

Public Protection acronyms and definitions

Acronym	Definition	Description
AA	Appropriate adult	The role of the appropriate adult is to facilitate communication between a mentally disordered person and the Police and as far as is possible, ensure understanding by both parties.
APCC	Adult Protection Case Conference	-
ASP	Adult Support and Protection	-
CJA	Community Justice Authority	Partnership organisation responsible for reducing reoffending and creating safer communities.
CPCC	Child Protection Case Conference	-
CPR	Child Protection Register	-
CSOG	Critical Services Oversight Group	Chief Officer group established to provide leadership and oversight of the governance arrangements for Public Protection.
DAA	Domestic Abuse Advisor	-
DAS	Domestic Abuse Service	The Domestic Abuse Service is part of the SMILE project whereby all victims involved in a domestic abuse incident can be referred to the service for support and signposting to relevant agency, whether it's a Domestic Abuse Advisor, Women's Aid or EDAACS.
EDDACS	Edinburgh Domestic Abuse Court Support Service	Court Support Service aiming to reduce risks of physical harm to victims of domestic abuse and keep them informed and supported throughout the court process.
EMPPC	East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee	The Committee is the key strategic group dealing with public protection matters across East Lothian and Midlothian. It incorporates all functions and responsibilities of previous Adult Protection Committees, Child Protection Committees, Violence Against Women Partnership and Offender Management Committees.
EMPPO	East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Office	The East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Team has brought together Lead Officers and is co-located with MELDAP and the 'J' Division Police Scotland Public Protection Unit.

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ICPCC	Initial Child Protection Case Conference	-
ICR	Initial Case Review	Where there are significant concerns an Initial Case Review is carried out in order to inform the decision about the need for a full Significant Case Review.
IRD	Inter-agency Referral Discussion	An IRD is the first stage in any Public Protection process of joint information sharing, assessment and decision making about risk.
LSI	Large Scale Investigation	A Large Scale Investigation is a multi-agency response to circumstances where there may be two or more adults at risk of harm within a care setting.
MAPPA	Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements	MAPPA is the framework which joins up the agencies who manage offenders. The fundamental purpose of MAPPA is public safety and the reduction of serious harm.
MARAC	Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference	Multi-agency meeting to facilitate, monitor and evaluate information sharing in relation to high risk victims of domestic abuse.
MATAC	Multi-agency Tasking and Co-ordinating Group	Pan-Lothian group which targets repeat domestic abuse perpetrators.
MELDAP	Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership	Multi-agency partnership working to raise awareness of the work that is being done to reduce the harm caused by the misuse of alcohol and drugs.
P&QI sub-group	Performance and Quality Improvement sub-group	Public Protection Committee sub-group established to provide robust performance management and quality improvement relating to all areas of multi-agency Public Protection activity.
PPU	Police Scotland Public Protection unit	Local Police unit responsible for Child Protection, Adult Support and Protection, Domestic Abuse, Youth Justice and Offender Management.
SCR	Significant Case Review	A multi-agency process for establishing the facts of, and learning lessons from, a situation where a vulnerable person has died or been significantly harmed.
SMILE	Support to Maintain Independent Living Effectively	Big Lottery funded project which has improved local domestic abuse services.

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SPOC	Single point of contact	Nominated agency representative at relevant meetings (i.e. MARAC).
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls	-
VIA	Victim Information and Advice	Service provided by the court for victims of a crime, keeping them updated with court dates and providing special measures when giving evidence.
VRI	Visually Recorded Interview (Joint Investigative Interview)	Joint investigative interview undertaken as part of the Public Protection process.