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How Multi-Agency are Multi-Agency Public Protection Panels (MAPPP)?



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Short Answer = Not Very Much

What are MAPPPs? What do they do?

“...led to better co-operation between the police and probation services and other agencies...led to more effective inter-agency working.” (Home Office, 2002: 7)

“...the lack of a joined-up, strategic approach...has resulted in poor co-ordination and inadequate service provision.” (Lovell, 2002: 1)

The Project

- Part of larger study in to experiences of sex offenders in a Probation Approved Premises (hostel)
- Observation of 12 MAPPPs (locally known as MARAC) over 12 months
- (undertaken just as NOMS was announced)

Representation

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Probation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Police	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Housing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
VL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
AMH CJ Liaison Nurse			x		x			x		x		
Other Hostel Manager				x								
CAMHS							x					
YOT							x			x		
Social Services	x											x
TPO								x		x	x	

Who Wasn't there?

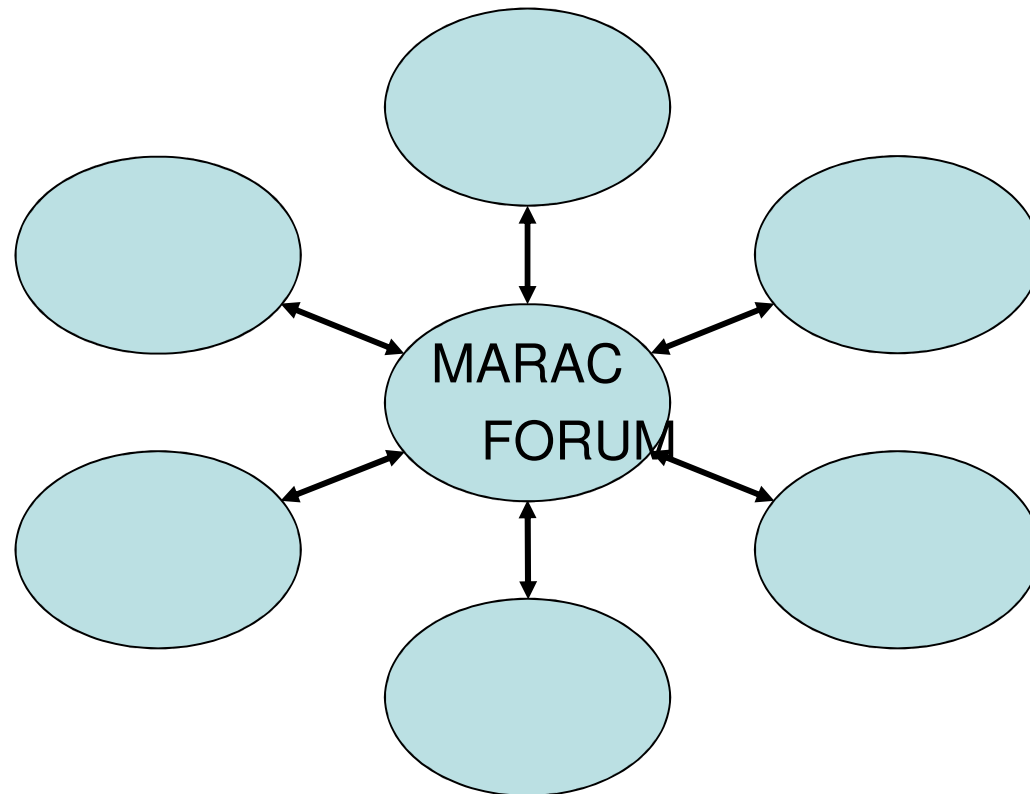
- Where was Social Services?
- Health problems
- Excluded Housing

- But, others were involved external to MARACs
 - Query: how was the MARAC used?

