| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1557Responded to: 27 June 2025 |
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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.

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

## Can you state every requirement of the sex offender register?

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“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available: [Sexual Offences Act 2003](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/part/2)

1. **Is there different requirements depending on your offence?**

No

1. **Does the SO register differ if you’re on parole?**

No

1. **What repercussions are there for someone who someone who refuses to engage with SOPU team?**

Failure to comply with the notification requirements is a criminal offence.

If convicted of such an offence, an offender is liable to a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment.

It is the duty of the Police to investigate any suspected breach of the notification requirements and report the circumstances for consideration of prosecution.

1. **Can you state MAPPA Level 1 protocols and what requirements an individual has?**
2. **Same, but for Level 2?**
3. **Same, but for Level 3?**
4. **Is there only 3 Levels?**

## How is it decided what level you are on?

## How often is your Level reviewed?

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[Sex Offender Policing Units - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/specialist-crime-division/sex-offender-policing-units/)

[Scottish Government MAPPA National Guidance](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2022/03/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/documents/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/govscot%3Adocument/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance.pdf)

## What can an individual do to reduce their level?

## When part of MAPPA what limitations are there for your everyday life for each level?

As you may be aware, the Act provides a right of access to recorded information only.  Questions seeking the creation of comment or opinion in relation to a particular query, are not therefore valid in terms of [section 8 of the Act](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/13/section/8).

However, in order to assist, I can confirm that this depends on the specific circumstances of each individual.

Please refer to the [Scottish Government MAPPA National Guidance](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2022/03/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/documents/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance/govscot%3Adocument/scottish-government-multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-national-guidance.pdf)

## How does MAPPA differ after your license conditions end?

## Who makes up MAPPA meetings?

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## Is the person who is under MAPPA invited to any meetings?

## If no, why not?

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## Can someone legally challenge their MAPPA level?

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, an individual would need to seek independent legal advice in regards to same.

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 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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email 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.