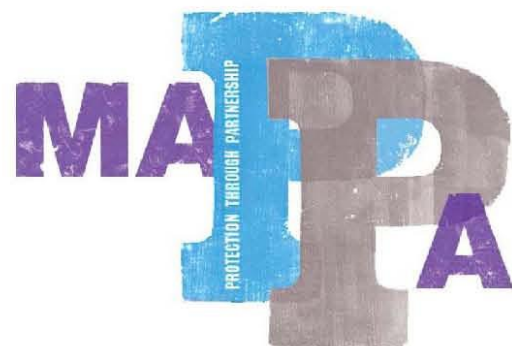


Dyfed Powys



Annual Report 2014 - 15



Intro

Responsible Authority Introduction

We are delighted to introduce the Dyfed Powys MAPPA Annual report for 2014-15.

We hope that it serves to both inform and re-assure the public of the excellent work that is being undertaken by all agencies associated with MAPPA to protect the public from those offenders who pose the greatest risk within our communities.

The work of managing MAPPA eligible offenders can be challenging and difficult and the problems encountered are not always straightforward or easy to overcome, especially when dealing with the highest risk cases. It is simply not possible for any single agency working alone to manage this category of offender effectively. That is why it is important that we work together, exchanging information, pooling knowledge and expertise and utilizing the powers and responsibilities of all agencies that can help us achieve successful outcomes.

This shared commitment and responsibility goes beyond Police, Probation and Prisons. We are, therefore, proud of and grateful for the excellent working relationships that have been developed locally with other key agencies in this area of work.

This is what the MAPPA are all about. The arrangements are crucial to achieving the highest possible level of public protection. We are stronger and more effective if we all work together.

Making our communities safer through effective Public Protection Arrangements remains our highest priority and we hope that this is reflected within this report.

We commend our report to you.



Sarah Payne – Director of NOMS in Wales



Simon Prince: Chief Constable Dyfed Powys Police

What is MAPPA?

MAPPA background

- (a) MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) are a set of arrangements to manage the risk posed by the most serious sexual and violent offenders (MAPPA-eligible offenders) under the provisions of sections 325 to 327B of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.
- (b) They bring together the Police, Probation and Prison Services in each of the 42 Areas in England and Wales into what is known as the MAPPA Responsible Authority.
- (c) A number of other agencies are under a Duty To Co-operate (DTC) with the Responsible Authority. These include Social Services, Health Trusts, Youth Offending Teams, Jobcentre Plus and Local Housing and Education Authorities.
- (d) The Responsible Authority is required to appoint two Lay Advisers to sit on each MAPPA area Strategic Management Board (SMB) alongside senior representatives from each of the Responsible Authority and duty to co-operate agencies.
- (e) Lay Advisers are members of the public with no links to the business of managing MAPPA offenders and act as independent, yet informed, observers; able to pose questions which the professionals closely involved in the work might not think of asking. They also bring to the SMB their understanding and perspective of the local community (where they must reside and have strong links).

How MAPPA works

- MAPPA-eligible offenders are identified and information about them is shared by the agencies in order to inform the risk assessments and risk management plans of those managing or supervising them.
- In the majority of cases that is as far as MAPPA extends but in some cases, it is determined that active multi-agency management is required. In such cases there will be regular MAPPA meetings attended by relevant agency practitioners.
- There are 3 categories of MAPPA-eligible offender: **Category 1** - registered sexual offenders; **Category 2** – (in the main) violent offenders sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months or more; and **Category 3** – offenders who do not qualify under categories 1 or 2 but who currently pose a risk of serious harm.
- There are three management levels intended to ensure that resources are focussed upon the cases where they are most needed; generally those involving the higher risks of serious harm. **Level 1** involves ordinary agency management (i.e. no MAPPA meetings or resources); **Level 2** is where the active involvement of more than one agency is required to manage the offender but the risk management plans do not require the attendance and commitment of resources at a senior level. Where senior oversight is required the case would be managed at **Level 3**.

