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



*Working together to protect the public*

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## **MAPPA annual report – Protection through Partnership**

Local figures released today (27/10), show that Thames Valley has 49 Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) per 100,000 people.

The RSO figures in the tenth Thames Valley MAPPA Report focuses on a snapshot day – 31 March 2011 – when there were 960 RSOs in Thames Valley.

The overall percentage of RSOs is 0.05% of Thames Valley's total population of 1,968,658\*.

*\*this figure does not include those under 10-years-old, as they cannot be convicted of a criminal offence*

The RSOs on 31 March 2011 can be broken down as follows:

Oxfordshire: **282** (out of a total population of **648,700\*** which is 0.043%)

Milton Keynes: **138** (out of a total population of **241,500\*** which is 0.057%)

Buckinghamshire: **151** (out of a total population of **498,100\*** which is 0.030%)

Berkshire East: **130** (out of a total population of **393,700\*** which is 0.033%)

Berkshire West: **259** (out of a total population of **471,400\*** which is 0.054%)

*\*These figures include the total population, of all ages, in each of the above counties/authorities*

Publication of the tenth Thames Valley MAPPA Report showed there were 1,335 MAPPA-eligible offenders in Thames Valley on the snapshot day. This number is made up of the 960 RSOs together with 375 'other' offenders, including those convicted of violent offences covered by MAPPA.

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 the Youth Offending Service, mental health, local authority housing and children's services.

Paul Gillbard, Director of Offender Management for Thames Valley Probation, said: "We continuously develop MAPPA, to make sure we are doing all we can to reduce re-offending and prevent future victims.

"This year's figures show the numbers are low, compared to the population of Thames Valley and that we know who these people are. That is a positive and reassuring message to our local communities."

Det Ch Insp Rebecca Mears, from Thames Valley Police Protecting Vulnerable People's Unit, said: "Protecting Vulnerable People Investigation Unit has dedicated Public Protection staff who work alongside our partner agencies to monitor and manage offenders on a day-to-day basis.

"The only significant change to the figures this year is to the number of RSOs who have been cautioned or convicted for breaching notification requirements. This shows we are increasingly tough on RSOs who don't meet the rules of their registration. This sends a clear message to all those on the register: if you change address, job, or any other aspect of your registration without prior notification we will take action. I hope this reassures the public that there are measures in place to increase protection and that we are doing all we can to prevent offenders from re-offending.

"I am very proud of our professional teams, who work so hard to reduce the risk presented by those who come within the MAPPA process. Although it is never possible to entirely eliminate risk Thames Valley has a good partnership record for the management of these offenders."

The national figures for all parts of England and Wales, plus a national press release, have also been released and can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/mappa-annual-reports.htm>

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#### **Notes to editors:**

All population figures used are taken from the Office for national Statistics:  
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Population+Estimates+by+Age+and+Sex>

A copy of the Thames Valley MAPPA annual report can be found at:  
<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/aboutus-parts-mappa>  
<http://www.thamesvalleyprobation.gov.uk/pages/about/publications.html>

For further information about MAPPA please visit:  
<http://www.thamesvalleyprobation.gov.uk/pages/probationwork/mappa.html>

Thames Valley Police has a Child Sexual Offender Disclosure Scheme. This process allows members of the public to register their child protection interest in a named individual. The principal aim of this scheme is to provide parents, guardians and carers with information that will enable them to better safeguard their children.

For more information about the Child Sexual Offender Disclosure Scheme please visit:  
<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/aboutus-depts-vpu-csods>