

● RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The number of offenders in our communities who pose a serious risk of serious harm to others is thankfully small. Although risk can never be eradicated, the management of registered sex offenders and other offenders can only be successful if the responsible authorities along with partner agencies continue to strengthen the arrangements and work together to provide an effective risk management plan to ensure public safety and the reduction of serious harm.

● MAPPA LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Sections 10 & 11 of the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Act 2005 provides the statutory basis for the operation of MAPPA to assess & manage the risk posed by relevant high risk offenders.

The Police, Prison Service and local authorities together form the Responsible Authorities for MAPPA. Other agencies who have statutory duty to work together through MAPPA include Health Service, Housing providers and electronic monitoring providers and voluntary agencies.

This list of Duty to Co-operate Agencies is not exhaustive.



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WHAT IS MAPPA?

The Tayside Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements or MAPPA is the process by which local agencies work together to best protect our community from the serious harm that some offenders may still present after being convicted.

This leaflet outlines the key features.

HOW DOES MAPPA WORK?

The principles that govern MAPPA are simple;

- **Identify** offenders who may pose a risk of harm.
- **Share** relevant information about them.
- **Assess** the nature and extent of the risk.
- **Find** ways to manage that risk.

WHO IS MANAGED THROUGH MAPPA?

There are three categories of offenders who are managed through MAPPA in Scotland;

1. **Registered Sex Offenders** - who are required to register their name, address and other details with the Police under terms of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
2. **Violent Offenders** - who are convicted on indictment of an offence inferring personal violence who are subject to a probation order, or who are or will be on release from prison subject to statutory supervision in the community.
3. **Any Other Offenders** - who are not in Category 1 & 2 who have been convicted of an offence and by reason of that conviction are considered by the responsible authorities to be a person who may cause serious harm to the public.

Violent offenders are currently not subject to the MAPPA process as this is still under legal debate.

INFORMATION SHARING

The exchange of information is an essential element of effective public protection. The Tayside MAPPA Protocol covers this area in detail but information sharing must:

- have lawful authority
- be necessary
- be proportionate and undertaken in ways which ensure the safety and security of this information
- be accountable.

ASSESSING & MANAGING THE RISK

All offenders referred to MAPPA are assessed to establish the level of risk they pose to the public. Risk assessments are crucial to ensuring offenders are supervised effectively with the appropriate measures in place to manage the risk they pose. There are three levels of risk management:

1. **MAPPA Level 1**: used in cases where the risk posed by an offender can be managed by one agency without actively or significantly involving other agencies.
2. **MAPPA Level 2**: used where the active involvement of more than one agency is required but where the level of risk or complexity of managing the risk is not so great as to require referral to Level 3.
3. **MAPPA Level 3**: used for the management of the critical few who are assessed as being of high or very high risk of causing serious harm and present risks that can only be managed by a plan that requires close co-operation at a senior level due to the complexity of the case and/or because of the unusual resource commitments it requires, or the case is exceptional because of the likelihood of media scrutiny and/or public interest in the management of the case is high.

At each level, the risk posed by an individual offender is discussed and actions to manage that risk are agreed.

