



Annual Report 2023 – 2024

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Introduction

As the new independent Chair of the North Strathclyde Strategic Oversight Group (SOG), it is my privilege to introduce the 2023/24 Annual Report covering our combined MAPPA Area.

As one of the main pillars of public protection, MAPPA exists so that key stakeholders such as the Police, Prison Service, Local Authorities, NHS, and other Duty to Co-operate agencies can work together to protect communities, reduce the risk of re-offending and support rehabilitation.

The information contained within this report reflects the commitment and efforts of staff in all agencies to this challenging and complex activity and sets out our intention to continue to develop strong partnerships and explore new ways of improving our approach to protecting the public.

Following the challenges of the recent pandemic, the SOG have taken the opportunity to refresh our strategic objectives and clearly set out our shared vision, mission, purpose, and values so that the public and our people can have clarity and confidence in our commitment to meeting our desired future state.

These have been set out in the preface of the report along with our partnership statement to demonstrate our dedication to upholding the highest standards of safety & protection across all areas of shared responsibility.

Of course, it is never possible to eliminate risk entirely, however, by seeking to work together in a context of continuous learning and improvement, it is my firmly held belief that we can build a culture of safety and protection that our communities can justifiably trust in.

I hope you find this annual report helpful in understanding how agencies across North Strathclyde are working together to protect the public.

Gerry McBride
Chair
MAPPA Strategic Oversight Group

OUR VISION, MISSION, PURPOSE & VALUES.

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Together, we seek to uphold the **highest standards** of safety & protection across all areas of shared responsibility.

As a partnership, we accept that it is the responsibility of everyone to **work collaboratively** to uphold these standards in a way that helps protect communities and manages the risk of serious harm.

The members share the objective that high-quality operational practice is consistently and effectively delivered across the partnership area and that our people are supported & empowered to give of their best in this critical function.

the unusual resource commitments required. It can also be where there are elevated levels of media scrutiny and/or public interest in the management of the case.

When an offender is placed on the SONR, the MAPPA Co-ordinator receives a MAPPA notification. Where a MAPPA offender meets the Level 2 or 3 criteria, a referral is also made. A Level 3 MAPPA meeting must be held within 5 days of a referral being made, and a level 2 meeting held within 20 days.

Co-ordination is a crucial element of the MAPPA and ensures that the relevant functions of the framework operate effectively. The co-ordinator facilitates the responsible authorities in their statutory responsibility to do the following:

- x Receive referrals of RSOs, other risk of serious harm offenders and restricted patients who pose a risk of serious harm which needs to be managed at either Level 2 or Level 3.

- x Share relevant information to aid with the management of the risk of serious harm, with other agencies within MAPPA on the basis that the information will be held securely and used by appropriate personnel within those agencies for public protection purposes only.

- x Receive the risk management plans and minutes from all relevant level 2 and level 3 meetings, clearly showing the status of each offender, the agencies which are delivering components of the plan, timescales, review arrangements and the point at which the offender is due to exit the multi-agency risk management process.

- x Provide a single point of contact for advice on all aspects of MAPPA.

STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT GROUP

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE SOG.

National MAPPA guidance sets out the role and priorities of each SOG as follows:

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- f* Significant Incident Review
- f* Annual Report

In terms of strategic governance, this poses the following questions for the SOG:

- f* Are we as good as we think we are, and how do we know it?
- f* How well do we work together?
- f* How do we equip our people with the right tools and skills to do their job?
- f* How do we learn and demonstrate improvement?
- f* How do we communicate with the public?

Structure / Governance

MAPPA responsible authorities are required to establish local strategic boards which are primarily in place to have oversight of the arrangements including performance management and quality of MAPPA in their area.

Their duties also extend to providing strategic decision making in strengthening and improving the MAPPA process. The SOG has responsibility for the formal review of significant cases including the commissioning of Significant Case Reviews and making recommendations on any subsequent findings.

feature in this process and have a duty to co-operate, including Police, Housing, Children and Families, Adult Protection, Health, and Addictions.

As well as a role in MAPPA, Justice Social Work in general has several responsibilities noted below, many of which have MAPPA involvement. This includes but is not limited to.

- x Completing complex, comprehensive, and robust risk assessments and the provision of reports to assist decisions on sentencing.
- x Contributing to multi-agency planning for the management of Public Safety through MAPPA
- x Providing a throughcare service to prisoners released on statutory supervision to assist with general resettlement upon release from custody with the aim of reducing re-offending, increasing social inclusion, and maintaining Public Protection.
- x Delivering programmes to address sexual offending to those who meet the requirements of assessments.

