

The National Probation Service

The National Probation Service (NPS) remains committed to the work and priorities of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board.

Participation is lead by the Head of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire NPS and when attendance at sub committees is necessary for the effective functioning of the Board, it is undertaken by Senior Probation Officers with the appropriate levels of skills and experience.

The NPS has clear national guidelines and expectations for participation and these are adhered to locally. NPS staff are aware of service thresholds and promote consistent equitable assessments through their use of the NPS comprehensive generic Offender Assessment System (OASys), which is supported by specialist assessment tools for sexual harm , violence and domestic abuse.

These tools enable NPS staff to provide accurate information for safeguarding children threshold assessments.

The NPS promotes the use of home visits to routinely assess and manage risk of harm in all forms and promotes a culture of professional curiosity to assess risk of child neglect, risk of re-offending and risk of harm.

The NPS along with its partners has a particular role to play in preventing child sexual exploitation. It undertakes this through the active risk management of potential offenders in the Multi Agency Public Protection Panel Arrangements (MAPPA); by actively assessing known sex offenders at court and throughout their sentence and by the operation of the Violent and Sex Offender Register (VISOR), with the Police.

All NPS offender managers have been required to complete an assessed on-line core training course to increase their understanding of child sexual exploitation. This will be followed up throughout 2017/18 with face to face training.

Going forward, the NPS is launching a major recruitment campaign for Probation Service Officers and Trainee Probation Officers in order to reduce workloads and focus on the quality of service user interaction and risk management processes. This significant recruitment exercise is due to be completed with all new staff in post by December 2017.

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