



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board
Held on	30 March 2016
Agenda Item	12
Title	Extension to Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
Summary	
This report provides an update on the forthcoming MAPPA extension which comes in to effect on 31 March 2016	
Presented by	Kate Rocks, Head of Children's Services and Criminal Justice (Chief Social Work Officer)
Action Required	
Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.	
Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report	
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EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

30 March 2016

Report by Julie Murray, Chief Officer

**EXTENSION TO MULTI-AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS
(MAPPA)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the Integration Joint Board on progress regarding the forthcoming MAPPA Extension which comes into effect on 31 March 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND

3. Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) were introduced in Scotland by the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2005 to ensure a joint approach to the assessment and management of risk by sexual and mentally disordered offenders. Responsible authorities were identified as local authorities, Police, NHS and Scottish Prison Service (SPS), alongside a range of duty to co-operate agencies.
4. Legislation has included a third category for Violent Offenders, however, following a national thematic review of MAPPA in Scotland in 2015, it was recognised that this category should be deleted and existing arrangements extended to include individuals at risk of causing serious harm.

REPORT

5. The extension of MAPPA in Scotland will revise the categories to: (i) Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs), (ii) Restricted Patients and (iii) Others who present a risk of serious harm. Guidance will be published in April 2016.
6. Criteria for managing an offender within the 3rd category are that an individual:
 - Must be subject to a Statutory Order (Community Payback Order (CPO) or Prison Licence.
 - Is assessed as presenting a risk of Serious Harm (high risk or very high risk)
 - The offender requires management at MAPPA level 2 or 3, that is, by more than one agency. There is no MAPPA level 1 management within the extension-offenders will be managed within existing mechanisms by criminal justice social work services.
7. Referrals are most likely to come from the Scottish Prison Service, where an offender is managed throughout their sentence and regular case management meetings are held to follow the progress of the individual and plan for release into the community. It is

important to note that robust procedures are well established within the local service for offenders released on licence, therefore an individual would be included in the MAPPA Extension category only if they are assessed as presenting a risk of serious harm and the process would provide the required enhanced supervision by more than one agency to the management of the case

8. Criminal Justice Social Work Services in East Renfrewshire, as part of service redesign in 2015, assumed full responsibility for the supervision of offenders returning to the community- as such, staff attend case management meetings for all sentenced individuals throughout their sentence and will participate in all discussions about whether an offender should be managed within MAPPA.
9. Whilst it is difficult to be exact about the number of offenders who may be eligible under the MAPPA extension criteria, the impact on East Renfrewshire is likely to be minimal, with only a handful of cases expected to be eligible over the coming years.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

10. Training on the Risk of Serious Harm (RoSH) assessment has been provided to prison-based social work staff and is also being rolled out to local authorities during 2016, including East Renfrewshire criminal justice staff. This training is also being rolled out to local authorities during 2016. The service manager has completed MAPPA chair training and is a member of the short life working group within the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority to ensure readiness to implement the MAPPA extension and development of the appropriate paperwork. All costs are met through current budgets and no extra impact on resources is expected.

CONSULTATION

11. Scottish Government have consulted with individual local authorities, Community Justice Authorities and other responsible authorities throughout this process.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

12. Criminal Justice Social Work services will be the lead agency in managing offenders subject to the extension, whilst working in partnership with SPS, Police Scotland and other Local Authority services such as Housing, Addiction Services and Job Centre Plus will be central to offender management. This will build on already existing partnership working arrangements in place for sexual and mentally disordered offenders.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

Staffing

13. The Violent and Sex Offender Register (ViSOR) is a UK wide information sharing tool that can be accessed by the Police, NHS and Local Authorities. This tool is well used within East Renfrewshire Criminal Justice Services and the local Police Offender Management Unit (OMU) to ensure information-sharing on offenders subject to MAPPA. Local authority staff using ViSOR are now required to be vetted using the Non Police Personnel Vetting scheme (NPPV), rather than existing PVG level checks. Common concerns by social work services across Scotland regarding the impact of this change in existing and new staff have been raised with the Scottish Government; meanwhile discussions will continue with HR colleagues to ensure our compliance with this level of security.

Equalities

14. As part of management under MAPPA, the implications for offenders, victims and their families is considered at each review meeting. This will be included in the management of offenders within the extension to MAPPA.

CONCLUSIONS

15. The extension to MAPPA provides an opportunity to build on the existing robust multi-agency mechanisms to manage the risk presented by a critical few individual who may pose a threat of violence and/or cause serious harm to others in the community. Within East Renfrewshire, relationships with key partners including Housing, Health and Police is strong and the MAPPA process is firmly embedded in risk management practice. Local use of ViSOR also supports effective communication processes with police colleagues and, as such implementation of the MAPPA extension in East Renfrewshire will benefit from these existing arrangements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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