

MAPPA Annual Report for 2019/20 (which was published on 13th November 2020)**Report by Alison White, Chief Social Work Officer****Report for Noting****1 Recommendations**

Council is asked to: consider this report as a cover report for the annually published MAPPA report 2019-2020. The full report is attached.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary**Background:**

Edinburgh, the Lothians and Scottish Borders Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) have published the 2019-2020 Annual Report. This report details roles and responsibilities, achievements, strategic overview arrangements and statistical information.

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.

Date 25th November 2020**Report Contact:**

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1 Background/Main Body of Report

Statistical Data:

The MAPPA Annual Report for 2019/20 showed no significant changes or trends from the previous year. 916 registered sex offenders were managed in Lothian and Borders over this period with 824 being managed at Level 1, 90 at level 2 and 2 at Level 3.

Of those 916 register sex offenders 14 were convicted of a further offence (group 1- non-sexual crimes of violence and group 2- sexual crimes).

To give local context, at the end of quarter 4 (2019/20) the total number of sexual offenders subject to MAPPA at the period end date was 43; the lowest in the reporting year. Similar to the overall picture in Lothian and Borders, the vast majority in Midlothian were managed at Level 1 (40 individuals at the end of the reporting period). There were no sex offender cases managed at MAPPA Level 3 (in Midlothian) during 2019-2020.

Further, Midlothian has supervised four Category 3 extension service user over 2019-2020. Three individuals were managed for a period of around 6 months whilst one individual remains managed as a Cat 3 under MAPPA. Each of the individuals were discussed at extensive multi-agency pre-release planning meetings with a range of agencies feeding into the process. Comprehensive risk management plans were then devised to assist in the management, supervision, monitoring and scenario planning for each person.

Environmental Risk Assessments (ERAs):

The Scottish Government published updated National Accommodation Strategy for Sex Offenders in Scotland (NASSO) guidance in September 2019. Midlothian continues to assess and review all sexual offenders in line with this guidance. These are now subject to review, in line with guidance, and this process is supported by partners in Police Scotland and across the Council and Health & Social Care Partnership.

Community Intervention Services for Sex Offenders (CISSEO):

This service continues to support the risk management of partner agencies through the delivery of community-based group treatment programmes and individual interventions, addressing the behaviour and attitudes associated with sexual offending.

Over the 12-months until March 2020 a total of 51-men were involved in group work programmes delivered by the project, with a further 19-individuals seen for individual interventions. Midlothian continues to work closely with the CISSEO team for consultation and intervention delivery.

Training and Development

In May 2019, Midlothian Council hosted a multi-agency MAPPA presentation to local councillors. The aim of this event was to promote understanding relative to the assessment of risk and management of registered sex

offenders and violent offenders assessed as presenting a serious risk of harm who are living in our communities.

In November and December 2019 the MAPPA Co-ordinator delivered Level 1 and 2 chairs training to those new to the role.

In March 2020 the Lothian and Borders Strategic Oversight Group (SOG) hosted a half day training event on the management of young people who present a serious risk of harm as they transition into Adult Service and management under MAPPA.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital, Risk and Equalities)

4.1 Resource

There are no resource implications in this report.

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications noted.

4.3 Risk

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

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.

While this is a challenging area of work, there is no evidence of any concerning performance in Midlothian. 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.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable.

4.5 Additional Report Implications (See Appendix A)

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 with a date planned in January 2021.

Appendices

The full report is attached.