MAPPA is supported by ViSOR. This is a national IT system for the management of people who pose a serious risk of harm to the public. The police have been using ViSOR since 2005 but, since June 2008, ViSOR has been fully operational allowing, for the first time, key staff from the Police, Probation and Prison Services to work on the same IT system, thus improving the quality and timeliness of risk assessments and of interventions to prevent offending. The combined use of ViSOR increases the ability to share intelligence across organisations and enable the safe transfer of key information when these high risk offenders move, enhancing public protection measures. All MAPPA reports from England and Wales are published online at: www.gov.uk

MAPPA Statistics

MAPPA-eligible offenders on 31 March 2015				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 1	409	140	-	549
Level 2	11	3	5	19
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	420	143	5	568

MAPPA-eligible offenders in Levels 2 and 3 by category (yearly total)				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Level 2	47	48	29	124
Level 3	11	3	3	17
Total	58	51	32	141

RSOs cautioned or convicted for breach of notification requirements	22
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Restrictive orders for Category 1 offenders	
SOPOs, NOs & FTOs imposed by the courts	
SOPOs	34
NOs	26
FTOs	0

Level 2 and 3 offenders returned to custody				
	Category 1: Registered sex offenders	Category 2: Violent offenders	Category 3: Other dangerous offenders	Total
Breach of licence				
Level 2	1	10	0	11
Level 3	1	0	0	1
Total	2	10	0	12
Breach of SOPO				
Level 2	0	-	-	0
Level 3	0	-	-	0
Total	0	-	-	0

Total number of Registered Sexual Offenders per 100,000 population	91
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This figure has been calculated using the Mid-2014 Population Estimates: Single year of age and sex for Police Areas in England and Wales; estimated resident population, published by the Office for National Statistics on 25 June 2015, excluding those aged less than ten years of age.

Explanation commentary on statistical tables

MAPPA background

The totals of MAPPA-eligible offenders, broken down by category, reflect the picture on 31 March 2015 (i.e. they are a snapshot). The rest of the data covers the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

(a) MAPPA-eligible offenders – there are a number of offenders defined in law as eligible for MAPPA management, because they have committed specified sexual and violent offences or they currently pose a risk of serious harm, although the majority (96% this year) are actually managed under ordinary agency (Level 1) arrangements rather than via MAPP meetings.

(b) Registered Sexual Offenders (RSOs) – those who are required to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details and to notify any changes subsequently (this is known as the “notification requirement.”) Failure to comply with the notification requirement is a criminal offence which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years’ imprisonment.

(c) Violent Offenders – this category includes violent offenders sentenced to imprisonment or detention for 12 months or more, or detained under a hospital order. It also includes a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration.

(d) Other Dangerous Offenders – offenders who do not qualify under the other two MAPPA-eligible categories, but who currently pose a risk of serious harm which requires management via MAPP meetings.

(e) Breach of licence – offenders released into the community following a period of imprisonment will be subject to a licence with conditions (under probation supervision). If these conditions are not complied with, breach action will be taken and the offender may be recalled to prison.

(f) Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO) – a court may make a SOPO at the time of dealing with certain sexual offenders or when the police make a special application on account of the offender’s behaviour in the community. The full order lasts for a minimum of five years, and can last indefinitely. A SOPO will require the subject to register as a sexual offender and can include conditions, for example to prevent the offender loitering near schools or playgrounds. If the offender fails to comply with (i.e. breaches) the requirements of the order, he can be taken back to court and may be liable to up to five years’ imprisonment.

(g) Notification Order – this requires sexual offenders who have been convicted overseas to register with the police, in order to protect the public in the UK from the risks that they pose. The police may apply to the court for a notification order in relation to offenders who are already in the UK or are intending to come to the UK.

(h) Foreign Travel Orders – these prevent offenders with convictions for sexual offences against children from travelling abroad where this is necessary to protect children from the risk of sexual harm.



National Offender Management Service

NOMS in Wales is committed to working in partnership with MAPPA agencies to prevent people becoming victims of serious harm.

