

Protocol of Understanding

Between

Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Boards
&

Tees Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Strategic Management Board.

Purpose

This protocol sets out the relationship between Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees LSCBs and MAPPA SMB.

Background

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010

Paragraph 3.83 states that:

‘the LSCB should make appropriate arrangements at a strategic management level to involve others in its work as needed’ and this includes MAPPA.

Chapter 12 (Managing individuals who pose a risk of harm to children) provides practice guidance and information about a range of mechanisms that are available when managing adults, or children and young people, who have been identified as presenting a risk, or potential risk, of harm to children. Areas covered include:

- collaborative working between organisations and agencies to identify and manage individuals who present a risk of harm to children;
- the **Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)**, which enable agencies to work together within a statutory framework for managing risk of harm to the public; and
- other processes and mechanisms for working with individuals who present a risk of harm to children.

Paragraph 12.21, in particular, states that:

‘Risk is categorised by reference to the potential subject of the harm. This includes children who may be vulnerable to harm of various kinds, including violent or sexual behaviour, emotional harm or neglect. In this context, MAPPA works closely with LSCBs to ensure the best local joint arrangements can be made for any individual child being considered by either setting’.

MAPPA Guidance 2007

Paragraph 17.7.3 states that:

‘MAPPA authorities will be members of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, and individual practitioners in Police, Probation and Children’s Social Care will also be working together to manage the risk posed to children by particular dangerous offenders’.

It goes on to say that:

‘A specific role of the Local Authority is to set up a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The objective of this Board is to co-ordinate and ensure the effectiveness of the work of their members in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. One step they must take to do this is to put in place policies and procedures for safeguarding children, for their members to follow. It will be important to ensure that these are considered alongside, and are consistent with, the MAPPA memorandum.

Paragraph 18.1 lists as a core feature of MAPPA SMB:

the ‘establishing of local connections which support the effective liaison and operational work with other public protection bodies’, including LSCBs.

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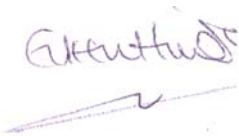
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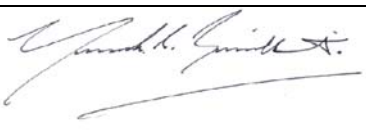
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Joint Arrangements


1. MAPPA SMB Annual report to be received by each LSCB,
2. The Annual Report of each LSCB to be received by MAPPA SMB
3. Training within the respective LSCB and MAPPA Programmes should ensure that an awareness and understanding of their respective roles is included with particular reference being given to the interpretation of risk management
4. Each LSCB should include an annual update from MAPPA SMB as a minimum contribution.
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6. The dual representation on MAPPA SMB and LSCB of individuals from Police, Probation and Social Care will be used as links to raise matters as appropriate at the respective Boards.
7. Should any matters or concerns arise in relation to, for example partner commitment to the processes, effective functioning, safeguarding of children and young people they can be raised by any of the partners at the appropriate Board.

Signed:  _____ Eileen Hinds Chair of Hartlepool LSCB

Signed:  _____ Mark Braithwaite Chair of Middlesbrough LSCB

Signed:  _____ Patti Summerfield Chair of Redcar & Cleveland LSCB

Signed:  _____ Colin Morris Chair of Stockton LSCB

Signed:  _____ Hazel Willoughby Chair Tees MAPPA SMB

Date: July 2011 _____
