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Home Secretary
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CC: HMICFRS

8th September 2022

Dear Home Secretary,

Twenty years on, is MAPPAs achieving its objectives? A joint thematic inspection of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements

I am writing to you in response to the above Criminal Justice Joint Inspectorate (CJJI) inspection report published earlier this year.

This joint inspection examined the work of prisons, police, and probation in delivering of Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPAs) twenty years on from their inception. The inspectorate makes 19 recommendations directed towards the responsible authorities for managing MAPPAs – four of which are for Chief Constables to consider.

The recommendations outlined in this report are national and I am pleased that on a local level, West Mercia Police are in a good position to respond to the recommendations. The MAPPAs Team record whether there is a 'DA concern' on all MAPPAs referral outcomes and act proactively. MARAC safeguarding actions are incorporated into existing MAPPAs panels, avoiding duplication of process and ensuring that victim safeguarding is at the heart of MAPPAs management.

In terms of training the Management of Sexual or Violent Offender (MOSOVO) College of Policing course has a session on MAPPAs which a MAPPAs Manager delivers locally. The force has also uses CPD events within Police and Probation which include an input from MAPPAs to provide training. A 'Practitioner Training Event' (Multi-Agency) is arranged for November 2022. This will be for all professionals who regularly attend MAPPAs meetings.

In West Mercia, Level 2 and 3 Cat 1 offenders are managed by the MOSOVO Team and each have a named officer For Cat 2 and 3 offenders at Level 2 and 3, there is an allocated IOM member of staff who attends meetings and leads on appropriate actions.

There is a 2yr training programme for all IOM staff that is due to start imminently and will include all IOM staff from administrators up to DI/Manager level. MOSOVO staff also have all the CoP required training courses and those without a prior police background are due to go on a CoP PIP1 training which will provide a welcome improvement when implemented.

I will continue, as Commissioner, to hold the force to account around its approach to MAPPA and ensuring that it is effective in managing the risks that violent and sexual offenders pose to the public.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Campion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

John Campion
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West Mercia