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## MAPPA Annual Report for Staffordshire

**The ways in which Staffordshire communities are being protected from violent and sexual offenders are highlighted in today's sixth annual Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) report.**

The report sets out how these arrangements work to reduce the risk posed by such offenders. It shows that 99 per cent of sex offenders comply with registration and monitoring procedures.

The report has been published alongside other area MAPPA reports across the country, following an announcement today by Maria Eagle, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice, in which she outlines the national situation.

In Staffordshire, the total number of registered sex offenders living in the community has risen from 627 (in 2005-2006) to 676. This increase is to be expected and reflects the national trend, with more people joining the register than leaving each year. This is due to the statutory periods of registration of two, five, 10 years or for an indefinite period, meaning the total becomes an accumulative one.

It is important to keep the increase in context and remember that the chance of becoming a victim of a sexual crime in Staffordshire remains very small.

During this year the Police, Probation and Prison Service have continued to improve links across the responsible authority to enhance systems for offender management in Staffordshire. This work has included key partners in children's services in safeguarding children, in health in offering services to those with mental health issues, and in Youth Offending Services in managing the transition from youth to adulthood.

Chief Officer of Staffordshire Probation Area Rob Mandley said: "The annual report identifies the hard work and commitment shown by probation staff in their work with offenders. It also highlights how we take on victims' views and work with police and other key agencies as part of our public protection responsibilities. Risk assessment and management are benefiting from the developing use of national Probation Service tools and increased staff training. This has contributed to improve information sharing which is essential to public protection work."

In addition, recent work to improve cooperation across the region and lessons learnt from enquiries and inspections this year have informed business planning

and training, with good practice being disseminated through development initiatives to a wide variety of staff including Lay Advisers - which is essential to public protection work.

Marcus Beale, Chairman of the Strategic Management Board and Assistant Chief Constable for Staffordshire added: "We have made significant progress in improving MAPPA in Staffordshire. Improved links between agencies has enabled us to deal more effectively with those who represent a threat to the community.

"The extra people in the community who are subject to MAPPA are being actively managed by a wider variety of agencies. Despite the rise in registered sex offenders, the compliance level remains extremely high, which is a clear demonstration of the success of the MAPPA's ability to provide re-assurance to the public of Staffordshire."

The MAPPA approach is based on prevention by assessing and managing the risks of sexual and violent offenders through a layered system. Some offenders are managed by single agencies, others by local MAPPA partnerships chaired by police chief inspectors and the most serious by senior managers from the relevant agencies at a county level through the Multi Agency Public Protection Panel (MAPPP).

Lorraine Mosson-Jones, Area Risk Manager, West Midlands Prisons, said: "Prisons in the West Midlands, including those in Staffordshire, work to assess and reduce the risk of sexual and violent offenders whilst they are in custody to support public protection following their release into the community. The Prison Service is committed to working closely with other agencies to manage offenders collaboratively as they are held in and released from custody."

The annual report contains case studies and provides information about every other agency that can make a contribution towards public safety that have a duty to cooperate with MAPPA in managing dangerous offenders. This includes those working with children, vulnerable adults, the mentally ill, young offenders and those providing housing – including some private contractors.

ACC Beale added: "Every organisation concerned in the delivery of the criminal justice system is working together to make Staffordshire a safer place and reduce the number of victims of crime. The MAPPA report demonstrates how this is being achieved through a joined up approach to protect and reassure people living and working in Staffordshire."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The report is available to view on the Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board website: <http://lcjb.cjonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire/home.html> on Staffordshire Police website: [www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk) and on the Staffordshire Probation Area website: [www.staffordshireprobation.org.uk](http://www.staffordshireprobation.org.uk)
2. For further details and for interviews with Rob Mandley, Chief Officer of Staffordshire Probation Area, ACC Marcus Beale or Lorraine Mosson-Jones, Area Risk Manager, West Midlands Prisons please contact Martine Redpath, Communications and Marketing Manager, Staffordshire LCJB on 01785 235129 or email: [martine.redpath@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:martine.redpath@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)
3. For national MAPPP enquiries contact Joanna Jacobson, Offender Management Desk, Ministry of Justice Press Office on 0207 210 8668 or [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk)
4. The Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board was set up in April 2003 to manage the CJS at a local level. It, along with the other 41 Local Boards covering each county or metropolitan area across England and Wales, reports to the National Criminal Justice Board which supports them in their work to meet Public Service Agreement targets at a local level and reduce crime in Staffordshire.
5. Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board brings together the chief officers of criminal justice agencies including the Courts Service, Crown Prosecution Service, National Probation Service, Police Service, Prison Service and the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Youth Offending Services. The agencies share the responsibilities of reducing crime and the fear of crime in Staffordshire.
6. Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board is responsible for the running of the Criminal Justice System in the county of Staffordshire. For further information please visit: [www.lcjb.cjonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire](http://www.lcjb.cjonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire)