

MAPP A

Health Practitioners – what you need to know.

What are “Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements”?

- The most serious sexual and violent offenders in Norfolk are closely monitored and managed by agencies working together to keep the public safe. These arrangements are *statutory*.
- MAPP A brings together a number of agencies including the Police, Probation, Prison Services, Children’s Services, Adult Social Services, Health Trusts, Youth Offending Teams, housing authorities, Jobcentre Plus, UKBA and electronic monitoring providers to manage high risk offenders in Norfolk.

Who are MAPP A offenders?

- **Category 1 - Registered sexual offenders:** Sexual offenders who are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details.
- **Category 2 - Violent offenders:** Offenders sentenced to imprisonment/detention for 12 months or more, or detained under hospital orders. This category also includes a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration.
- **Category 3 - Other Dangerous Offenders:** Offenders who do not qualify under categories 1 or 2 but who currently pose a risk of serious harm and require multi agency management.

How are MAPP A offenders managed?

- **Level 1:** These offenders can be managed by the lead agency.
- **Level 2:** The risk management plans for these offenders require the active involvement of several agencies via MAPP A meetings.
- **Level 3:** As with level 2, but these cases additionally require the involvement of senior officers to authorise the use of significant resources, such as police surveillance or specialised accommodation.

Where is MAPP A

- MAPP A meetings are held in four locations across Norfolk, namely Kings Lynn, Norwich, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth.

MAPP A Process:

- Health professionals should refer to MAPP A by obtaining a referral form from the MAPP A office on 01603 276320 or by visiting our website www.norfolkmapa.org.uk.
- The aim of MAPP A is to create a robust risk management plan (**RMP**), ensuring that known victims are protected and that restrictive measures are in place to reduce the likelihood of further serious harm occurring. Restrictive measures can include prohibiting an offender from loitering near schools or playgrounds.
- The success of a robust **RMP** relies on the quality of information received and shared at the MAPP A meeting by all agencies. Norfolk’s most vulnerable children benefit from the attendance of health professionals such as health visitors and school nurses at MAPP A meetings.
- GPs are often invited to meetings as it may be identified that they are at risk from the offender, or that they are required to share information regarding the offender such as factors which may make the offender, or their victims, vulnerable.

Storage and Sharing of Information from MAPP A

- The minutes from the MAPP A meeting should remain *confidential* and not be shared with any other person, party or agency without written permission from the MAPP A chair. When you receive the minutes, you must check them for accuracy and note the actions you have been tasked with, then delete the minutes from any electronic system.
- The health professional who attends the MAPP A meeting will disseminate relevant information back to each practice relating to the patients that are registered there and will take responsibility for any actions that have been tasked to them at the meeting.
- If you have represented “Health” at a MAPP A meeting, then you are responsible for putting the relevant “alert” on your electronic system (e.g. SystemOne), on the case file that relates to the affected parties i.e. children, partners, victims, perpetrators.
- If you note from SystemOne that someone you are working with has a “MAPP A Alert”, then please contact the MAPP A office on 01603 276320 for further risk information on that case.