

MAPPA Annual Report 2017/18**Report by Alison White Head of Adult Social Care and Chief Social Work Officer****1 Purpose of Report**

This is a cover report for the MAPPA Annual Report for 2017/18 which was published on 9th November 2018.

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 2017/18 showed no significant changes from the previous year. 871 registered sex offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders over this period with 781 being managed at Level 1, 90 at level 2 and 0 at Level 3.

In Lothian and Borders 10 individuals were managed under the MAPPA extension as a result of the risk of violent offending. One of these cases was in Midlothian.

In Midlothian there were 55 registered sex offenders managed by MAPPA during 2017-18. Similar to the overall picture in Lothian and Borders the vast majority were managed at Level 1 and no RSO was managed at Level 3 in Midlothian during 2017-18.

Of the Midlothian RSOs managed under MAPPA, 2 were charged with further sexual offences over the year and 5 were charged with non-sexual offences. Of the RSOs in the community either 15 or 16, depending on the quarter, were on statutory supervision by Criminal Justice social work. The remainder were managed by Police Scotland.

In the most recently published reconviction statistics published by the Scottish Government, which relate to 2015/16, sexual offences are the crime type associated with the lowest rate of reconviction of all crimes.

In January, East Lothian Council hosted 4 training sessions held over two days to staff from all agencies working in East Lothian and Midlothian who are actively involved in public protection. This training focused on learning from a Significant Case Review and was delivered by the Adult Support and Protection Lead Officer, East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Office and the MAPPA Co-ordinator.

In March 2018, the Edinburgh, Lothian and Scottish Borders Strategic Oversight Group hosted a multi-agency half day workshop, aimed at staff and managers who will be directly involved in the management of RSOs who present a risk of serious harm who are also in need of support and protection. The aim of the workshop was to provide advice and guidance on the legislation relating to adult support and protection. To further our understanding of managing the offender who presents risk but who is also at risk. To consider case studies and discuss the challenges associated when working with this client group.

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 Recommendation

The only recommendation is that the content of the attached report is noted.

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Background Papers: (Please see Appendix 1)