

# **MAPPA MERSEYSIDE**

*Annual Report 2006/07*

**A Report on the Area's Multi-Agency  
Public Protection Arrangements**



*Probation, Police and Prisons, Working Together to Protect the Public*



# FOREWORD

## BY MARIA EAGLE MP

These are the sixth MAPPAs annual reports, and the first with a foreword by the Ministry of Justice. I want, first of all, to underline the Government's continued commitment to these arrangements. Protecting the public from dangerous offenders is a core aim for the new Department. Just as the effectiveness of MAPPAs locally depends on the quality of working relationships, we will work with the Home Office, the Police, and others, to develop the best possible framework within which the MAPPAs can operate.



On 13 June, the Government published a Review of the Protection of Children from Sex Offenders. This sets out a programme of actions which include developing the use of drug treatment for sex offenders and piloting the use of compulsory polygraph testing as a risk management tool, enhancements to the regime operating at Approved Premises, and also a range of actions impacting directly upon the way the MAPPAs work. I want to highlight two of them here.

Firstly, research tells us that the arrangements are already used successfully to disclose information about dangerous offenders but we think this can be improved upon. MAPPAs agencies will be required to consider disclosure in every case. We will pilot a scheme where parents will be able to register a child-protection interest in a named individual with whom they have a personal relationship and who has regular unsupervised access to their child. If that person has convictions for child sex offences and the child is at risk, there will be a presumption that the offences will be disclosed to the parent.

Secondly, as MAPPAs has developed over the past 6 years, best practice models have been identified which show that specific roles and approaches are required to ensure it is managed effectively. We are committed to strengthening MAPPAs arrangements and ensuring that robust performance management is in place. To achieve this, we intend to introduce new national standards, which will ensure a consistent approach across Areas and we will be making available £1.2million to support Areas in implementing the standards.

We aim to do everything that can reasonably be done to protect people from known, dangerous offenders. We know that there is always room for improvement. I commend this annual report to you as an indication of the commitment, skills and achievements of the professionals, and lay advisers, in managing and monitoring this essential, often difficult area of business.

*Maria Eagle MP*

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

# RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

## POLICE

Merseyside Police continues to strive towards being the best police force in the country. Our Total Policing strategy is about harnessing the total resources of the Force, and directing them towards our three strategic priorities:

- Total war on crime
- Total care for victims
- Total professionalism

In July 2007 The Home Office released annual figures which showed a reduction of 11% in all crime in Merseyside. The Force has seen the biggest reduction of violence in all Forces across the country, with a reduction of 25% on last year's figures.

MAPPA is a key strand in our approach to reducing violent crime in all its forms. To ensure continuous improvement in the delivery of MAPPA, the police have engaged in a joint quality assurance programme with our partners, including Lay Advisors as representatives of the public to review MAPPA cases. The purpose of this programme is to promote optimum service delivery whilst maintaining integrity and transparency across the statutory partners of MAPPA. This is a further enhancement of the already excellent and well established multi-disciplinary partnerships on Merseyside.

Through our total commitment to public protection and our strong regional collaboration with both prison and probation, we are well placed to meet the challenges ahead.

**Bernard Hogan-Howe**

Chief Constable

## PROBATION

During a time of enormous change and uncertainty in the world of the National Probation Service, focus has been kept on the top priority of how best to protect the public from the minority of offenders that present on-going risks to others. This is relentless, difficult work, with understandable high expectations by the public.

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) go from strength to strength in Merseyside, with excellent working relationships now operating between all the relevant agencies. Of the 283 high-risk offenders receiving intensive and in-depth attention from the Criminal Justice agencies, only one case re-offended in a serious way in 2006/07.

Whilst one case is still one case too many, this low number results from sheer hard work and determination by the staff concerned, working around the clock in an often hostile and unforgiving environment. Huge and growing resources are drawn in to MAPPA, and this expense needs to be acknowledged and responded to by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice.

The year ahead will no doubt be another challenging period – but MAPPA works, and works well in keeping the people of Merseyside safe.

**John Stafford**

Chief Officer  
Merseyside Probation Area

## PRISONS

During this last period the Prison Service has continued to work closely with our partners in Merseyside in fulfilling our principal functions as one of the "Responsible Authorities" within MAPPA.

Our internal systems of establishing arrangements for assessing and managing the risks posed by MAPPA offenders, and reviewing and monitoring these arrangements, have continued to strengthen and embed within individual prisons in the region, and contribute to the overall area and regional strategies for managing prisoners who may pose a risk to the public.

