

MAPPA Annual Report 2016/17**Report by Allister Short, Joint Director Health and Social Care****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This is a cover report for the MAPPA Annual Report for 2016/17 which was published on 27th October 2017.

2 Background

- 2.1 MAPPA was established in Scotland in 2007 to co-ordinate the response of a range of agencies in the management of registered sex offenders and restricted patients. In March 2016 MAPPA was extended to include violent offenders assessed as posing a risk of serious harm. A Joint Thematic Review took place in 2015 and was carried out jointly by the Care Inspectorate and HMICS. The Joint Thematic Review found that MAPPA is well established across Scotland and that robust arrangements are in place to manage registered sex offenders with good information sharing and partnership working.
- 2.2 The MAPPA Annual Report for 2016/17 showed no significant changes from the previous year. 859 registered sex offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders over this period with 92.08% being managed at MAPPA level 1, 7.56% at level 2 and 0.34% at Level 3.
- 2.3 For the ninth year in a row, no Level 3 offender in Lothian and Borders was convicted of a further Group 1 (violence) or Group 2 (indecent) offence.
- 2.4 In the previous reporting year of 2015/16, 11 RSOs were convicted of a further Group 1 or Group 2 crime. This reporting year, 18 offenders have been reconvicted. In terms of a percentage increase 11 to 18 represents 64%. However, in real terms partners managed 859 RSOs in Lothian and Borders during this reporting year, with 18 being re-convicted which provides an overall reconviction percentage of 2%.
- 2.5 Of the 18 RSOs who were reconvicted, 4 were convicted of a Group 1 crime of violence and 14 were convicted of a Group 2 sexual crime. 6 of these offences related to possession of indecent images of children and the crime had been identified by proactive management (checking internet enabled devices) by Police Scotland.
- 2.6 In Midlothian three RSOs in 2016/17 committed a further sexual offence, one committed an offence relating to registration requirements and two committed non-sexual offences.
- 2.7 In the most recently published reconviction statistics published by the Scottish Government, which relate to 2014/15, sexual offences are the crime type associated with the lowest rate of reconviction of all crimes.

- 2.8 The MAPPA process was extended to violent offenders assessed as posing a significant risk of harm in April 2016. To date, one individual has been managed in the community under the extension in Midlothian and this person was subsequently recalled to custody. There is a small number of offenders still in prison who will be managed under the extension on release.
- 2.9 The MAPA Co-ordinator and the Statutory Service Manager delivered briefings on the purpose of MAPPA to elected members and to the federation of community councils in September 2016.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

There are no resource implications in this report.

3.2 Risk

The MAPPA process makes a significant contribution to the management of risk and the protection of the public in Midlothian.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- Community safety
- Adult health, care and housing
- Getting it right for every Midlothian child

3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The East and Midlothian Offender Management Group is working to a plan that identifies improvement actions for the management of high risk offenders in East and Midlothian. In turn this group reports to the Public Protection Committee and the Critical Services Oversight Group.

However while this is a challenging area of work there is no evidence of any concerning performance in Midlothian. Criminal Justice social workers are highly skilled and extensively trained in risk assessment and management of sexual offenders and high risk violent offenders and in delivering accredited interventions to support behaviour change. We continue to analyse and learn from Serious Case Reviews from around the country when they are published.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable.

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The MAPPA Annual Report is accessible to the general public. A range of community engagement activities have taken place in Midlothian over the past few years about the MAPPA process and this engagement programme will continue.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable.

3.9 IT Issues

None

4 Recommendations

Council are asked to note the content of the report.

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Background Papers: (Please see Appendix 2)