

Barnet's MAPPA referral process

MAPPA eligibility criteria

- category 1 – Registered sex offenders
- category 2 – Violent or other sex offenders who have served 12 months in custody (or more).
- category 3 – Others who may present a risk of serious harm to the public and for whom a multi-agency approach at level 2 or 3 is required to manage the risks.

Referral process

If a young person meets the above criteria then the case worker needs to complete the attached forms (**MAPPA Q screening tool**) and refer the case to the Gangs/High risk panel.

The Serious Youth Violence Panel (which the Probation SPO lead for MAPPA also attends) will then determine whether the case can be suitably managed by them or what additional needs there are, in the form of MAPPA (i.e specific barriers or actions which need MAPPA's influence or oversight).

The form should be signed off at the panel by the Chairperson (and SPO if possible). If this hasn't taken place then it needs to be signed off by the line manager. The **MAPPA Q**, then needs to be saved on the paperclip and the decision and the reasons to be noted on the case file.

If the case is deemed a "level 1", a **MAPPA Form H** needs to be completed and sent to the MAPPA admin. The case will then feature at the SYV panel on a monthly basis until such time the panel deems that oversight from them is no longer required.

In the event that the case is escalated to MAPPA as a "**level 2**" or "**level 3**" case then the notification will be sent to MAPPA and the caseworker will need to complete a **MAPPA Form A**, which gives a full account of the young person's offence/sentence/risk/background/areas for support/needs for the next MAPPA meeting. These need to be stored on the paperclip. The manager attends MAPPA and will inform the YOT officer of the outcome and note the decisions of the meeting on careworks.

Generally those cases in which the panel determine do not require a referral to MAPPA will be screened out to a "Level 1". These will be the cases where the panel assess that what it already offers in terms of multi-agency risk management is sufficient.

Those which the serious youth violence panel assess require a more senior or strategic input in order to provide particular services or overcome specific barriers to risk management will be deemed as "Level 2" or "Level 3" cases and will need to be referred to MAPPA. The levels are outlined below:

MAPPA levels

Level 1

Ordinary agency management

Risk posed can be managed by the agency responsible through supervision and case management. This does not mean that other agencies will not be involved; only that it is not considered necessary to refer the case to a level 2 or 3 MAPPA meeting.

This would normally be appropriate for those who are assessed as low or medium risk of serious harm but in some cases can apply to those who are deemed a high risk of harm.

Level 2

Multi Agency Public Protection meeting

- is assessed as posing a high or very high risk of serious harm, or
- the risk level is lower but the case requires the active involvement and co-ordination of interventions from other agencies to manage the presenting risks of serious harm, or
- the case has been previously managed a level 3 but no longer meets the criteria for level 3, or
- multi-agency management adds value to the lead agency's management of the risk of serious harm posed.

Level 3

Multi Agency Public Protection meeting

Required for a small number of young people, who present a significant risk of harm to others and require significant MAPPA level co-ordination. The young person will be assessed as a high or very high risk of serious harm and where the risks have to be managed by a plan requiring close co-operation at a senior level due to the complexity of the case or the unusual resource requirements.

This could also apply in circumstances where the risk was not high or very high but there was an exceptional level of media interest or public scrutiny and there was a need to ensure confidence in the youth justice system.

ViSOR

- ViSOR was developed to support a fully integrated approach to the management of sexual, violent and other dangerous offenders.
- ViSOR provides a secure database enabling the sharing of risk assessment and risk management information on individual dangerous offenders in a timely way.
- ViSOR improves capacity to share intelligence and improve the safe transfer of information when these offenders move between areas; this enhances public protection measures.

What will Visor do?

- provide All agencies with a UK wide Multi-Agency Information Sharing Tool
- enhance offender Management
- vastly improve case transfers
- reactivation of achieved ViSOR nominal records
- monitor travelling offenders
- provide accountability and an audit trail
- best practice

YOT and ViSOR responsibilities

We have a statutory responsibility to input information on ViSOR

All Category 1 (registered sex offenders) will automatically be uploaded on ViSOR. If Category 2 or 3, MAPPA meeting will identify which new information will need to be entered onto ViSOR.

All information will need to be sent to our Visor Admin

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