

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street,
London
SW1P 4DF

Our ref: MOPAC050922-D4362

22 September 2022

Dear Home Secretary,

A joint thematic inspection of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements

I write with regard to the joint criminal justice inspection report published by HM Inspectorate of Probation and supported by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) on 22 July 2022.

Tackling violence and making our city safer is my number one priority. I'm determined to be tough on crime and tough on the complex causes of crime. This includes making sure we have the best systems in place to reduce the risks posed to the public and victims. MAPPA plays a crucial role in the multi-agency management of those in our justice system who pose the highest risk to others. I welcome the findings of this inspection report that offer clear recommendations on how this can continue to improve.

I have prioritised the management of high risk offenders in London through funding for numerous projects, such as GPS tagging for knife crime and high risk domestic abuse offender, with now over 1,100 people tagged. I have also invested in violence reduction programmes in both prisons and the community and the development of specialist resources, such as the Stalking Threat Assessment Centres and London Gang Exit, to bring agencies together to protect Londoners. All of these programmes have interfaced with MAPPA and offered options for MAPPA practitioners in their work to reduce risk and protect the public. The implementation of a shared London framework for Integrated Offender Management (IOM) has also clarified the relationship between MAPPA and IOM and ensured both partnerships support each other to reduce the risk of violence from a wide range of individuals across London.

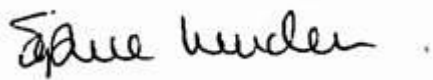
As part of my oversight role I am also regularly in dialogue with MPS about its work to manage high risk individuals and how this can be strengthened and improved in coordination with partners. Additionally, I am convening a review into how MPS categorise and manage high harm offenders across all of its workstreams and structures. This will include looking at how MAPPA and other multi-agency approaches, as well as functions solely within MPS, define and manage different groups to ensure this is as effective, co-ordinated and consistent as possible and that some of the good practice from MAPPA at levels two and three is used more widely across London CJS partners.

I'm glad to see that the findings of this inspection show that MAPPA management of cases at levels two and three is generally effective in adding value to risk reduction work, improving information sharing and allowing access to extra resource where this is required. I have also strongly supported the timely implementation of the new MAPPA guidance on the increased

inclusion of domestic abuse case to provide a more effective and joined up response to these cases. This has included supporting a recent training day for London MAPPA practitioners on domestic abuse and the resources available across agencies in London. These changes have led to an increase in these referrals since the guidance was introduced. I am keen to see the learning and recommendations from this inspection implemented in London, especially those covering more clarity on risk thresholds, more timely referrals and the consistent review of level one cases to ensure that information is kept up-to-date. I am also working with London prisons to support their strategic involvement in managing risk for those released from prison, which will include making full use of MAPPA partnership arrangements.

I hope this provides a useful summary of how MOPAC and the MPS are actively working to reduce the risks posed to the public and victims in London.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Linden', followed by a small dot.

Sophie Linden
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime