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Dear Member

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2016

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Thursday, 15 December 2016 meeting of the Scrutiny Committee (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee), the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

C1 **Community Safety Agreement 2015-18 (Pages 3 - 10)**

Yours sincerely

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Appendix: Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) - Action Plan & Performance Summary**Introduction**

The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) has agreed that the sub-group known as the KCSP Working Group will manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan as well as monitoring a set of proxy indicators chosen to represent the key priorities. The measures are not solely linked to the work detailed in the action plan and are only used to give an indication about direction of travel.

The following report includes a brief summary regarding performance, the current actions being taken to tackle the CSA priorities and a progress update on those actions. These are updated by partners and reviewed on a regular basis by the Working Group, any significant changes or areas of concern are reported to the governing group as part of the reporting cycle.

Priority: Domestic Abuse**Context**

The cost to society of domestic abuse in Kent & Medway has previously been estimated at £315million and it remains a priority for all community safety partners across Kent. The number of incidents reported to Kent Police has increased along with attendance at One Stop Shops and MARAC cases (multi-agency risk assessment conferences). In 2014/15 (Sep-Aug) there were 29,000 reported incidents of domestic abuse in Kent and Medway which has risen to over 33,000 in 2015/16, with One Stop Shops seeing an increase in visitor numbers from 2,400 in 2014/15 (July to June) to 3,100 visits in 2015/16.

Domestic abuse victims are encouraged to report incidents and to seek support; therefore a rise in reporting is not always negative and can be an indication of the confidence victims have to contact our agencies. As part of the regular monitoring undertaken by the Working Group any areas of concern are raised with the Kent Community Safety Partnership and in the latest report although this was referenced the main focus was around the impact rising numbers have on agencies (voluntary and statutory) to manage an increasing demand for services. It is anticipated that the work which is currently in progress regarding commissioning of services (see action plan below) will bring more resilience to the service delivery.

The KCSP will continue to work with partners such as the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (KMDASG) to support delivery of services and tackle the issues of domestic abuse. The following actions and progress updates highlight just some of the key areas that partners are working together on to help tackle the issues of domestic abuse and to support victims.

Actions	Progress
Design and commission a joint Domestic Abuse Service for Kent and Medway.	KCC Commissioned Services, with input from partner agencies and the public, have developed a domestic abuse service specification for recommissioning services across the County. The opportunity to tender closes on 5 December 2016 with a view to awarding the contract early next year and the service commencing in April 2017.
Commissioning and support of the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) process.	Due to an increase in DHR activity, funding contribution levels for 2017/18 onwards have been reviewed by the Kent and Medway DHR Steering Group. A variety of options were presented to the KCSP meeting in October and the group agreed to continue with the current process subject to securing funding.

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Provision of Community Safety Partnership (CSP) briefings; and lessons learnt seminars	A briefing was given to the KCSP members in October on two completed DHRs by the independent Chair who compiled the reports. Lessons learnt seminars will follow in 2017/18 building on events delivered in previous years and cascading the learning to front-line practitioners.
Partners to work together to deliver a 12 week community perpetrator programme.	The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSS CRC) and the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (KMDASG) have established a co-facilitated 12 week perpetrator programme for a mixed groups of CJS and community attendees. The first programme is currently underway and will end in December 2016, with subsequent groups planned for 2017.
Develop and collate a suite of tools for using with young people	A subgroup of the KMDASG which focuses on early intervention and healthy relationships for Children and Young People has been working on Adolescent to Parent Violence as well as a campaign to be delivered in schools.

Priority: Road Safety

Context

Road Safety has been identified as a concern for many of the local community safety partnerships either as a stand-alone priority or as part of a broader theme and following the annual review of the CSA remains a priority within the current agreement.

In the 12 months to December 2015¹ there was a reduction in the overall number of casualties injured on Kent's roads² compared to the 12 months prior, down 8% from approximately 6,300 to 5,800 which includes a fall in both serious and slight casualties. Although fatal casualties rose in this period, with an increase of 5 casualties (from 49 to 54), overall the combined figure for killed and seriously injured casualties (KSIs) reduced by 4% from 658 in 2014 to 632 in 2015. The long term trend for KSI casualties in Kent is also down and despite increases between 2012 and 2014; the number of KSIs recorded in 2015 is significantly less than those recorded in 1994.