Working with all other partners in Merseyside, including the Police, the Probation Service, Health, Social Services, Youth Offending Teams and the Immigration and Nationality Directorate, we aim to ensure that the risk posed by discharged prisoners can be reduced and, wherever possible, managed safely. We maintain a collaborative approach, sharing and communicating information to help enable released prisoners to be managed safely in the community.

We are aware however, that these strategies exist in a constantly changing environment with competing pressures. The Prison Service, with its partners in Merseyside, will maintain the high priority that the public and Ministers expect when considering our duty to protect the public.

**Ian Lockwood**

North West Prisons Area Manager

# INTRODUCTION

## MAPPA MERSEYSIDE

Established in 2001, MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) provide the statutory framework for inter-agency co-operation in assessing and managing violent and sex offenders in England and Wales. As part of these arrangements Police, Probation and Prisons supported by additional agencies including Housing, Health and Social Services work together to manage the risk to the public posed by dangerous offenders.

The MAPPA process demands that agencies work closely and collaboratively to exchange information and deliver interventions to manage high risk offenders. It provides a framework to develop strategies that can manage offenders in a constructive, practical way, having due regard to the legitimate concerns of the community, with particular emphasis on victims.

It has to be acknowledged that risk can never be eliminated with certain high risk individuals. However, only a small proportion of offenders referred to Multi-Agency Panels – less than 0.3% - are charged with a further serious offence.

### Key Achievements

This past year has seen consolidation and significant development regarding MAPPA locally.

The Merseyside MAPPA Strategic Management Board (SMB) set out a business plan in April 2006 with nine key objectives.

### MAPPA Manager / Co-ordinator

The appointment of a dedicated MAPPA Manager/Co-ordinator in 2006 was a fundamental part of this strategy. The purpose of this role is to develop MAPPA policy, procedure and practice across the range of Criminal Justice agencies that participate in the MAPPA process, along with those that have a 'duty to co-operate'. The MAPPA Manager is pivotal in ensuring co-ordination across this

public protection network, and also acts in a consultancy and advisory role.

The post, which is accountable to the MAPPA Strategic Management Board, also provides an accessible line of communication between the governing body and the relevant partner agencies. To assist in this work the Government has allocated an extra £1.2 million for MAPPA administration.

### Developments in 2006/07

The following has been delivered in this past year to enhance the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements:-

- *Funding and appointment of a full-time MAPPA Manager/Co-ordinator post.*
- *Provision of mentoring and support for MAPPA Strategic Management Board Lay Members.*
- *Development of links and working relationships with agencies concerned with public protection. Protocols regarding contact lines of communication, referral procedures and practice requirements for MAPPA.*
- *Development and delivery of MAPPA training to relevant agencies such as Police, Safeguarding Boards and Youth Offending Teams, and a training needs analysis across the Public Protection network.*
- *Development of a centralised MAPPA Register/Database to monitor location and risk profiles of high risk offenders within Merseyside.*
- *Monitoring and evaluation: audit system devised to analyse accuracy of risk thresholds for MAPPA cases, agency attendance, delivery on actions tasked at MAPPA meetings, and the accuracy of the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan.*

# MAPPA OPERATIONS

## A MAPPA comprises four distinct features:

- 1 Offender Identification.
- 2 Sharing of Information.
- 3 Assessment of Risk.
- 4 Strategy Plan to manage the risks.

## CATEGORIES OF MAPPA OFFENDERS

The categories opposite provide the baseline for the identification of high risk offenders within the MAPPA process. There then follows an in-depth and detailed risk assessment process which analyses the offender's total lifestyle, and determines the risk level they pose in relation to re-offending, or causing serious harm to others. The higher the risk, the greater the levels of intervention and intrusion by the agencies towards the offender.

The decision making authority is the MAPPA meeting which operates in a structured manner ensuring a relevant and appropriate risk management plan is in place. All agencies sign up to a clear protocol, which outlines the business principals of MAPPA, including an accountability requirement.

**EACH MAPPA CASE IS  
REGULARLY REVIEWED**

## HOW DOES MAPPA OPERATE LOCALLY?

Both the Prison and Probation Services use a national risk assessment process operated electronically, known as E-OASys. This approach offers a single, consistent integrated system to manage an offender from the day they are sentenced in court, through to their prison or community sentence, to the end of the supervision. Contrary to popular belief, most offenders do not present a risk of serious harm to the public.

