

One Minute Guide: Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)

What is MAPPA?

MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) is the national framework used by agencies to assess and manage the risk posed by certain sexual offenders, violent offenders and others who may present a serious risk to the public.

Why is MAPPA important?

MAPPA helps agencies:

- Protect the public from serious harm
 - Improve communication and lawful information sharing
 - Coordinate risk management plans and agreed actions
 - Reduce the likelihood of further offending
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Who is involved?

MAPPA is led by the **Responsible Authorities**: Probation, Police and Prison Service.

Other agencies may also contribute, including:

- Children's Services and Adult Social Care
 - Health, housing and education services
 - Substance misuse, domestic abuse and other relevant partner agencies
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When is MAPPA used?

MAPPA applies to certain individuals convicted of sexual or violent offences, or other offences where there is a serious risk of harm.

Individuals are managed at different levels depending on the complexity of risk and the level of multi-agency involvement needed.

What happens at a MAPPA meeting?

Professionals work together to:

- Share relevant information and review current risks

- Consider victim safety, safeguarding concerns and vulnerabilities
 - Develop, review and monitor risk management plans
 - Agree actions for partner agencies
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Key Principles

- ✓ Public protection is the priority
 - ✓ Information sharing is lawful, necessary and proportionate
 - ✓ Victims' needs, safety and safeguarding concerns are considered
 - ✓ Decisions are evidence-informed and regularly reviewed
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Remember

MAPPA is not a service or intervention. It is a framework that helps agencies work together to manage individuals who present a serious risk of harm.

For Professionals

If you are working with an individual subject to MAPPA arrangements:

- Share relevant information promptly
 - Attend meetings when requested
 - Complete agreed actions within timescales
 - Escalate increasing risk immediately
 - Maintain a focus on safeguarding and public protection
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Key Message:

MAPPA helps agencies work together to manage risk, protect victims, safeguard communities and reduce the likelihood of serious harm through effective information sharing and coordinated action.