



GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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MAPPA – The Basics

MAPPA stands for Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement. It is the process through which the Police, National Probation Service and Prison Service, known collectively as the Responsible Authority, work together with other agencies to manage the risks posed by violent and sexual offenders. MAPPA is not a statutory body in itself but is a mechanism through which agencies can better discharge their statutory responsibilities and protect the public in a co-ordinated manner.

MAPPA in practice:

Mr A was due to be released from prison and had expressed a desire to return to his home area. Due to victim issues this was not permitted, but it was accepted that stable accommodation elsewhere was necessary for both risk management and resettlement purposes. Information sharing was facilitated through MAPPA arrangements ahead of release and an agreement reached that the Local Authority would visit Mr A outside of his exclusion zone in order to offer housing advice. The end result was that Mr A was safely accommodated away from his victim.

Mr B was sentenced to a Hospital Order and was referred into MAPPA when it looked likely that he would be discharged into the community. A robust, multi-agency safety plan was created through close liaison with the victim and all agencies were put on alert for his imminent release. However, following information-sharing facilitated through MAPPA, the mental health tribunal concluded that he should remain in hospital where he continues to receive intensive treatment.

Where can I find out more?

MAPPA guidance is continually under review so for the most up-to-date news, advice and supporting documents, visit the MAPPA website:
www.mappa.justice.gov.uk

Did you know that Victim Liaison Officers are invited to all MAPPA meetings and are able to represent the victim perspective. Not to be confused with Victim Support!

For local queries or to discuss potential referrals, contact the MAPPA Team:

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- Future editions to include: Disclosure, Information-sharing, The Duty to Cooperate and Potential Category 3s.
- Feedback on this and future editions would be welcomed.