



## **PROBATION**

### **Reviewed January 2011**

1. The Probation Service supervises offenders, with the aim of reducing re-offending and protecting the public.
2. As part of their main responsibility to supervise offenders in the community, Offender Managers (Probation Officers and Probation Services Officers) are in contact with, or supervising, a number of offenders identified as presenting a risk, or potential risk, to children.
3. Offender Managers supervise offenders who are parents or carers of. In addition, Probation provides a direct service to young people by:
  - providing a statutory victim contact scheme to the victims of violent and sexual offences, including children and young people (where the victim is aged under 17, their parent or guardian is also entitled to services);
  - delivering unpaid work requirements to 16- and 17-year-olds;
  - fulfilling their role as statutory partner of YOS; and
  - ensuring support for victims, and indirectly children in the family, of convicted perpetrators of domestic abuse participating in accredited domestic abuse programmes
4. The Probation Service also ensure that there is clarity and communication in relation to child focused risk management process – e.g.
  - Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)
  - Registered sex offenders
  - Domestic abuse management meetings (MARAC)
  - Child protection
  - Assessment of people identified as presenting a risk or potential risk to children
5. When working with any member of a family where child abuse is known, or thought to have occurred, and where the child has contact with the abuser, the Offender Manager must liaise closely with Social Care and any other relevant agencies.
6. The designated lead role in child protection in Buckinghamshire is Stephen Czajewski (Director with responsibility for Bucks) who is based at Unit 9 & 10 Talisman Business Centre, Talisman Road, Bicester, Oxon, OX26 6HR. Tel 01869 328500 (from April 2011 Sue Cooke will be the responsible Director- contact detail to follow)