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### What does MAPPA mean?

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements MAPPA in each criminal justice area of England and Wales. MAPPA is designed to protect the public, including previous victims of crime, from serious harm by sexual and violent offenders. They require the local criminal justice agencies and other bodies dealing with offenders to work together in partnership in dealing with these offenders.

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### MAPPA—Agencies responsibilities.

The Responsible Authorities for MAPPA are the Police, Prison Service & National Probation Service. They have a duty to ensure that the risks posed by specified sexual and violent offenders are assessed and managed appropriately.

Duty to co-operate agencies support MAPPA. These include Social Care, Health, Housing, DWP & Home Office Immigration Enforcement.

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### MAPPA Offenders must be identified under certain categories.

Cat 1—Registered Sex Offenders .

Cat 2— Violent or other sex offenders sentenced to 12 months or more in custody or to hospital order (Specific offences— Schedule 15 CJA 2003).

Cat 3 - Other Dangerous offenders - Cautioned/warned/convicted for an offence who demonstrate capability for causing serious harm.

There is a monthly meeting in each of the local authority areas to assess MAPPA referrals that are received

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### MAPPA Levels of Management.

**Level 1 cases** – Is where the offender is managed by the lead agency with information exchange and multi-agency support as required but without formal MAPPA meetings

**Level 2 cases**- is where formal MAPPA meetings are required to manage the offender.

**Level 3 cases**– is where risk management plans require the attendance and commitment of resources at a senior level at MAPPA meetings

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### How to refer to MAPPA offenders.

Ensure MAPPA referrals for Level 2 & Level 3 cases are submitted to allow sufficient time for scheduling panel meetings. (At least 6 months before release from custody). Referrals are made by submitting the MAPPA form A.

Ensure appropriate risk management and contingency plans are in place to manage the risks posed by the MAPPA nominal. Ensure the risk is monitored.

Ensure appropriate multi agency information sharing takes place to manage risk.

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### What happens at a Level 2 or 3 meeting?

MAPPA L2 & L3 Panel meetings manage offenders across the force area :-

- Risk management plans identified
- Information shared
- Disclosure considered to manage risk
- Actions allocated to agency professionals
- Risks identified & recorded in detailed minutes
- Cases are often reviewed 2-8 weeks later and agencies held to account for actions.

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### MAPPA offenders are managed on ViSOR

ViSOR provides a central linked computer system for offenders that can be updated by the 3 responsible authorities (Police/Prison/Probation).

ViSOR operates within the UK and is a vital component for managing offenders across National boundaries.

MAPPA minutes and risk management plans are attached to ViSOR records

In the Police out of hours access to ViSOR is via the PNC team



## FURTHER INFORMATION

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