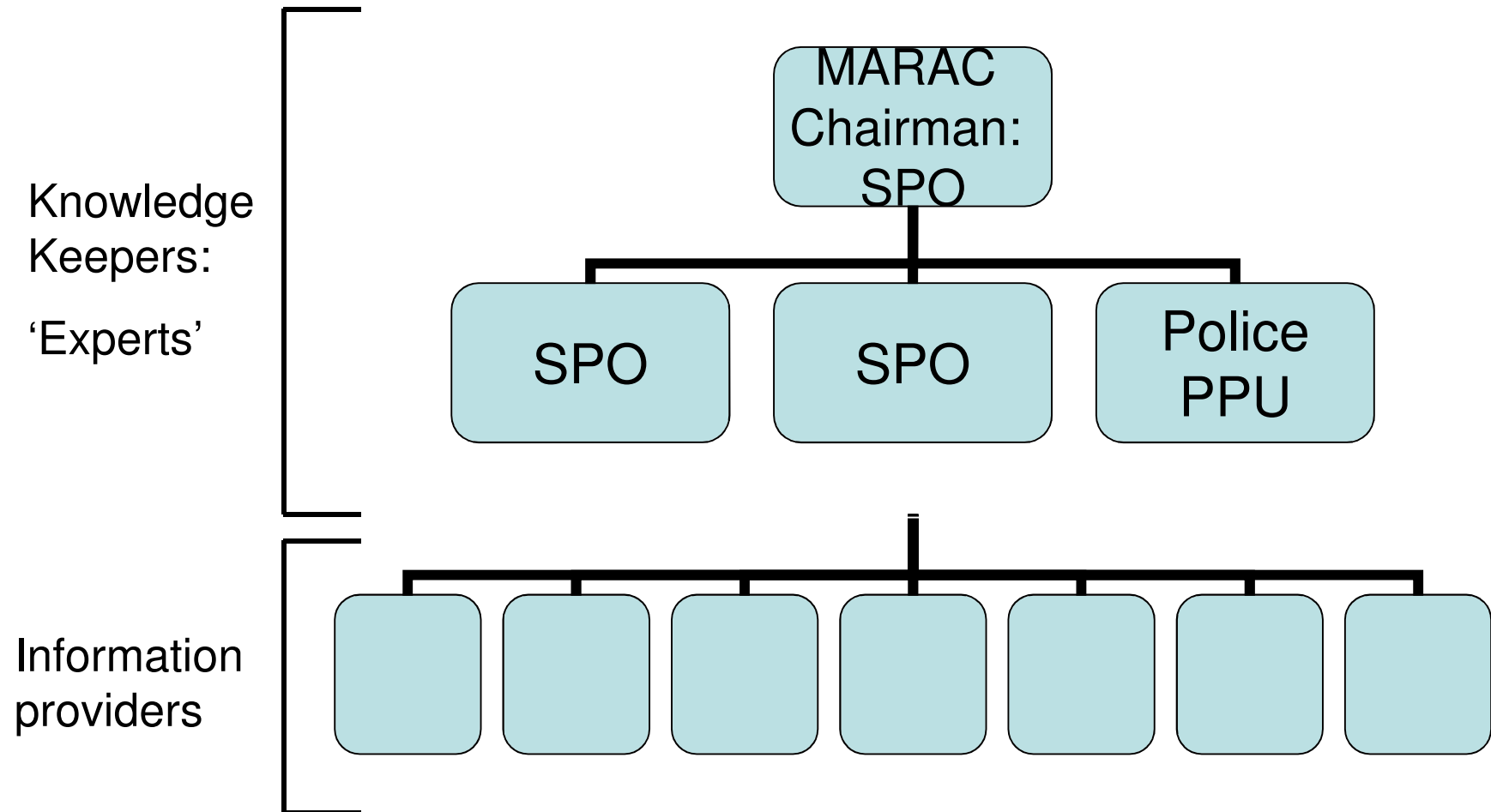
The Inner Circle of Knowledge Keepers

- By number:
 - Consistent presence of 2-3 SPO
 - SPO chairman
 - PO (key workers) continually in & out of MARAC
- By information held:
 - Role of 'keeper of knowledge' and 'expert'
 - The inner circle

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How poor was the representation?

- In line with previous research:
- Young et al (2008): MAPPP organisation inconsistent and un-coordinated
- Maguire et al (2001): Housing and Health services representation problematic and variable
- Lieb (2003): Need to know, not nice to know

The result of this....?

- Poor representation resulted in an elevated 'expert' status for the inner circle
- Information sharing in MAPP was highly tactical by Probation
- It was not altruistic by probation nor with the expectation of reciprocation by other agencies

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