions, including monitoring performance.

Process

Identification and Notification

The first stages of the process are to identify offenders who may be liable to management under MAPPA as a consequence of their caution or conviction and sentence, and later to notify the MAPPA Coordinator of their impending release into the community, or the commencement of a community order or suspended sentence, as appropriate. This responsibility falls to the agency that has the leading statutory responsibility for each offender. Offenders are placed into one of three MAPPA categories according to their offence and sentence.

Levels of Management

MAPPA offenders are managed at one of three levels according to the extent of agency involvement needed and the number of different agencies involved. Level 1 involves the sharing of information but does not require multi-agency meetings. Level 2 involves MAPP meetings where an active-multi-agency approach is required. Level 3 is the highest level, where senior representatives of the relevant agencies with the authority to commit resources are required.

ViSOR

Storing and sharing information about offenders is essential to the multi-agency approach. Information is stored in a central database known as ViSOR, according to each Responsible Authority's business model.

Risk Assessment

Once offenders have been identified as MAPPA offenders, the next stage is to assess the risk they pose. This could be the risk of reconviction, the risk of reoffending, or the risk of serious harm. A range of assessment tools are available for this purpose.

Risk Management Plan

Having assessed the risk that each offender poses, the MAPPA agencies need to manage that risk. This will entail the preparation of a detailed and robust Risk Management Plan.

MAPP meetings

The vast majority of MAPPA offenders will be managed through the ordinary management of one agency, although this will usually involve the sharing of information with other relevant agencies. The structural basis for the discussion of MAPPA offenders who need active inter-agency management, including their risk assessment and risk management, is the MAPP meeting. The Responsible Authority agencies and the MAPPA Co-ordinator are permanent members of these meetings. DTC agencies are invited to attend for any offender in respect of whom they can provide additional support and management. The frequency of meetings depends on the level of management deemed appropriate for each offender.

MAPPA Coordination

The MAPPA Co-ordinator works on behalf of the Responsible Authority and is accountable to the SMB. Their role is in co-ordinating the work of the MAPPA agencies in each area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications

N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

N/A

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