

MAPPA Annual Report 2015 - 2016**Report by Eibhlin McHugh, Joint Director Health and Social Care****1 Purpose of Report**

This is a cover report for the MAPPA Annual Report for 2015 - 2016, the final report of the national MAPPA Joint Thematic Review which was published in November 2015 and the Lothian and Borders response to the areas for development identified in the Joint Thematic Review report.

2 Background

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. The Joint Thematic Review took place in 2015 and therefore did not include the MAPPA extension. The Thematic Review 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.

The report identified 17 areas for development. The Lothian and Borders Strategic Officers Group have prepared a response to all 17 suggestions. The response has been circulated to Members, along with the Joint Thematic Review report and the 2015-16 MAPPA Annual Report.

Members of the Lothian and Borders SOG were given verbal feedback by the inspectors about findings in the SOG area. The only criticism was the late review of one risk assessment in an audited file. This was not in Midlothian. Generally the inspectors were happy with how MAPPA arrangements are working in the SOG area and were impressed by the strength of partnership working.

The MAPPA Annual Report for 2015-16 showed no significant changes from the previous year. 915 registered sex offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders over this period with 91.25% being managed at MAPPA level 1, 30% at level 2 and 0.43% at Level 3.

Reoffending rates were very low. 10 Level 1 offenders were convicted of a Group 1 (violence) or Group 2 (indecent) offence in 2015-16, 1 Level 2 offender and no Level 3 offenders. No Midlothian sexual offender was convicted of a further Group 1 or Group 2 offence in 2015-16.

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 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 Joint Thematic Review report and the MAPPA Annual Report are both 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. The most recent was a presentation to the Federation of Community Councils in September 2016.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable.

3.9 IT Issues

None

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The only recommendation is that the content of this report and the background papers listed below is noted.

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Background Papers:

MAPPA Annual Report 2015-16
Joint Thematic Review of MAPPA in Scotland 2015
Edinburgh Lothian and Scottish Borders Review of Areas of Development MAPPA