Justice Social Works involvement in the MAPPA process has many benefits, the offer of partnership working with statutory, and third sectors agencies involved in risk management has clear advantages. This is essential to the management of individuals in the community. This can take place in many forms, with agencies often coming together to plan a coherent, robust, and well-informed approach to individual risk management in the community.

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Health

The North Strathclyde SOLOs meet on a quarterly basis to share best practice and ensure that the housing involvement is consistent across the 6 North Strathclyde local authorities.

Case Study

The following are three examples of good collaborative working between agencies involved in the MAPPA process. They highlight good practice and the benefits of working together.

Case Study 1

Mr A was in custody preparing for release of a Short-Term Sex Offender Licence. He received diagnosis of autism 10 years previously yet since his diagnosis he has received no supports for this, relying solely on his family.

He had never lived independently, and his levels of capacity were unknown. Through the ERA process it was identified that he could not return to his family home upon release. Mr A was accepting of this, but his family were concerned that he would not be able to cope in an independent tenancy.

To prepare for this PBSW, CBSW and health worked closely together to arrange a capacity assessment in the first instance. This was undertaken prerelease by staff who were trained in assessing individuals with autism to identify specific needs. Following this assessment Mr A began a life skills course in custody to prepare him for independent living upon release. Reports were that he did very well.

In conjunction with the prerelease supports, CBSW held discussions with homelessness services to try to secure appropriate manageable accommodation. CBSW approached a Local housing provider and through negotiation a manageable property was identified.

To secure the property in preparation for Mr A'

Parkinson’s Disease. Several breaches of SOPO conditions and further custodial sentences between 2016 and 2019.

Managed by the Clyde Forensic Community Mental Health Team/Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership involving all disciplines within the team managing his level of risk and need associated with being RSO and subject to a SOPO. Disciplines involved from FCMHT: Social Work, Community Psychiatric Nursing, Consultant Psychiatrist, Occupational Therapy.

Subject to MAPPA level 2 and CPA. Meetings held between all agencies under MAPPA and additionally CPA 3 monthly for management of risk, discussion re any breaches of SOPU, pending outstanding charges and sharing of information between all involved agencies. Meetings focused both on the individual’s risk re offending and management plan but also on the physical health needs associated with the progressing Parkinson’s Disease.

Diagnosis of Parkinson’s Disease is progressive and over time an increased package of support within his tenancy was required to reflect increasing physical health needs. Provided through Self Directed Support Option 3, funded through Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Due to the individual being an RSO and having a SOPO there required to be clear and effective communication between all agencies to manage the individuals’ risks

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breached. The search for an appropriate care home commenced about 2 years ago however
due to the individual's condition and the fact that the care home was not able to accept him (see 2015-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100)

MAPPA meeting just following his move and this allowed for discussions around the move and actions taken to ensure that the Management of the care home had all information to allow them to risk managed whilst meeting the individuals care needs. Inverclyde continue to attend MAPPA meetings as does the Manager if the Care Home. This allowed for ongoing multi-agency communication and risk management. The Care Home Management Team had full oversight of the conditions of the SOPO and aware of when and how to contact SOPU with any concerns re breach of the order. The Care Home Manager also prepared and shared a detailed risk assessment they have for their staff.

The individual has settled well into the care home with no concerns being noted since admission and no breaches of his SOPO. His care needs are being met which is important at this stage of his illness to provide him with appropriate level of care and comfort and the ongoing involvement of agencies with clear lines of communication via the formal MAPPA and CPA meetings as well as frequent contact from Social Worker/Forensic CMHT and unannounced SOPU visits manages the needs associated with his RSO Status and SOPO conditions.

This has evidenced that good effective communication across all agencies involved has enabled this gentleman to receive the appropriate care he needs to manage his declining physical health needs while balancing management of the risks associated with his RSO Status.

Case Study 3

North Strathclyde MAPPA Unit began a project in 2023 to provide MAPPA Awareness training to all Housing providers in the six local authority areas covered by North Strathclyde. The intention was to provide all attendees with an understanding of the MAPPA process and emphasis how important the Housing role was within MAPPA.

We provided this training over several months covering West Dunbarton, Argyll and Bute and Inverclyde. At this point Tim Pogson the Service Improvement Manager for Scotland's Housing Network contacted us and asked if we would provide an input to the National SOLO forum.

The success of this presentation has led to several housing agencies throughout the country contacting us requesting we provide awareness training to their staff.

