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Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary

RE: Joint Thematic Inspection of MAPPA: Twenty Years On

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this joint inspection. Suffolk Constabulary has provided an update on the recommendations for the police to directly act upon, which is attached. The response from the Constabulary reflects the pressure on the force with regard the management of offenders and high levels of demand in Suffolk. It also draws on the findings from the recent Suffolk Constabulary PEEL inspection to put this into context and provide reassurance around performance.

I will, as part of my oversight role, monitor the activity to respond to the police recommendations, and ongoing narrative around how the force is performing. Managing offenders is covered in a regular report to my Accountability and Performance Panel, a subject I have particular personal interest in.

Yours sincerely



Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk



Subject	A joint thematic inspection of Multiagency Public Protection Arrangements – “Twenty years on, is MAPPA achieving its objectives?”
Date	30 th August 2022
PURPOSE	To provide Suffolk Constabulary’s response to recommendations made in the above report from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services.
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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of Suffolk Constabulary’s position and response to recommendations arising from the HMICFRS inspection relating to Multiagency Public Protection Arrangements.

Recommendation 1

Police forces should ensure that: Workloads for staff managing sexual offenders are reviewed against national expectations and, where found to be excessive, take steps for mitigation and communicate this to affected staff.

Response to Recommendation 1

Suffolk Constabulary’s Public Protection Unit (PPU) is part of the Crime Safeguarding and Incident Management command and manage all registered sex offenders. The ratio of offenders per offender manager is higher in Suffolk than the national guidance and despite this our recent HMICFRS Child Protection Inspection acknowledged that the PPU operates effectively. A recent departmental review has resulted in permanently placing a digital support officer into the team as an additional resource from elsewhere in the command; this has had a positive influence on the daily workload of the offender managers. Additionally, a recent business case proposal has been submitted to increase resources within the Public Protection Unit and therefore reduce the workload ratio – this is work in progress.



Recommendation 2

Police forces should ensure that: All MAPPA nominals managed at Levels 2 and 3 are allocated to a suitably trained police offender manager.

Response to Recommendation 2

The MAPPA meetings within Suffolk are chaired by the National Probation Service MAPPA co-ordinator for Suffolk.

All registered sex offender MAPPA nominals (levels 1, 2, and 3) are allocated to staff within the Public Protection Unit for management.

All MAPPA level 3 cases are overseen by the Detective Superintendent lead with the Crime Safeguarding and Incident Management command, supported by local policing representation from the relevant policing area of the county.

All other level 1 and 2 cases are overseen by the Chief Inspector for the policing area of the county with attendance at MAPPA meetings from Local Policing Inspectors who have the requisite local knowledge of the cases; additional training for these level 2 cases is not currently provided but will be reviewed for future training considerations.

Recommendation 3

The Probation Service, Police Forces, and prisons should ensure that: There is a comprehensive training strategy for all staff involved in the MAPPA process that fully utilises existing training packages and makes sure they can enable staff in all roles to prepare for and present or contribute to a case in a multi-agency forum and understand how MAPPA fits with other multiagency forums such as Integrated Offender Management and Multi Agency risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC).

Response to Recommendation 3

The Constabulary's Public Protection Team staff are all MOSOVO trained (Management of Sexual or Violent Offenders) to the College of Policing national standard and this training includes detail around MAPPA. Any new members of the team are MOSOVO trained as soon as possible after their recruitment.

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team also report to the Detective Superintendent lead within the CSIM command providing strategic oversight of both teams with joint team working when required for specific cases.

MARAC meetings have attendance from multiple different agencies and are represented by members of the CSIM command – information sharing between MARAC and MAPPA meetings takes place where required.

Recommendation 4

The Probation Service, police forces, and prisons should ensure that: Category 3 referrals are made to manage individuals who present a high risk of domestic abuse where formal multiagency management and oversight through MAPPA would add value to the risk management plan.

Response to Recommendation 4

Category 3 referrals relate to *other dangerous offenders who require active multi-agency management*, and such cases are referred to the MAPPA co-ordinator who will either singularly make a decision to adopt the case onto MAPPA or share with partners for discussion to reach a mutually agreeable decision around adoption or otherwise.