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The purpose of the Panel is to focus on the small Numbers of dangerous offenders who pose a major risk to public safety.

1. CRITERIA

Those eligible for referral come into 3 categories:

Category 1 - Registered sex offenders.

Category 2 - Those released on Licence following a sentence of 12 months or more for a violent or sexual offence.

Category 3 ('Other') – those offenders who don't fit into categories 1 or 2, but who have in the past committed very serious sexual or violent offences, and who it is felt pose a current imminent risk of causing serious harm.

MAPPP aims to be very practical, focusing on issues relevant to risk, forming action plans and deciding whether the offender should be placed on a MAPPP register. There is a case management approach and the process of discussion and making plans will be seen as more important than registration. MAPPP cases are given high resource priority by agencies.

- The criteria for referral needs to be narrow in order to avoid the registration of such a large number that the register becomes unworkable, and so only cases who fit the criteria above, and who are assessed as posing a current, imminent risk of causing serious harm would be suitable for a MAPPP.

2. REFERRALS

Referrals need to be discussed with a manager in the agency raising the concern prior to contact with the Probation Service District Manager or Senior Probation Officer (SPO – Risk). Telephone: 0161 736 6441. A referral form will be e-mailed to you to complete and return to the MAPP Panel.

The Panel is convened and chaired by the Probation Service District Manager or the Detective Chief Inspector.

The permanent members of MAPPP are:-

- Probation
- Police
- Sex Offender Management Unit
- Children's Services
- Greater Manchester West NHS Trust

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- Housing

Other representatives are invited who have specific information on the offender or victim such as the Prison Service, Victim Support, supportive accommodation providers and leisure services.

Agencies attending MAPPP meetings sign up to the confidentiality agreement. The sharing of information is covered by a protocol on the grounds that the right to confidentiality of the offender is outweighed by the risk presented to the public.

The objectives of the MAPPP are to:-

- Share information at a critical stage of any Agency’s contact with the offender eg release from prison, moving into the area, disclosure of abuse/offending
- Assess the level of risk to individual children and the community
- Devise action plans as appropriate to minimise risk
- Make a decision regarding registration
- Agree implementation
- Monitor and review progress

5. PROFESSIONALS MEETINGS

Where a case falls into either category 1 or 2 above, but is not felt serious enough for a MAPPP meeting, it could be discussed at a Professionals Meeting. Cases brought to the Professionals Meeting are not seen as dangerous as those discussed at the MAPPP and do not require the same level of resources to be mobilized by Senior Managers in order to manage their risk. However, Professionals Meetings give a multi-agency forum in which to discuss a case where several agencies are involved and where a multi-agency response and risk management plan is required.

To discuss a case you would want to refer to a Professionals Meeting, please discuss with the Senior Probation Officer (Risk) on the above number.

Attendance

In MAPPP/Professionals meetings cases, it is vital that on the referral form/initial contact with Senior Probation Officer (Risk) you identify those staff/agencies you feel would need to be around the table to discuss the case, and be involved in the risk management plan.

Contacts: Probation: District Manager/Senior Probation Officer (Risk)

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Diversity & Equality Screening Questionnaire

Organisations are legally required to ensure that all new policies and documents are assessed for their impact both positive & negative on equality target groups ; religion/beliefs, disability, age, gender, religion & sexual orientation & transgender.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this assessment process please contact the Equality Advisor, HR dept.

Name of policy, document or leaflet;	
1	Whom is this document or policy aimed at ?
2	Is this document a specific user group? if yes, why ? (what are the demographics of your target audience?) How will you ensure that this policy is cascaded to the target group ?
3	Is there any evidence to suggest that different groups have different needs in relation to this policy or document (positive or negative; for example; elderly, patients with disabilities, issues on gender etc) ?
4	If you are revising a policy are any the changes to this policy likely to impact on any groups?
5	Have you undertaken any consultation/involvement with service users or other groups in relation to the new policy ? If yes, what format did this take? face/face or questionnaire? (please attach evidence of this) Were service users who may require additional support (e.g. visually impaired) involved ? Has any amendments been implemented as a result of this exercise?

6 Are you aware if a request has been made for the policy to provided in alternative formats?

If yes, how/was this achieved?

7 Does the document require any decision to be made which could result in some individuals receiving different treatment, care, outcomes to other individuals (could any group be excluded for any reason)?

On what basis would this decision be made ?

Could this impact on any particular group ?

8 Are you aware of any complaints from service users in relation to the application of this policy ?

If yes, how was the issue resolved ?

9 Looking at the above points does this indicate that any of the groups listed below have different needs, experiences or priorities groups in relation to the document ?

	Yes	No	unsure
Age			
Disability			
Gender			
Marital Status			
Racial group			
Religious belief			
Sexual orientation			
Transgender			
Low Income			

10 Any additional comments
 If any impact has been highlighted by this assessment, you will need to undertake a full equality impact assessment:

Will this policy require a full impact assessment? Yes/No (delete)
 (if yes please contact Equality Advisor, HR for further guidance)