The MAPPA enables resources and attention to be focused on the individuals who present the highest risks. Accurate risk assessment is complemented by information sharing and joint working between the different agencies. An example of actions sanctioned by a MAPPA might be increased police monitoring, special provision for victim protection, the provision of information to employees and schools, or supervised and secure accommodation with a curfew.

## There are 3 categories of MAPPA Offender:

- 1 Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs). These are sexual offenders required to register under the terms of the Sex Offender Act (1997) and its amendments.
- 2 Violent offenders, and those sexual offenders who are not required to register.
- 3 Any other offender who, because of the offence they have committed, are considered to pose a risk of serious harm to the public.

# CASE STUDY 1

## JAMES' STORY

James is 29 years of age, with an extensive criminal record, initially for petty offending, but more recently for burglary, violence, indecent assault and robbery.

He is a single man with an unstable upbringing, raised in the care system. He has a history of mental health problems, but has had no clear diagnosis of his condition. Latterly he has been described as suffering an anti-social personality disorder. He has frequently self-harmed in the prison system, made threats to staff and is regarded as an acute management problem, both in custody and in the community.

A MAPPA meeting was held in advance of his release from prison, to assess risk and devise a risk management plan. He was assessed as a high risk offender, managed at Level 2. He was initially placed in an Approved Premises (Probation Hostel) with support and night curfews, a package of support by the Community Mental Health Team, regular reporting to his probation officer, and liaison and oversight by local police. He was referred to housing agencies to help find him independent accommodation.

James was initially compliant with the requirements of his licence, although his damaged personality and suspicious nature meant that he only engaged on a superficial level and would frequently test out and manipulate situations. He was however, able to move from the Hostel to live with foster parents while still subject to an intensive risk management plan authorised by the MAPPA process.

He continued to comply with his licence, but five months after release overdosed and was admitted to hospital. Whilst receiving treatment James indecently exposed himself to staff and patients and made threats of violence. Immediate action was taken for breach of licence, and James was returned to custody. He will remain detained until reviews by the Parole Board deem his risk to be manageable in the community. He was formally charged with offences of indecent assault and will come before the Courts in the near future.

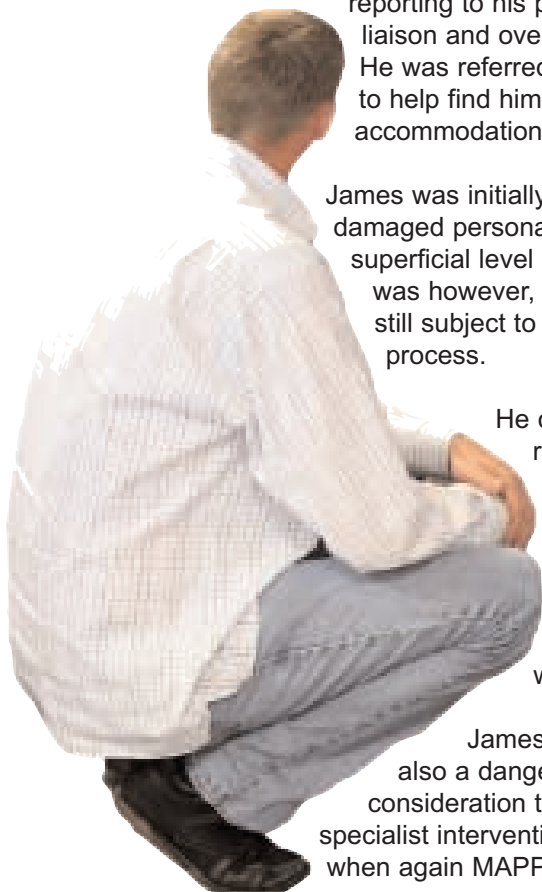
James is a vulnerable man, damaged by early life experiences but also a danger to the public. He will remain subject to MAPPA consideration throughout his period of custody, and is likely to be referred to specialist intervention to deal with his personality disorder on eventual release, when again MAPPA will manage his supervision.

## MAPPA LEVELS

**LEVEL 1:** Where a single agency can safely manage an offender without the active involvement of other agencies.

**LEVEL 2:** Where the combined efforts of at least two or more agencies are required to manage an offender.

**LEVEL 3:** This is the highest level of risk, reserved for the critical few who pose particular risks to the public, requiring the attention of a range of agencies. A senior manager may be required to allocate significant resources to manage each offender.



