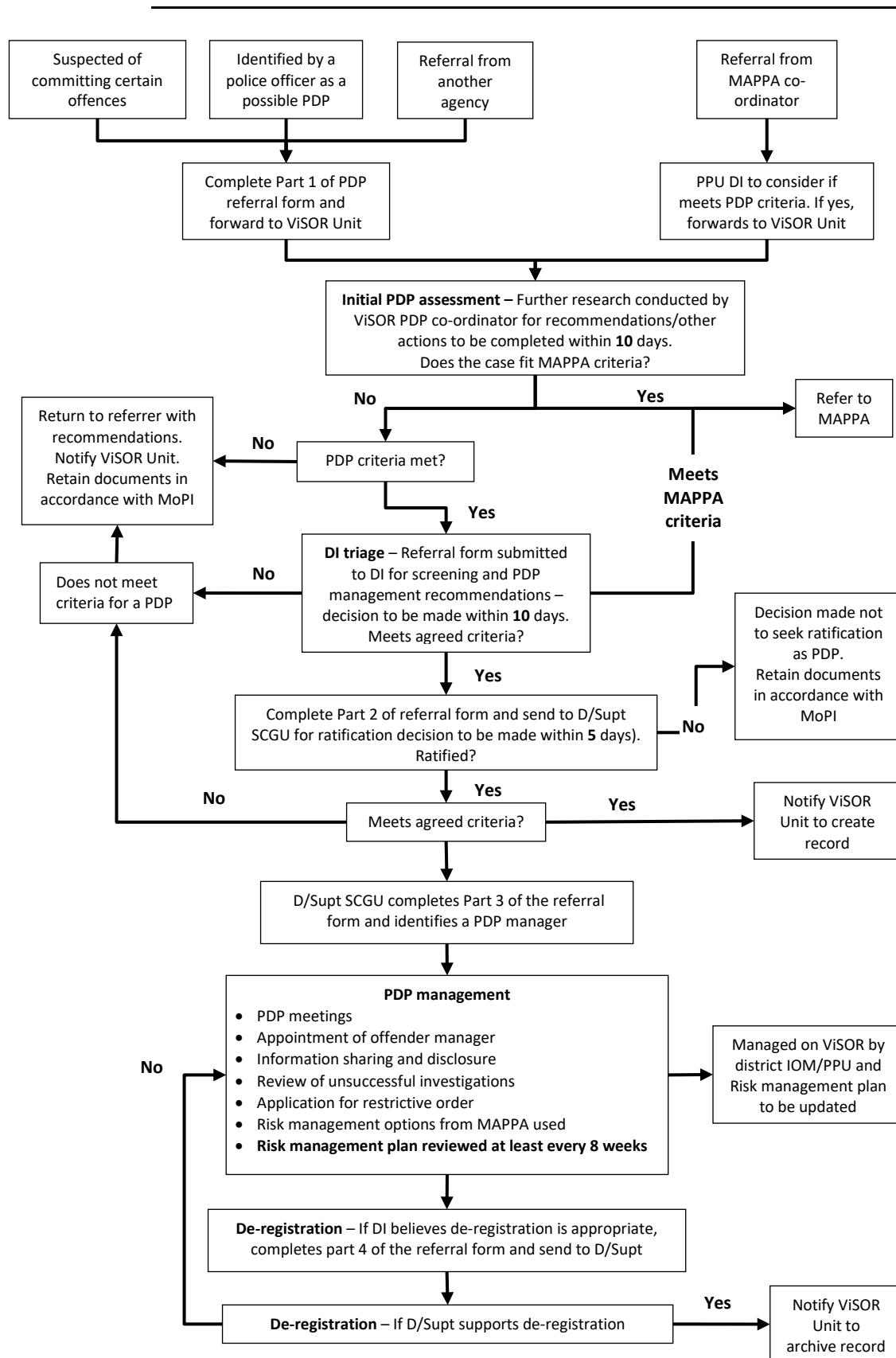


Potentially Dangerous Persons

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Flowchart



Policy statement

Summary	<p>West Yorkshire Police are committed to effectively and efficiently managing potentially dangerous persons (PDP) while they remain in the community.</p> <p>This policy details how we will identify PDPs in our community and manage these persons through a structured multi-agency format.</p>
Scope	<p>This policy procedure applies to all police officers and police staff.</p>

Principles

General	<p>West Yorkshire Police will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a PDP as a person who is not eligible for management under the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) process but whose behaviour gives reasonable grounds for believing that there is a present likelihood of them committing an offence or offences that will cause serious harm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Present likelihood means there is imminent risk of serious harm. The potential event is more likely than not to happen imminently and the impact would be serious. ○ Serious harm means life threatening and/or traumatic, and from which recovery, whether physical or psychological, can be expected to be difficult or impossible. • Identify PDPs through a variety of means, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A police employee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suspects an individual suspected of committing certain offences; or ▪ Believes an individual meets the classification. ○ MAPPA co-ordinator refers a case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Referred into MAPPA that does not qualify under MAPPA but meets the criteria of PDP; or ▪ That is no longer subject to MAPPA but meet the criteria of PDP. ○ Another agency refers an individual they believe meets the criteria of PDP. • Assess, screen and agree a management plan for all identified PDPs followed by de-registration should it be deemed that the person is no longer classified as a PDP.
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Responsibilities

All officers and staff

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- Responsibilities** Police officers and police staff are responsible for:
- Identifying individuals who are:
 - Suspected of committing a sexual offence and there are reasons to believe that the suspect may imminently commit further offences causing serious harm.
 - Suspected of committing a serious violent offence and there are reasons to believe that the suspect may imminently commit further offences causing serious harm.
 - Imminently likely to commit offences causing serious harm and they have concerns in relation to this individual.
 This could include serial domestic abuse and stalking perpetrators.
 - Once identification has taken place:
 - Completing part 1 of the PDP Referral Form (Force Forms > Crime > Child and Public Protection > PDP1); and
 - Forwarding it to the Visor Unit mailbox.
 - Endorsing the Niche OEL regarding PDP referral.
 - If any immediate risks are identified, taking interim safeguarding action including a robust safety plan.
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Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Co-ordinators

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- Responsibilities** MAPPA Co-ordinators are responsible for:
- Referring cases to the Public Protection Unit (PPU) DI that:
 - Don't meet the criteria for MAPPA but do fit the classification for a PDP;
 - or
 - Are no longer eligible for MAPPA.
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Potentially Dangerous Persons (PDP) Co-ordinator – ViSOR Unit

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- Responsibilities** PDP Co-ordinators are responsible for:
- Ensuring that further research is carried out within ten days to assess whether an individual meets the criteria for a PDP.
 - Following research making the necessary referrals and where:
 - The PDP criteria is met, referring to the PPU DI for initial advice and screening.
 - The case fits MAPPA criteria, referring to MAPPA.

- The PDP criteria is not met, referring the case back to originator with recommendations.
 - A referral meets the criteria for a PDP, creating a Niche Occurrence to record ongoing management and decision making.
 - If the PDP is ratified, creating a ViSOR record in accordance with national MAPPA Guidance.
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Public Protection Unit Detective Inspector

- Responsibilities** PPU DIs are responsible for:
- Deciding within ten days whether the case:
 - Fits the criteria for MAPPA;
 - Fits the criteria for PDP; or
 - Does not fit the criteria for either.
 - Where a referral meets the criteria for a PDP:
 - Completing part 2 of the PDP referral form;
 - Forwarding the form to the Safeguarding Central Governance Unit Detective Superintendent; and
 - Liaising with the district DCI / agency and PPU to develop interim risk management strategies, if required.
 - Where a referral does not meet the criteria for PDP, notifying the referring agency and the ViSOR Co-ordinator of the decision.
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Public Protection Unit Detective Chief Inspector

- Responsibilities** Following a decision by a DI that an individual meets the criteria for a PDP PPU, DCIs are responsible for:
- Chairing a professionals meeting to share all available information about the person to inform the initial risk assessment.
 - Ensuring that minutes of the meeting are taken and retained, and all decisions documented.
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Safeguarding Central Governance Unit Detective Superintendent

- Responsibilities** The SCGU Detective Superintendent is responsible for:
- Reviewing the risk assessment of an individual believed to meet the criteria for a PDP within five days of receipt.
 - Where a decision has been made to classify this individual as a PDP:
 - Completing Part 3 of the PDP referral form; and
 - Identifying a PDP manager of the rank of inspector or above.

- Where a referral does not meet the criteria for PDP:
 - Notifying the referring agency and the ViSOR Co-ordinator of the decision;
 - Ensuring that all documents are retained in accordance with the APP Information management (Management of Police Information (MoPI)); and
 - If there is a requirement for some further risk management measures, tasking the relevant district or PPU with an appropriate action.
 - On receipt of Part 4 of the PDP referral form, making a decision whether to discharge an individual.
 - Where a decision is made to continue monitoring this person as a PDP, informing the PDP manager.
 - Where a decision is made to discharge the PDP, informing the PPU.
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Potentially Dangerous Person Managers

- Responsibilities** The PDP Managers are responsible for:
- Liaising with the PPU and Integrated Offender Management to arrange a professionals meeting to discuss the risk management strategy.
 - Maintaining the ViSOR record in all cases.
 - Appointing an offender manager.
 - Reviewing the risk management plan every eight weeks.
 - After a collective decision by the professionals involved in the case to discharge a PDP:
 - Completing part 4 of the PDP referral form; and
 - Submitting it to the SCGU D/Supt.
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Integrated Offender Management/Public Protection Unit Officers

- Responsibilities** IOM/PPU Officers are responsible for:
- Where the referral does not meet the criteria for a PDP, considering liaising with the referring agency or other agencies regarding risk management measures.
 - Following a PDP being ratified, ensuring that risk management plan actions are updated and managed on ViSOR.
 - Ensuring that information is shared and disclosed where necessary and appropriate.
 - Reviewing unsuccessful investigations.
 - Applying for restrictive orders.
 - Considering the use of risk management options used for MAPPA offenders.

- Following de-registration of a PDP, ensuring that the ViSOR record is updated with the decision and accompanied by the rationale.
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Additional Information

Compliance

This policy complies with the following legislation and guidance:

- Criminal Justice Act 2003 – schedule 15
 - Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – section 115
 - Data Protection Act 2018
 - APP Information management – Management of Police Information (MoPI)
 - APP Major investigation and public protection – Managing sexual offenders and violent offenders – Potentially dangerous persons
 - MAPPA Guidance
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Related policies

- Civil Orders for Managing Sex Offenders
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Registered Sex Offenders
 - Serious Sexual Offences
 - Stalking and Harassment
 - Violent Offender Orders
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