We have observed an increase in co-operation with the housing agencies within North Strathclyde which has resulted in improved housing options for MAPPA individuals. Another benefit is closer communication between housing and the other MAPPA partners.

A recent case to highlight was when a housing support officer was visiting a MAPPA Individual and was present when they received a delivery of a new mobile phone. The housing support officer was aware of the requirement of the individual to notify the Police of this additional device but didn't believe that the Police would be informed.

The support officer contacted the Police and informed them about this additional device. Officers from the Sex Offender Policing Unit attended at the individuals home and asked if

he had purchased or obtained any new devices. The individual initially denied he had any other devices before eventually revealing he had a new mobile phone and two new laptops.

The devices were seized and examined by experts who discovered further indecent images of children contained on them. The individual has subsequently been charged with these offences.

This highlights the importance of information sharing and partnership working between agencies.

A further housing officer contacted the MAPPa Unit after attending a MAPPa awareness training session to state that she was concerned and anxious that a MAPPa individual who had assaulted and stabbed her previously was due to be released back into the community. The MAPPa Unit were able to put her in contact with Community Justice Social Work who were able to support her with advice and reassurance about the forthcoming release.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

North Strathclyde MAPPa MOG and SOG have progressed all the projected areas of development set out in 2023/2024s annual report.

In last year’s annual report, we stated that the following key areas of business would be undertaken. In every case these have been completed or with further development planned.

Action	What	Success Measure	Who
1	To disseminate the MAPPa Training video to all agencies as part of their initial training programmes	MAPPa Video now	

National MAPPA Annual report 2023/24 can be found on the Scottish Government website under publications.

The Scottish Government will compile and publish on the Scottish Government website an annual statistical bulletin which will also contain a summary of matters or events which have had national significance within the reporting period.

The following tables set out the information required by Scottish Ministers.

Explanations of information are at the end of this report.

Due to reporting changes the figures include offenders who are in custody and in the community unless stated differently. Previous Annual Reports included figures of offenders in the community only.

Table 1: Registered Sex Offenders

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (RSO'

c) Number of RSO's returned to custody for a breach of statutory conditions between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 (including those returned to custody because of a conviction for a group 1 or 2 crime):			11
d) Number of indefinite sex offenders reviewed under the terms of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Remedial) (Scotland) Order 2011 between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024:			Reported Nationally
e) Number of notification continuation orders issued under the terms of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Remedial) (Scotland) Order 2011 between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024:			Reported Nationally
g) Number of RSO subject to formal disclosure between 1 st April 2023 and 31 st March 2024			0

Table 4: Restricted Patients	
RESTRICTED PATIENTS (RPs):	NUMBER
a) Number of RPs:	
1) Living in your area on 31 March: Glasgow	4(18)
2) During the reporting year: (2 highland patients included in this number)	5(19)
b) Number within hospital/community on 31 March:	
1) State Hospital:	5
2) Other hospital in your area: all wards in Glasgow area	(18)
3) Community (Conditional Discharge): 1 highland patient in these numbers	4
c) Number managed by MAPPA level on 31 March:	
1) MAPPA Level 1	22
2) MAPPA Level 2	0
3) MAPPA Level 3	0
d) Number of RPs recalled by Scottish Ministers during the reporting year:	1

Table 7: Delineation of population of RSO's on 31st March 2024:		
Sex	RSO Number	RSO Percentage %
a) Male	505	99.41
b) Female	3	0.39
Total	508	100

Table 8: Delineation of RSO's by ethnicity on 31st March 2024:		
Ethnic Origin	RSO Number	RSO Percentage %
White Scottish	398	78.35
Other British	44	8.66
Irish	4	0.79

Table 8: Delineation of RSO's by ethnicity on 31st March 2024:		
Data Not Held	29	5.71
Total		
5	508	100

Table 9: Number of RSO's managed under statutory

Disclosure: The sharing of specific information about a MAPPA offender with a third party (not involved in MAPPA) for the purposes of protecting the public. There are various methods of disclosure.

DTC: Duty to Cooperate. The DTC persons or bodies in Scotland are listed within The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Order 2007.

DWP: Department for Work and Pensions.

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations.

MAPPA Co-ordinator: The coordinator's role is a dedicated function undertaken on behalf of the responsible authorities. The coordinator is accountable to those operating the arrangements through the local MAPPA Strategic Oversight Group (SOG).

Responsible Authorities: The responsible authorities are the police, local authorities, health boards or Special Health Boards and the SP <</MCID 19 >>11.04 0 (t)4.2 (m)-5.9 0 0 1fs