## CASE STUDY 2



### BEN'S STORY

Ben is 47 years old, has a history of violent offending and served a 15 year sentence for armed robbery. Following that, he was sentenced to six years imprisonment for offences of attempted wounding with intent. In the past twenty years he has spent little time in the community; he has grown up around violence and cultivated a reputation as a 'hard man'. He is known to have criminal associates and whilst denying he has ever been alcohol dependant, it was recognised that alcohol has had a disinhibiting effect in regard to the commission of previous offences. Due to the inordinate period of his life spent in prison, Ben has never previously been released subject to statutory licence supervision.

Prior to release, a MAPPA meeting deemed Ben to be a high profile and very high risk offender at Level 3. A risk management plan, involving collaboration with a range of agencies was agreed. Conditions in the prison licence included an exclusion zone, which meant that Ben could not enter a certain geographical area due to the proximity of victims and other members of the public who might be at risk.

Following a brief period of stability Ben began contacting an ex-partner who lived within the exclusion zone. This was reported, and threat assessments and security arrangements put in place. Ben later visited this address in an intoxicated state, behaving in an aggressive manner. He was immediately arrested, taken into custody and his licence was revoked.

The recall to custody was, in this case, for a significant period of time with subsequent release at the discretion of the Parole Board, who sought assurances that this man's risk factors were manageable. Probation and Prison Services continued to engage with Ben around issues such as anger/stress management, and how a crime free lifestyle might be achieved.

Ben began to examine triggers to his violent behaviour, and acknowledged the risks he posed. He has recently been released from prison subject to a multi-agency risk management plan, which is intensive. The offender himself now understands the requirements of his licence, and readily acknowledges that he is subject to close monitoring and surveillance.

To date he continues to comply with his licence and has not re-offended.

# VICTIMS

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The introduction of MAPPA also brought victim issues into the core of Criminal Justice.

Victims are now provided with statutory rights regarding contact and the provision of information, where the offence has been of a sexual or violent nature, and the offender has been given a prison sentence of 12 months or more.

MAPPA (as part of its public protection focus) can play a key role for victims and their protection, and each MAPPA meeting automatically addresses the needs of the victim(s) involved. They are able to put forward views regarding the conditions which should be placed on an offender when they return to the community. This may include a condition not to approach or contact a victim or family, or simply exclude the offender from a certain geographical area.

Probation staff may also provide, at the request of the victim, information regarding an offender's supervision, and details of when that supervision will expire.



## CASE STUDY

The mother of a son had endured years of verbal and physical abuse by him. He suffered drug and alcohol problems and had been mentally ill. He made constant demands for money, harassed her at work and in the street, and had on occasions emptied her house and sold the furniture whilst she was away on holiday.

He subsequently attacked his mother in a violent rage and was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

His mother says: *"This has been extremely difficult for me and I did not know where to turn. I am torn between wanting to love and care for my son, and feeling angry, guilty and frustrated at what he has become and what he has done to me."*

*"I feel I have benefited greatly from the Victim Contact Scheme. I was isolated and when the perpetrator of such violence is your son, it is all the more difficult to bear."*

*"This process has not only provided personal support and information, but I have been introduced to other agencies who are also offering support."*

*"I am more aware of the sentence and the prison system, and feel grateful for being able to have a say regarding release arrangements and conditions which will assist my protection in the future."*

*"This is an opportunity to take some control back. I am seeking conditions that ensure my son does not approach or contact me, and excluding him from the area of my home and work."*

*"This has been an extremely difficult process, but as a result of the support and advice of the Victim Contact Scheme, I feel I can now look forward again and begin to rebuild my life."*

# STATISTICS

## MAPPA - THE FACTS

Across the Merseyside Area during 2006/07, a total of 283 offenders were managed by MAPPA at Level 2 or 3. This involved around 900 inter-agency meetings.

Of the 283, there was one offender charged with a further serious offence during the year.

A total of 36 offenders were returned to custody for breaching or failing to comply with the requirements of their licence.

The number of offenders managed locally by MAPPA has increased in comparison to the previous years' returns. However, closer examination reveals only slight increases in the sex and violence category.

