

MAPPA Annual Report for 2018/19 – Report by Head of Adult Health and Social Care

1 Purpose of Report

This is a cover report for the MAPPA Annual Report for 2018/19 which was published on 1st November 2019.

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 2018/19 showed no significant changes from the previous year. 891 registered sex offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders over this period with 810 being managed at Level 1, 78 at level 2 and 3 at Level 3.

17 offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders under the Category 3 MAPPA extension in 2018/19, 15 at Level 2 and 2 at Level 3.

In Midlothian there were 59 registered sex offenders managed by MAPPA during 2018-19. 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.

There were 2 individuals in Midlothian managed under the Category 3 extension in 2018/19. Both have now been returned to custody due to breaching licence conditions, rather than for committing further offences.

Of the Midlothian 59 RSOs managed in Midlothian under MAPPA, 1 was charged with a further sexual offence and 7 were charged with non-sexual offences. A further 2 were charged with registration offences. The offender who was charged with a further sexual offence was a Police-only case managed at Level 1. In relation to the non-sexual charges, they related to a range of relatively minor behaviours. The 2 registration charges related to

police-only cases where a condition of a SOPO (Sexual Offences Prevention Order) had been breached.

Of the RSOs in the community between 18 and 23, 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 2016/17, sexual offences are the crime type associated with the lowest rate of reconviction of all crimes.

In November 2018 the MAPPA Co-ordinator delivered training to Offender Management Unit (OMU) officers within J Division on MAPPA processes and procedures and completion of the Level 2/3 MAPPA templates.

In January 2019 the MAPPA Co-ordinator delivered Level 2 chairs training to those new to the role.

In March 2019 Police Scotland hosted training delivered by clinicians from SOLS (Serious Offender Liaison Service) relating to managing offenders assessed as posing a long-term risk of causing serious harm.

Also in March the Lothian and Borders Strategic Oversight Group (SOG) hosted a half day training event on the challenges of managing an ageing sex offender population in prison and the community.

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

5 Recommendation

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

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