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'Twenty years on, is MAPPA achieving its objectives?' is a joint thematic inspection of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements published in July 2022.

MAPPA was introduced in 2001 under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and subsequently strengthened by the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) 2003 as the statutory arrangement for managing sexual and violent offenders. It provides a mechanism whereby the agencies involved can better discharge their responsibilities and protect the public in a coordinated way. However, it is not a statutory body, and each agency retains its full responsibilities and obligations.

Bringing agencies together with the representation at the right level allows information to be shared and can gain access to services that would not have been likely outside of the MAPPA forum. This partnership needs to work seamlessly to ensure that risks are contained by an individual and they are given the opportunity to change.

The report contains recommendations for all agencies, and I have sought assurance that Cheshire Constabulary have an effective action plan to address the issues raised in the report.

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