Although violent and sexual offending makes up only a small percentage of all crime in Wales the harm caused by such offending is considerable to victims, their families and communities. Existing and potential victims have a right to feel protected and safe and whilst it is never possible to eradicate the risk entirely, MAPPA is designed to bring agencies together to help manage that risk and keep it to a minimum.

NOMS in Wales and all of the agencies involved in MAPPA place the protection of the public as their highest priority and this report reflects the determination of all involved to ensure that this important area of work remains at the forefront.

I am proud of our staff, their successes of the past year and their commitment to excellence for MAPPA in Wales.



Sarah Payne – Director of NOMS in Wales

Dyfed Powys Police

The Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Department within Dyfed Powys Police has experienced a continued growth in demand for both sexual offences and domestic abuse related incidents during the past 12 months, in line with other Forces in England and Wales.

The Force continually reviews the staffing levels within the Department and the establishment within the department has further increased to meet the demand. The additional posts include Sex and Violent Offender Officers (SAVOO), Domestic Abuse Officers, PVP investigators and a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Coordinator.

The thirteen business areas within Protecting Vulnerable People have designated leads and significant work has been undertaken in respect of raising awareness of vulnerability, including training to all front line staff on Child Sexual Exploitation and its links to Missing Children. A programme of MOSOVO (Management of Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders) training has also been implemented to include use of the Active Risk Management System (ARMS).

The Central Referral Unit acts as a central hub to share information and hold strategy discussions with other agencies. A review and improvement plan has been undertaken of the unit to enhance service delivery. The Force continues to work towards a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) with the Mid and West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board (CYSUR) taking the strategic lead.

The Force has undergone a number of inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) which have focused on vulnerability. These have included inspections focusing on the force's response to Missing Children, Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Abuse. The force was also part of a thematic review inspecting the police response to Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence. Additionally the College of Policing has also undertaken a peer review of Child Sexual Exploitation.

In January 2015, a joint follow up inspection was conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation into MAPPA, primarily focusing on the recommendations from the last inspection [back in 2011] and the changes that have been made in response to the recommendations. There was recognition of the rurality of Dyfed Powys and the vast geographical areas that SAVOO's cover when conducting visits.



Detective Superintendent Andy John

The Prison Service (HMP Swansea)

Swansea Prison is dedicated and committed to managing our offenders through the MAPPA process and assisting in affording the public the best possible protection. This year, we have restructured our Interdepartmental Risk Management Team Meeting (IRMT) to ensure that we engage fully with all MAPPA related offenders and the outside agencies. We have done this by having weekly screening meetings that discuss not only MAPPA cases, but other possible high risk and vulnerable offenders. From this, if necessary we then escalate to a monthly meeting where all internal prison agencies and if prudent, external agencies are also invited.

This enables a whole prison approach in the management of offenders and thereby protecting the public; giving us the confidence that information is shared; that risk management is in place combined with the resettlement of offenders in line with the "through the gate" agenda.

We have found this process to be very successful, allowing us to actively manage offenders and the risk they pose to the public. Being a local establishment serving a wide area of Welsh Courts, the turnover of prisoners can be high and our IRMT allows us to discuss and share all information at the earliest opportunity. We rely on the expertise of our seconded probation staff as well as our dedicated Offender Management Unit. Our Case Administrators are pro-active in ensuring invitations for Dyfed Powys MAPPA meetings are distributed to relevant prison staff in Swansea Prison and other prisons; thereby ensuring attendance and the submission of MAPPA F's for not just our offenders.

As in previous years, I'm sure that over the coming year we will continue to build on our excellent working partnership with Dyfed Powys MAPPA.



Lauren Watson - Governor- HMP Swansea

A message from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

Our staff help PCC Christopher Salmon work towards priorities which include preventing crime, protecting vulnerable people and bringing people to justice.

Mr Salmon's achievements since his election in 2012 include more Dyfed-Powys Police officers, improved access to the police, community grants of almost £250,000, a new partnership to tackle antisocial behaviour, new independent domestic violence posts, a new service for missing young people and 100,000 more police officer hours on the beat thanks to new IT.