The more significant increase is reflected in the 'Other Offenders' category. This follows a national trend regarding MAPPA which has seen a 27% increase in the same category across the country. This demonstrates greater vigilance by practitioners in terms of identifying and assessing high risk offenders, and the use of MAPPA as a valid means of achieving public protection.

In the same period Merseyside Police recorded 975 offenders on the sex offender register. There were 59 individuals cautioned or charged with a breach, as a result of failing to register within required timescales.



### Breakdown of sex offender registrations across Merseyside Police areas

Basic Command Unit (BCU)	Area	Registered Sex Offenders
A	Wirral	232
B	Sefton	160
C	Knowsley	67
D	St Helens	92
E	Liverpool North	267
F	Liverpool South	141
	(Transfers)	16

### CATEGORY 1 - MAPPA Offenders: Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs)

i.	The number of registered sex offenders in Merseyside on 31 March 2007:	975
ia.	The number of registered sex offenders per 100,000 head of population:	69
ii.	The number of sex offenders having a registration requirement who were either cautioned or convicted for breaches of the requirement, between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007:	59
iii.	The number of	
	a) Sexual Offences Prevention Orders (SOPOs) applied for:	28
	b) Interim Sexual Offences Prevention Orders granted:	30
	c) Full Sexual Offences Prevention Orders imposed:	25
	between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007.	
iv.	The number of	
	a) Notification Orders applied for:	1
	b) Interim Notification Orders granted:	0
	c) Full Notification Orders imposed:	1
v.	The number of Foreign Travel Orders	
	a) Applied for:	0
	b) Imposed:	0
	between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007.	

### CATEGORY 2 - MAPPA Offenders: Violent Offenders and Other Sexual Offenders (V&OS)

vi.	The number of Violent and Other Sexual Offenders (as defined by Section 327 (3), (4) and (5) of the Criminal Justice Act (2003)) living in the Merseyside area between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007:	713
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### CATEGORY 3 - MAPPA Offenders: Other Offenders (OthO)

vii.	The number of Other Offenders (as defined by Section 325 (2) (b) of the Criminal Justice Act (2003)) living in the Merseyside area between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007:	44
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### CATEGORY 4 - Offenders managed through Level 3 (MAPPA) and Level 2 (Local Inter-Agency Management)

		Level 2	Level 3
viii.	The number of MAPPA offenders in each of the three categories who have been managed through MAPPA (Level 3) and through Local Inter-Agency Management (Level 2) between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007:		
	a) Registered Sex Offenders	81	14
	b) Violent and Other Offenders	141	30
	c) Other Offenders	40	4
	TOTALS:	235	48
ix.	The number of MAPPA offenders between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007, managed at Levels 2 or 3 who were	<b>Levels 2 &amp; 3</b>	
	a) Returned to custody for breach of Licence		36
	b) Returned to custody for breach of a Restraining Order or Sexual Offences Prevention Order		1
	c) Charged with a serious violent or sexual offence		1

# THE GOVERNING BODY

## STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT BOARD (SMB)

The Strategic Management Board is the governing body for MAPPA in each local area. This group comprises senior representatives from a range of agencies who routinely engage in MAPPA. Its brief is to ensure policies and procedures are implemented, and practice is both developed and delivered locally to a high standard within the MAPPA national framework. There is external scrutiny provided by two lay members who are co-opted onto the board. They are encouraged to provide the public voice, and if necessary ask the difficult questions of professionals.

The work of the Merseyside SMB has become more dynamic and focused in this last year. The board has begun to link strategy to operational delivery, with a range of performance measurement initiatives. The links between MAPPA and other public protection agencies have been developed with refined systems and processes to identify and monitor high risk offenders across area and agency. These developments have provided a greater sense of co-ordination and development.

### SMB Business Plan Objectives 2007/8

- 1 To establish a Merseyside area MAPPA register for all Level 1, 2 and 3 cases.  
To track in real time all Level 2 and 3 MAPPA meetings and reviews from 1st April 2007, and also to analyse the annual findings in terms of trends, offender profiles, and 'hot spots'.
- 2 To assist with the implementation and roll-out of VISOR - the national, multi-agency high risk offender tracking and management I.T. system.
- 3 Audit and monitoring arrangements to check
  - risk thresholds are appropriate.
  - accuracy of risk assessments via OASys
  - to ensure actions agreed at MAPPA meetings are delivered on, by the relevant agencies
  - to monitor the eventual outcomes at the end of supervision for MAPPA Level 2 and 3 cases.
- 4 To pursue further Lay membership developmental needs/training requirements.
- 5 To pursue further inter-agency training on MAPPA issues.
- 6 To complete the necessary annual report for MAPPA.
- 7 To revise the current SMB membership to ensure appropriate representation e.g. Housing.
- 8 Ongoing links with relevant forums i.e. Youth Offending Teams, Safeguarding Children Boards, and the appropriate North West regional groups.
- 9 Revision of the current information sharing protocol.
- 10 To develop further links within the community in relation to MAPPA work.

