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Managing Sex Offenders, Violent Offenders and other Potentially Dangerous Persons****1. Policy Purpose and key drivers****Introduction & background**

Staffordshire Police Force is firmly committed to protecting the public from sexual and violent offenders who pose a risk of serious harm. This duty extends to the general public at large as well as vulnerable groups and communities and our own staff. Successful delivery of this core police business is essential in maintaining and enhancing public confidence in our Force and partner agencies.

No single agency has the capacity to provide public protection alone and success depends on a proactive approach in effective partnerships including Multi Agency Public Protection

Arrangements (MAPPA). Our actions will, therefore, be taken in accordance with NPIA Guidance on Protecting the Public – Managing Sexual Offenders and Violent Offenders 2010 and MAPPA Guidance 2012 National Offender Management Service (NOMS) in all aspects of identification and management of sexual offenders, violent offenders and other potentially dangerous persons and will be reviewed on receipt of Authorised Professional Practice (APP) guidance.

Policy Aims

The aim of this policy is to protect the public by ensuring Staffordshire Police, together with its partners, manages sexual offenders, violent offenders and other potentially dangerous persons effectively. The policy is designed to supplement national guidance and provide a framework to maintain a consistent, structured approach to assessing and responding to the potential risk of harm posed by the above persons. The policy also aims to ensure Staffordshire Police fully discharges its responsibility to protect the identity of these offenders and their families from unwarranted public/media attention.

The policy is underpinned by procedures designed to provide clear and definitive guidance for all those involved in its deployment.

Scope of the Policy

This policy and its supporting procedures outline the approach and standards to be adopted by managers, supervisors, individual police officers and police staff to deal effectively with all relevant issues involved in the assessment and management of the risk posed by sexual offenders, violent offenders and other potentially dangerous persons in order to :-

- Reduce the number of further offences committed by managed offenders
- Minimise the opportunities for violent and sexual offenders and potentially dangerous persons to commit criminal acts
- Decrease the number of missing/non compliant registered sex offenders

- Improve the level of relevant training for all officers and staff involved
- Continue to develop effective links with partners within the Criminal Justice System to enhance the monitoring arrangements around managed offenders
- Improve the volume and quality of:
 - a) Intelligence analysis / source tasking
 - b) Information sharing
 - c) Risk identification and assessment
 - d) Partnership working

Application

Application of this policy will accord with the following key principles:

- a) Protection of the public is core police business reinforced by Human Rights legislation.
- b) The investigative approach is central to every stage of managing sexual/violent offenders
- c) and potentially dangerous persons.
- d) Decisions on risk identification, assessment and management should always be
- e) justifiable and defensible.
- f) All processes regarding risk identification, risk assessment and risk management must be
- g) robust.
- h) To maintain collaborative partnerships within Public Protection
- i) To increase public satisfaction and build confidence.
- j) Diversity issues should be recognised and met with appropriate responses.

This policy particularly applies to officers and staff where:

- Their work influences or involves assessment/management of offenders covered by the MAPPA Guidance
- Their work influences or involves assessment/management of risk by offenders who may fall outside the criteria contained in the MAPPA Guidance, but who pose a risk of serious harm (PDP's).

Partnership Approach

Staffordshire Police will constructively engage and share appropriate information with a number of partner agencies when in the interests of both Victims and Criminal Justice including:

- The Crown Prosecution Service
- Health (to include Mental Health) Professionals
- Local Authority Social Care (Children and Adult Services)
- Probation
- Housing
- Education
- Any other Statutory or Non—Statutory Agency as appropriate

Related Documents

Links to related documents: [Registered Sex Offenders \(RSOs\) \(Procedure\)](#)
[Violent Offender Orders \(VOOs\) Procedure \(Procedure\)](#)
Gatekeeper - the Author suggested the following Procedure document(s) to link to. [Registered Sex Offenders \(RSOs\); Violent Offender Orders \(VOOs\) Procedure](#)

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date: 23/12/2015

Review Date: 31/01/2019

Review Frequency: Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis: Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (LASPO)
 Criminal Justice Act 2003 (MAPPA framework)
 Sexual Offences Act 2003
 Human Rights Act 1998
 Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Remedial) Order 2012
 APP Intelligence management
 APP Investigation
 APP Prosecution and case management
 APP Protecting Vulnerable People
 ACPO Guidance on Protecting the Public – Managing Sexual and Violent Offenders
 Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Guidance

3. Management of Police Information (MoPI): **MoPI Policing Purpose:**
 Protecting Life and Property, Preserving order, Preventing the commission of offences, Bringing offenders to justice, Any duty or responsibility arising from common or statute law
MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows:
 As per MoPI schedule

4. Associated Benefits: The benefits of this policy are to protect the public by ensuring Staffordshire Police, together with its partners, manage sexual offenders, violent offenders and other potentially dangerous persons effectively. The policy is designed to supplement national guidance and provide a framework to maintain a consistent, structured approach to assessing and responding to the potential risk of harm posed by the above persons.
 The policy is underpinned by procedures designed to provide clear and definitive guidance for all those involved in its deployment.

5. Consultation: The policy has undergone a robust consultation process with practitioners and management within Public Protection. No specific external consultation was done with any of the protected groups as no adverse impact was identified.

6. Financial Implications: Policy implementation will be met through existing funding

7. Human Resources / Training: None

8. Associated Policy: None

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment Indicators

FOIA: Release to Public

ECHR: Compliant with proportionality test **Articles engaged:** Article 2 Right To Life; Article 3 Prohibition of Torture; Article 6 Fair Trial; Article 7 No Punishment without Law; Article 8 Right to respect for

Private and Family life; Article
14 Prohibition of
Discrimination

EIA: Compliant Compliant with Code of Ethics: Yes

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