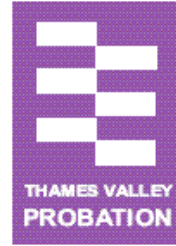


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# ***MAPPA: Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements***



*Working together to protect the public*

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## **Press statement**

**EMBARGOED UNTIL 10am, October 20, 2008**

### **MAPPA works well as latest figures in Thames Valley show no serious further offending**

Local figures released today (20/10) show that the Thames Valley has the fifth lowest number of registered sex offenders per 100,000 people in England and Wales. This is the same as in 2006-07.

Publication of the seventh Thames Valley MAPPA report - Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements - show there were 969 registered sex offenders in the Thames Valley, which equates to 46 per 100,000 people in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, up to 31 March this year. The national average is 57.45.

The figures are broken down into the five Basic Command Units (BCUs) and are as follows:

Oxfordshire: 305 (out of a population of 631,900)  
Milton Keynes: 135 (out of a population of 224,800)  
Buckinghamshire: 155 (out of a population of 487,300)  
Berkshire East: 141 (out of a population of 370,500)  
Berkshire West: 233 (out of a population of 445,400)

The number of other offenders, including those convicted of violent offences, covered by MAPPA in the Thames Valley was 782 between 1 April, 2007 and 31 March 2008. This brings the total number of all offenders who came under MAPPA during those dates to 1,751.

MAPPA places a duty on Thames Valley Police, Thames Valley Probation and the Prison Service to assess and manage risk posed by offenders in the community.

This work is done in partnership with other agencies, including Primary Care Trusts, the Youth Offending Service, mental health, local authority housing and children's services.

Paul Gillbard, Director of Offender Management for Thames Valley Probation, said: "In the Thames Valley we feel confident that we have a workable system which should provide the local community with confidence that sex offenders and potentially dangerous persons are being managed properly and safely.

"Recent changes in the law and working practices of all the agencies involved in MAPPA now mean that such people are monitored far more closely than in the past. This is borne out by the fact that, once again, no serious offences have been committed by those high risk offenders jointly managed by MAPPA in Thames Valley."

Acting Superintendent Tim Price, Public Protection lead for Thames Valley Police, said: "In addition to close working 'on the ground', this year we have expanded the central MAPPAs unit for Thames Valley, with police and probation staff working together, which has further improved information sharing. While we can never eliminate the risk completely, we have a good track record for effectively managing offenders in Thames Valley and it is our intention that this continues in the future."

Ends.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

A full copy of the Thames Valley MAPPAs report can be seen on the Thames Valley Police website at:

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

or the Thames Valley probation website at:

[www.thamesvalleyprobation.gov.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyprobation.gov.uk)

To see the national Press release and all the MAPPAs reports in England and Wales, go to

[www.probation.justice.gov.uk](http://www.probation.justice.gov.uk) and look at Public Protection Reports.

Hard copies of the local MAPPAs reports are available, on request, from:

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