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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Protecting the public is a top priority for Police Scotland.  In Scotland Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), provides a comprehensive response to a complex issue, using professional assessment and management to properly target resources at those who pose a risk to the public.

Police Scotland works in partnership with a number of agencies through MAPPA to ensure that all Registered Sex Offenders are robustly managed within the community.

We fulfil our role as a Responsible Authority in the delivery of MAPPA providing effective and efficient management of Registered Sex Offenders (RSO’s) and Other Risk of Serious Harm Offenders.  Our focus is on the protection of those at risk of harm through prevention, early intervention and the robust investigation of those who pose such a risk.

This is achieved through each of Police Scotland’s 13 local policing Divisions having a dedicated Sex Offender Policing Unit (SOPU) with specialist officers working in partnership to police and reduce the risk posed by such offenders.

While we can never eliminate risk entirely, we want to reassure communities that all reasonable steps are being taken to protect them.

**Please could you provide me with the name of the Risk Assessment Tool used by Police Scotland to assess risk in respect of Registered Sex Offenders?**

**If you are unable to provide me with the name of the Risk Assessment Tool used, please explain why not.**

Risk Assessment tools used by Police Scotland to assist in the assessment of Registered Sex Offenders include Risk Matrix 2000 (RM2K or RM2000) and Stable & Acute 2007 (SA07).

These are the only risk assessment tools officers within our Sex Offender Policing Units are trained to use.

It is recognised these tools will not be applicable to all offenders and, as such, the support of MAPPA partners who may have received training in and have access to other risk assessment tools may be sought.

In Scotland, the Framework for Risk Assessment, Management and Evaluation ([FRAME - RMA - Risk Management Authority](https://www.rma.scot/standards-guidelines/frame/)) outlines the agreed approach between justice agencies in Scotland to risk assessment and risk management.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.