

# Press Release

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## Senior Officer with South Yorkshire Probation Gains National Role

The Head of Doncaster Probation Area, Shelley Scott, leaves the role tomorrow (Friday, November 13) to take up a national post as Head of MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements).

Ms Scott, who has worked for South Yorkshire Probation for 16 years and also leads on public protection issues for the service, begins her new job in London on Monday (November 16).

“My new role is to oversee the development of national policy with regards to MAPPA, which will include liaison with regions across England and Wales, as well as working with Westminster to advise, where appropriate, ministers on the management of dangerous offenders,” she said.



MAPPA teams in England and Wales were established eight years ago to provide more robust management of serious offenders in communities, for example those on licence having been released from prison. The teams are made up of police, probation, prison service and other relevant agencies working together to effectively manage risk to the public.

Ms Scott helped to establish the original South Yorkshire MAPPA Unit in 2001 before moving to Barnsley as divisional manager in 2003. She later became an Assistant Chief Officer of South Yorkshire Probation before taking up her current post as Head of Doncaster Probation.

Roz Brown, Chief Officer of South Yorkshire Probation, said Ms Scott had worked tirelessly for the area over the last 16 years: “We are sorry to be losing Shelley, who has given absolute commitment to the South Yorkshire Probation area but we are also very proud of her achievements in gaining this prestigious and very important job as the national Head of MAPPA. We wish her every success in her new post.”

### Notes to Editors:

1. The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act (2000) established the MAPPA and placed them on a statutory basis. The Criminal Justice Act (2003) re-enacted and strengthened those provisions. The legislation requires the Police, Prison and Probation Services (acting jointly as the ‘Responsible Authority’) in each of the 42 areas of England and Wales:



**Registered sexual offenders** (Category 1) - sexual offenders who are required to comply with the notification requirements (sometimes called the “sex offenders register”); ie to notify the police of their name, address and other personal details and notify any changes subsequently;

**Violent offenders** (Category 2) – offenders sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months or more, or detained under hospital orders. This category also includes a small number of sexual offenders who do not qualify for registration and offenders disqualified from working with children; and

**Other Dangerous Offenders** (Category 3) – offenders who do not qualify under categories 1 or 2 but who currently pose a risk of serious harm, there is a link between the offending and the risk posed, and they require active multi-agency management.

8. Sexual Offences Prevention Orders, Notification Orders and Foreign Travel Orders are intervention tools that restrict the behaviour of offenders and can be applied for through the courts with the intention of preventing them committing serious further offences.

- Sexual Offences Prevention Orders place prohibitions on behaviour and can be used where an offender with a conviction or caution for an offence listed in Schedule 3 or Schedule 5 is considered to pose a risk of serious sexual harm. It does not matter when the conviction or caution was received.
- Notification Orders require sexual offenders who have been convicted overseas to register with police, in order to protect the public in the UK from the risks that they pose.
- Foreign Travel Orders prevent offenders with convictions for sexual offences against children from traveling abroad where it is necessary to do so to protect children from the risk of sexual harm.

A breach of these orders, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.

9. Copies of the 42 MAPPA annual reports and national figures are available at [www.probation.justice.gov.uk](http://www.probation.justice.gov.uk) in the Public Protection section.

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