He plans two new rural rape crisis centres, an improved use of data to identify issues earlier and better use of police buildings with £15m modernisation programme.

He sees MAPPA as an example of how agencies can work together to keep communities safe. This multi-agency arrangement supports the delivery of many of his priorities.

A policy adviser from the OPCC sits on the MAPPA Strategic Management Board and keeps Mr Salmon abreast of issues.

MAPPA is good example of how partnership working can deliver shared outcomes – an approach Mr Salmon strives to implement in other areas of the criminal justice system.

For further information about Mr Salmon and his Office, log on to the website - www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk



Mr Christopher Salmon - Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner

The Dyfed Powys MAPPA SMB

The work of the MAPPA is overseen by the MAPPA Strategic Management Board; this is currently chaired by Christine Harley who is an Assistant Chief Executive of the National Probation Service.

Other members of the Board are;

- Liane James – Assistant Chief Constable, Dyfed Powys Police
- Lauren Watson – Governor, HMP Swansea
- Tim Burton - Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
- Andy John – Detective Superintendent, Dyfed Powys Police
- Steve Cockwell – Detective Chief Inspector, Dyfed Powys Police
- Andrew Edwards – MAPPA Coordinator, Dyfed Powys
- Paul Jagger – Governor, Head of Offender Management, HMP Swansea
- Ella Rabaiotti – Assistant Chief Executive – Community Rehabilitation Company - Dyfed Powys
- Ifan Charles – Detective Inspector, Dyfed Powys Police.
- Nicola Rabjohns – MAPPA Lay Adviser
- Sue Thomas – Head of Housing Ceredigion (Sue represents all four Housing Authorities for Dyfed Powys)
- Neil Edwards – Adult Safeguarding and Improvements Manager
- Steve Davis – Youth Offending Service Senior Manager (Steve represents all four YOS areas and Pembrokeshire Community Safety Partnership)
- Libby Ryan-Davies – Deputy Assistant Director – Mental Health and LD – Hywel Dda Health Board
- Sara Kenny – Job Centre Plus, MAPPA SPOC South West Wales Jobcentres
- Sara Evans – Electronic Monitoring Services
- Janet Evans - Designated Safeguarding Children, Public Health Wales
- Lynnette Evans – Head of Operations, CAFCASS Cymru
- Sue O’Grady – Powys County Council, Shire Manager
- Pauline Galluccio - Powys Safeguarding Children, Powys Teaching Health Board
- Kathryn Treharne - Senior Social Work Practitioner. Pembrokeshire YOT

The SMB also has three working sub groups that take forward the work identified by the SMB, they are;

MAPPA Communications Sub Group

MAPPA Performance & Monitoring Sub Group

MAPPA Training & Development Sub Group

A word from our MAPPA SMB Chair

The responsibility to manage the MAPPA in every area of the country falls upon the chief officers of the Responsible Authorities. In order to fulfil this duty, they have MAPPA Strategic Management Boards (SMB).

The 'Responsible Authority' of Police, Probation and Prison 'rotate' the chairing of the MAPPA SMB on an annual basis and to this end on the 20th October 2015 the Chair of the Dyfed Powys MAPPA SMB was handed over from Christine Harley (Local Delivery Head – National Probation Service) to Assistant Chief Constable Liane James (Dyfed Powys Police Force). This year's input from the MAPPA SMB Chair will be provided on a joint basis by both Christine and Liane.

We are acutely conscious that we cannot protect the public without the commitment and sheer hard work of the countless staff in our and in other partner organisations. These dedicated people contribute to the work, and we would like to take this opportunity to publicly express our thanks to them. But we also need to stress that public protection, and particularly the protection of the young and the most vulnerable in our society, is a responsibility everybody shares. We need and rely upon, not only the public's help and cooperation, but also their understanding that this work requires a balanced, proportionate and, above all, a realistic and clear thinking approach.

We are particularly proud of the achievements of MAPPA within Dyfed Powys over the last 12 months. This has seen Dyfed Powys very much setting the 'National Agenda' in assisting the National MAPPA team in London within the National Offender Management Service to both offer and train several other MAPPA SMB areas throughout the UK on the use and on the 'Four Pillars' of risk management. This work has seen our MAPPA Coordinator Andrew Edwards work closely with Professor Hazel Kemshall who is currently Professor of Community and Criminal Justice at De Montfort University.

The Four Pillars of risk management allows for a more holistic risk assessment of individual cases that are discussed at MAPPA. The new frameworks allow all agencies to contribute equally to the risk assessment from information they hold on each case and then jointly formulate a disciplined 'Risk Management Plan' to manage the risks identified.

There is no doubt that these new developments and frameworks have put Dyfed Powys MAPPA firmly at the front of the national agenda, but more importantly they are serving to produce more accurate offender assessments and plans which serve to enhance community, public and victim safety which remains our highest priority.



Christine Harley – NPS LDU Head



Assistant Chief Constable Liane James

Updates from our Duty to Cooperate Agencies

Wales CRC role in Dyfed Powys MAPPA Arrangements

Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (Wales CRC) is under new ownership following the Government's Transforming Rehabilitation reform programme which saw shares in its organisation transfer from the Secretary of State for Justice to Working Links, a unique public, private and voluntary company, on 1 February 2015

Whilst Wales CRC are primarily responsible for the management of low and medium risk of harm offenders, one of our core roles remains to protect the public while managing service users, including identifying any changes in risk and referring high risk cases to the National Probation Service. In addition we deliver interventions across Probation services, for example will be responsible for delivering certain accredited programmes to MAPPA offenders.

Wales CRC are classed as a Duty to Cooperate agency within MAPPA, and continue to play a key role within the MAPPA strategic management board, as well as working in collaboration with MAPPA operationally. Within Dyfed Powys, we are delighted that Wales CRC has a strong and purposeful relationship with the MAPPA responsible authority which assists in the joint management of offenders.

The Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 also came into force on 1 February 2015. The Act's provisions include the introduction of statutory supervision to service users who are released from short prison sentences of less than 12 months; changes to the sentencing and release framework, including expanded drug testing powers for service users released from custody; and the creation of a new Rehabilitation Activity Requirement that can be imposed on service users serving sentences in the community.



Ella Rabaiotti
Assistant Chief Executive, Wales CRC
Head of Dyfed Powys Local Delivery Unit

Updates from our Duty to Cooperate Agencies



Powys Teaching Health Board

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) along with other bodies has a 'duty to co-operate' with the Responsible Authorities (RAs) in the establishment of arrangements to manage offenders under the Criminal Justice Act (2003), and PTHB Safeguarding Team actively liaises with each of the Responsible Authorities - the Police, Prison Service and Probation.

The Safeguarding Team represent PTHB at the MAPPA level 2 and 3 meeting. The team liaise with all health professionals who may have information that will inform the risk assessment and management of offenders, for example, General Practitioners, Consultants, and Mental Health colleagues in both Adult and Children's Teams.

They work with the other agencies in order to ensure information is shared appropriately to inform the risk management plan and reduce the risk of reoffending, and ensure that agreed disclosures to health staff are actioned, with the safety of both staff members and clients of paramount importance.

The Safeguarding Children Team are a 'single point of contact' to ensure effective communication with the MAPPA unit, the Responsible Authorities and health colleagues.

This Safeguarding team continues to work closely with the GP practices in Powys to ensure that we have all relevant health information on all MAPPA Level 2 and 3 nominals.

Health is a very important aspect of risk management of offenders and it is important that any identified health needs are addressed as a priority. All GP practices are written to formally to request this information which is forwarded to the MAPPA Unit.

The Head of Safeguarding Children represents Powys Teaching Health Board on the MAPPA Senior Management Board and is also a standing member on the sub groups.

