
MAPPA: Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements



Working together to protect the public

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MAPPA still working well as Thames Valley figures show no serious further offending

Local figures released today (26/10), show that Thames Valley has the fourth lowest number of Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) per 100,000 people in England and Wales and no serious further offences for higher risk offenders covered by the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Publication of the eighth Thames Valley MAPPA Report includes a new snapshot figure, taken on 31 March 2009, which showed there were 1,038 RSOs in Thames Valley on that day. This equals 46 RSOs per 100,000 people. The overall percentage is 0.05%, which is one tenth of half a percent of Thames Valley's population of 2,179,500*.

During the whole year (April 1, 2008-March 31, 2009) there were 1,111 Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) in Thames Valley.

The difference in the yearly and snapshot figures demonstrates how dynamic and ever-changing MAPPA is, as we risk manage people entering the criminal justice system or remaining within it. The report also details how we have increased our attention on those leaving statutory supervision, either when a period of probation licence expires or the RSO registration with police ends. Over the past year we have applied for, and been issued, 37 Sexual Offences Prevention Orders (SOPOs), which is far more than in previous years.

The Registered Sex Offenders figures in the report have been broken down to reveal that, on that snapshot day – March 31, 2009 – the picture was as follows:

Oxfordshire: 324 (out of a population of 635,500, which is 0.05%)
Milton Keynes: 157 (out of a population of 228,400, which is 0.07%)
Buckinghamshire: 158 (out of a population of 490,600, which is 0.03%)
Berkshire East: 157 (out of a population of 374,600, which is 0.04%)
Berkshire West: 242 (out of a population of 450,400, which is 0.05%)

The number of other offenders, including those convicted of violent offences covered by MAPPA, in the Thames Valley was 671 between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009. This brings the total number of all offenders managed under MAPPA during those dates to 1,782.

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: "While we are proud of our record of making the MAPPA arrangements work effectively to protect the communities throughout Thames Valley, we are never complacent.

'Effective communication and information sharing are always key to making MAPPA work effectively. When something goes wrong it is usually because information was not shared appropriately and in a timely fashion. Over the next year we will be ensuring that our commitment to excellence in communication and information sharing is further strengthened.

'We will also be ensuring that we improve our ability to learn and, more importantly, to implement the lessons from case reviews that are undertaken in Thames Valley and more widely.'

Detective Superintendent Claire Stevens, Head of the Protecting Vulnerable People Strategy Unit for Thames Valley Police said: "Each Basic Command Unit (BCU) in Thames Valley Police has a Protecting Vulnerable People Unit, with dedicated Public Protection staff who monitor sex offenders on a day to day basis.

"I am very proud of our dynamic and professional teams, who work so hard to reduce the risk presented by those who come within the MAPPA process. Thames Valley has a good record for the management of these offenders."

**(Office for National Statistics, 2007 data)*

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See the full report and previous years' reports at:

www.thamesvalleyprobation.gov.uk