#### **VISOR**

**VISOR stands for Violent and Sex Offenders Register, and will be used by Police, Probation and Prison Services nationally by 2008. The register requires offenders to provide personal details to the police whether they have been convicted or simply cautioned.**

# THE BOARD'S PERSPECTIVE

The work of the SMB now has the added benefit of input from lay advisors - which brings an important public perspective into the MAPPA process.

## JEAN HARRISON

### Lay Advisor

*"Another year gone again, and I implore the Government to listen and take on board the full recommendations of the professional organisations that they have working under the umbrella of MAPPA, such as the Police, Probation and Prisons. They need to implement adequate resources to allow for the increased level of staff that are going to be needed within those departments, for them to be effective in performing their respective roles in maintaining public safety."*

## MIKE NICKSON

### Lay Advisor

*"In my role as a Lay Advisor to MAPPA I recently attended the annual conference for Lay Advisors. The themes discussed and the issues raised were similar. It was agreed that by working together, the agencies involved do an excellent job of managing offenders via the MAPPA process, thus ensuring the public are protected."*

*"However, this work should be promoted, and it is crucial the public are aware and understand the commitment and professional standards achieved by the agencies working together."*

## GAYNOR BELL

### SMB Member - SAMM Merseyside

*"I continue to be impressed, as a member of the SMB, by how the working partnerships in Merseyside join together to fulfil their MAPPA duties. I recognise that they are performing under very high pressure, with what is at times, a very critical view from the public as well as the media. There is an ongoing difficulty of the media failing to highlight the excellent work of MAPPA. If this could be overcome, it would help allay the many fears and concerns the public have when offenders are released back into the community."*

*"I attended an audit on MAPPA cases, which highlighted how the processes of offender identification, information sharing, assessment and strategic planning and ongoing monitoring, all combine with the different agencies to deliver a very comprehensive structure, which, together with victims' views, informs the supervision of the offender on release, and therefore reduces the possibility of re-offending and risk to the public."*



# SMB MEMBERSHIP

## STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT BOARD

<b>RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES</b>		
Terry Eastham	Assistant Chief Officer	National Probation Service, Merseyside
Patricia Gallan	Assistant Chief Constable	Merseyside Police
Brian McNeill	Chief Superintendent	Merseyside Police
Susan Brown	Prison Representative	North West Prison Service
Don Rimmer	MAPPA Manager/Co-Ordinator	National Probation Service, Merseyside

<b>AGENCIES WITH A DUTY TO CO-OPERATE</b>		
Charlie Barker	Director of Social Services	Sefton Social Services
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Steve Pimblett	Area Manager	Wirral Youth Offending Services
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<b>LAY ADVISORS</b>	
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# MAPPA MERSEYSIDE

## CONCLUSION

For many people their perception of crime and the fear of crime is all too real, despite that fear often being disproportionate to the actual risks posed. Media reporting can fuel this fear, with evidence and hard facts often enveloped in sensationalist and selective news coverage.

Nevertheless, people have the right to feel safe and secure, and that expectation deserves to be met. However, it is unrealistic to expect a 'no risk' society, and despite all efforts by the agencies concerned certain individuals will commit serious offences.

The introduction of MAPPA has made great strides in meeting the challenge of public expectation, by monitoring and managing high risk offenders in a structured and co-ordinated manner. It is a cohesive partnership of a range of agencies, operating to place stringent demands on offenders regarding their movements, activities and lifestyle.

This annual report outlines the structure and operation of MAPPA on Merseyside, and provides statistical information regarding a range of high risk offenders.

The Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements introduced in 2001 are well established on Merseyside and continue to mature and develop. There can never be complacency, as the work of managing high risk offenders is complex and never an exact science.

Notwithstanding understandable public concern, it is hoped that the existence and development of MAPPA locally offers reassurance. The SMB MAPPA Merseyside are open to comments or queries concerning the content of this report.

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