Powys THBs contribution in relation to:

- Monitoring and evaluating the outcome results in ensuring public safety at all times.
- Contributing to the monitoring and evaluation of the operation of MAPPA in the Dyfed Powys area
- Participating in reviewing and questioning local MAPPA statistics
- Participating in reviewing the SMB Business Plan and broader communication strategy.
- Identifying the training needs of Health staff and contributing to the training

All members of the Safeguarding Team attended the MAPPA Four Pillars training in July 2014, and this has contributed significantly to the risk management of offenders and public safety. We are extremely proud of the work that has been achieved over the last twelve months with our partner agencies and continue to be committed members of the MAPPA process.

Pauline Galluccio
Head of Safeguarding Service (Adults and Children)
Powys Teaching Health Board

Updates from our Duty to Cooperate Agencies



Jobcentre Plus

Jobcentre Plus is an executive agency of the Department for Work and Pensions. The role of Jobcentre Plus is to help place an offender into suitable employment or training, based on current and relevant restrictions placed on that offender.

Jobcentre Plus along with other bodies has a 'duty to co-operate' with the Responsible Authorities (RAs) in the establishment of arrangements to manage offenders under section 325(3) of the Criminal Justice Act (2003), and Jobcentre plus actively liaises with each of the Responsible Authorities - the Police, Prison Service and Probation Service.

The RAs have a 'duty to co-operate' with Jobcentre Plus to prevent MAPPA offenders from seeking or obtaining employment or training which may increase or trigger the risks they present. To this end the relevant RA notifies Jobcentre Plus of the type of restrictions which apply to employment or training; then the role of Jobcentre Plus is to place an offender into suitable employment or training, being mindful only of any current and relevant restrictions placed on that offender.

A prime consideration for jobcentres is whether the proposed location of employment or training, or the nature of the proposed employment or training, risks contravening any restrictions placed on that offender.

In relation to managing MAPPA offenders, this agency has two primary functions:

1. To assist offenders into employment, or to access suitable training, as this reduces their risk of re-offending and thus protects the public.
2. To take into account any restrictions on the types of employment and training suitable when this applies to certain offenders.

These functions will:

- Give offenders of working age the help and support to which they are entitled to enable them to work.
- Benefit offenders, as appropriate employment and training can reduce the risk of re-offending. Employment provides stability and purpose to what are often chaotic lives.
- Give offenders the opportunity to contribute positively to their local community, and to society in general, and to lead law-abiding lives.
- Prevent offenders from accessing unsuitable employment and training which could put the public at risk of serious harm.

The Role of Jobcentre Plus and MAPPA Meetings

Jobcentre Plus has representation on the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Strategic Management Board (SMB). Attendance at these meetings ensures engagement at the right level and access to information in relation to strategic issues.

During the year, Jobcentre plus has delivered a presentation to the Dyfed Powys MAPPA SMB, highlighting welfare Reform changes, and in particular, the changes that Universal Credit will bring. There has been a general appetite for partnership working and we have been working closely with Partners to up-skill staff in order to assist our mutual clients with the change of process.

Jobcentre plus has also delivered internal training to their staff in South West Wales District in terms of the MAPPA process and correct actions to take in respect of MAPPA. This has ensured robust procedures and practices are followed in each local office location to meet legislative requirements.

Sara Kenny - South West Wales Jobcentres MAPPA Single Point of Contact

Lay Advisers Report



I am delighted to have this opportunity to share my experience as a Lay Advisor to the Dyfed Powys MAPPA Board and to explain the importance of the MAPPA mechanism.

I have been in the role for less than a year but even in that short time I can see the importance of ensuring this is a mature and well-organised mechanism. I am aware of the real need to assure key stakeholders and importantly the public, of good management of the most serious offenders who live in our local communities within Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys.

The role of MAPPA is one that most of the public never hear about and are probably unaware of. Before my appointment, I was aware that people are regularly released back into the local community having committed very serious offences, but I was unaware of the complex process behind the management of the risks.

So, who are the people who come under the remit of MAPPA? Anyone who has committed a violent and/or sexual offence may be subject to MAPPA, depending largely on the risks they present. The MAPPA process provides a framework for identifying and agreeing the risks and the appropriate actions.

I have been impressed by the work that the Dyfed Powys strategic MAPPA board has done to manage risks using new evidence based 4 Pillars framework. The framework enables each MAPPA case to be tracked and managed effectively and Dyfed Powys has led the way in Wales in implementing this.

The MAPPA process in Dyfed Powys is thoughtful and tightly managed. It is underpinned by a consistent contribution from the Police, Probation and the local prison required under the statutory 'Responsible Authority'. However, the importance of partner agencies including health and housing cannot be understated.

The challenges presented by serious sexual and violent offenders within the community are real and ever present. As a Lay Advisor, my role is to ensure that a lay perspective consistently informs the work of the Board, the sub-group and case reviews. My role is not to contribute directly to the decision-making, but rather to inform those decisions by asking pertinent questions and reflecting public concerns.

For the future, I hope that the public will have more understanding of how MAPPA works and its value in public protection.



Nicola Rabjohns
Lay Advisor, Dyfed Powys MAPPA Strategic Management Board

Tribute to Arwel Fowler

The MAPPA annual report for 2014-15 provides the perfect opportunity to recognize the commitment and enthusiasm of our former MAPPA Lay Adviser, Mr Arwel Fowler.

Arwel is a retired Assistant Chief Fire officer from Carmarthen and was a lay adviser with the Dyfed Powys MAPPA Strategic Management Board for seven years until this year when his tenure expired due to legislation only allowing Lay Advisers to serve two terms.

Those of us who have read the MAPPA annual reports over the years will have seen consistent inputs from Arwel outlining the role of the MAPPA Lay Advisers and how they act as 'Critical Friends' to the SMB in order to represent the public and hold key agencies and organisations to account.

The level of enthusiasm and dedication shown by Arwel at both strategic and operational levels of MAPPA within Dyfed Powys was unrivalled, and he will be a great loss to the MAPPA SMB.

At the MAPPA Strategic Management board on the 26th May 2015, Arwel was presented with a MAPPA commitment award which was presented on behalf of the SMB by Andrew Edwards (MAPPA Coordinator) and also a certificate of recognition from Dyfed Powys Police Chief Constable Simon Prince, which was presented on behalf of the Force by T/Assistant Chief Constable Simon Powell.

Arwel continues to serve the public in many other ways, reading for the blind within his community, and as the chairman of Radio Glangwili.

Arwel is also involved in several community projects that serve to both support and nourish the communities of Carmarthenshire.

The MAPPA SMB would like to take this opportunity to formally and publicly thank Arwel for all his hard work and service to both MAPPA and the Public.



Mr Arwel Fowler

Lay Adviser Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a second Lay Advisor to join the Dyfed Powys MAPPA Strategic Management Board and we are interested in recruiting people who have good general experience of life and their local community.

A knowledge of the Criminal Justice System is not necessary, just a desire to be involved in a worthwhile venture which plays a significant role in protecting the public.

The MAPPA Strategic Management Board would encourage any member of the Public who believes they can contribute to the work of MAPPA in representing their community's interests in Public protection to contact;

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Expectations of Lay Advisers

Lay Advisers should:

- Attend each SMB meeting.
- Be able to provide up to 8 hours a month to the SMB, but should not be expected to provide more than 16 hours per month.
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the operation of MAPPA in their area.
- Attend a level 2 or 3 MAPP meeting quarterly, to assist them in understanding the process and to enable them in fulfilling the task of monitoring and evaluation of MAPPA.
- Confirm that the SMB has created effective links with other multi-agency forums, e.g. the Local Criminal Justice Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Boards.
- Assist in the preparation of the MAPPA annual report.
- Participate in any SMB sub-groups, working parties or projects.
- Participate in reviewing the SMB Business Plan and broader communication strategy.
- Participate in reviewing and questioning local MAPPA statistics.

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