

## MAPPA Lay Advisors

Ref: NPS 210



Dealing with offenders is a complex, high profile issue with serious consequences for public safety.

The MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) are administrative arrangements established under statute for the purpose of assessing and managing the risks posed by certain sexual and violent offenders in the community who may cause harm to the public.

The MAPPA is the mechanism in which the various agencies involved can best discharge their statutory responsibilities and protect the public in a co-ordinated manner. The aim is to work in partnership with other agencies to minimise the risks posed by known violent and sexual offenders, thereby reducing serious re-offending behaviour and preventing further harm to victims.

Arrangements are steered by a Management Board, which includes senior representatives from the various agencies and authorities involved. The Board deals with the City of Nottingham and the County of Nottinghamshire.

### Lay Advisors

Lay Advisors are volunteers who are required to become familiar with the role and objectives of MAPPA, to attend its quarterly management board meetings and to question and review the work of the arrangements from an objective community point of view, acting as a "critical friend".

The role is demanding, but it is an excellent opportunity for an individual with enthusiasm and the necessary skills to contribute significantly to the community's well being. In order to be considered you must:

- Live in, or have strong links to, Nottinghamshire
- Be able to provide evidence of previous involvement in community matters
- Have good communication and diplomacy skills
- Have an awareness and understanding of equality and diversity issues in the employment and community context
- Otherwise be eligible (MP's, Councillors, some Civil Servants, Criminal Justice workers (and within 8 years of leaving such employment), people working in some other related employments and dealing with offenders are also excluded

The role is unpaid, but appropriate expenses will be reimbursed.

The responsible authority agencies of the MAPPA are strongly committed to a policy of equal opportunity and oppose all forms of discrimination. Applications are welcome from all sections of the community, and candidates will be selected solely on the ability to undertake the duties of the post.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Yvonne Dales on 01623 483052.

Application forms are available by telephoning 0115 840 6458 (24 hour answer phone)

**Please quote reference NPS 210.**

**A briefing event for interested applicants will be held at Nottinghamshire Probation Headquarters on the evening of Thursday 7 February at 6pm.**

**The closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 22 February 2008.**

**Interviews will be held on Friday 14 March 2008.**