Although the total number of KSIs decreased overall in 2015 compared to the previous year, there was an increase in the 17-24 year-old group for Kent and Medway as a whole, which as part of the regular monitoring process was highlighted to the Kent Community Safety Partnership with a recommendation that casualty reduction remain a focus area for the CSA. In addition to the ongoing work with this target group, partners are working together as part of the multi-agency Casualty Reduction Partnership to identify and deliver further collective interventions and campaigns targeting this and other key user groups. The new Road Safety Experience (RSE) is now operational which aims to provide essential road safety skills for young people across the county. The actions and progress updates below highlight just some of the key areas that partners are working together on to help tackle the issues of road safety.

Notes:

1) Crash and casualty data is reported by calendar year, the figures provided above relate to validated full calendar year; 2) Kent's roads refers to those managed by KCC Highways and Highways England excluding Medway.

Actions	Progress
Share details of road safety campaigns and events with partners	KCC Highways have provided a list of planned campaigns for 2016/17 including activities of key partners. The timetable is discussed at the Strategic Road Safety Partnership meetings, shared with interested Community Safety Partnerships and is available through the Safer Communities Portal. Planning for 2017/18 will start shortly.

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Deliver a Road Safety workshop for local partners	The Workshop is likely to be delivered next summer at the newly developed Road Safety Experience.
Develop the new Road Safety Experience (RSE) to educate young people on a variety of road safety risks	Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is continuing to work with partner agencies and Kent schools to promote the RSE and the opportunity for young people to improve their understanding of the potential hazards when driving. As of 31 October 2016, 21 schools have visited the experience and pupil referral units continue to utilise the facility.
Develop the 'First Responder on Scene Training' initiative (FROST)	The FROST initiative aims to incorporate road safety messages and emergency first aid training at the scene of a road traffic collision (RTC) for young people who live/work in rural areas. Funding has been secured to purchase training equipment and two pilot sessions have been undertaken to test the concept. Full sessions are anticipated to start in early 2017.

Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour

Context

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has been identified as a concern for many of the local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) either as a stand-alone priority or as part of a broader theme and following the annual review of the CSA remains a priority within the current agreement.

Around 1.8 million incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) were recorded by the police in England and Wales (including the British Transport Police) in the year ending March 2016, which is a decrease of 7% compared with the previous year. These are incidents which may still be crimes in law, such as littering or dog fouling, but are not of a level of severity that would result in the recording of a notifiable offence.

In Kent during 2015/16 (Oct-Sep) there were just over 46,500 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Kent Police, however the reductions seen nationally are also reflected in Kent. Over the last 3 years, ASB has experienced a downward trend with over 3,000 less ASB incidents reported during the rolling year ending September 2016 compared with the rolling year ending September 2014. This equates to a 7% reduction.

ASB is split into three strands covering general nuisance, environmental and persons targeted, of which general nuisance makes up around three quarters of all ASB (76%). A seasonal trend in ASB is evident which affects all 3 strands: peaking during the summer months of July and August and then a gradual decline in reports throughout the winter months.

Actions

Progress

Deliver an ASB workshop for local partners to support the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Following an ASB workshop delivered to partners in 2015, funding has now been secured to deliver a series of follow up workshops across Kent & Medway. The workshops will be delivered in the first half of 2017 and aim to share good practice and support effective use and delivery of the tools and powers introduced by the 2014 Act.

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Priority: Substance Misuse

Context

The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances has been identified as a concern for many of the local CSPs either as a stand-alone priority or as part of a broader theme and following the annual review of the CSA, substance misuse remains a priority within the current agreement.

Despite the new and extensive challenges facing partners, the misuse of drugs and alcohol remains an issue for everyone and can have a detrimental effect on people's lives, to those that are dependent on drugs or alcohol (including health and finances) and their families; communities affected by drugs and alcohol; and the impact and pressure on services from providing treatment to enforcement of the law. The misuse of drugs and alcohol is not just an issue on its own but can be an exacerbating factor in relation to a range of criminal offences, health issues and family relationships.

Drug addiction costs the UK £15.4 billion pounds a year, whilst alcohol related harm is estimated to cost £21 billion. It is estimated that Kent has around 5,000 individuals dependent on heroin with drug related hospital admissions in Kent increasing between 2006 and 2013. Whilst over 200,000 people in Kent are estimated to be drinking at high risk levels, of those with some form of dependency, only a small proportion are in treatment (about 5,000 people).

The following actions and progress updates highlight just some of the key areas that partners are working together on to help tackle the issues of substance misuse including the development of a drug and alcohol strategy. However, the illegal nature of many drugs and the widespread use of alcohol means that any strategy to tackle misuse must be both practical and related to the substance in question.

Actions	Progress
Develop and deliver the annual Community Safety Conference on the theme of drugs.	The conference, entitled ' <i>Drugs – Addiction, Treatment and the Journey Ahead in Kent & Medway</i> ' was delivered on 10 th Nov '16 on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP), with over 150 partners from across Kent & Medway attending.
Work in partnership to develop a new Kent Drug & Alcohol Strategy.	Public Health is coordinating the production of the strategy and is working with partners to develop it. An initial discussion with a wider partnership group took place at the annual CS conference on 10 th November '16 and the document is being prepared for consultation.
Implement the Psychoactive Substances legislation.	A multi-agency working group came together to deliver internal and external communication and training following the introduction of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, earlier this year.
Implement drug testing on arrest for all eligible cases	Phase 1 of drug testing on arrest will be live across all Kent Police custody suites by the end of December.

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Priority: Serious and Organised Crime

Context

In 2013, the Government launched a new Serious and Organised Crime strategy to better coordinate a national approach to reduce the level of serious and organised crime affecting the UK and local communities. The national strategy uses the framework that has been developed for national counter-terrorist work, often referred to as the 4Ps (*pursue, prevent, protect, prepare*). The Local Government Association (LGA) paper which followed made specific reference to community safety partnerships (CSPs) and the role they could play with regards to the strategic coordination of this activity. In addition, the Government has introduced a number of new pieces of legislation including the *Serious Crime Act 2015 and Modern Slavery Act 2015* providing partners with a variety of new tools, powers and duties to be included as part of their everyday work.

As a result of the above, the scope of community safety has expanded beyond the traditional remit to incorporate issues such as human trafficking, gangs, organised crime groups (OCGs) etc. It was identified at the October 2015 KCSP meeting, that there was a general lack of awareness around Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) and the role CSPs could play in tackling OCGs. In response to this, the integrated Kent Community Safety Team organised a workshop for community safety partners to raise awareness of the issue and to look at the next steps. As a result, many of the local CSPs now have Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) either as a stand-alone priority or have included elements within their plans. Subsequently, the annual review of the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) has therefore identified SOC as a new priority within the agreement

In order to fully understand the extent of serious and organised crime in Kent, the Police have been working with partners to develop local SOC profiles which seek to highlight any relevant issues at a district level. These have been made available to a variety of community safety partners and will be regularly updated to ensure they remain relevant. In terms of performance monitoring within the CSA, work is underway looking at appropriate indicators that the partnership can monitor to gauge the impact SOC is having on our communities and whether partnership activities are having the desired effect.

Actions	Progress
Work in partnership to share intelligence, establish risks and work effectively to mitigate them.	Serious and organised crime sub-groups are starting to be developed by local CSPs in some districts, whilst multi-agency approaches are being developed with the aim of tackling organised crime groups (OCGs) in partnership.
Develop a toolkit to identify key agency contacts and related tools & powers	Partners are working together to identify a variety of tools and powers which could be utilised to disrupt OCGs as well as identifying relevant contacts within each organisation.
Develop and share local profiles with partners and encourage submission of relevant intelligence from agencies to enhance profiles.	Kent Police have shared the local profiles internally and presented them at a variety of partnership meetings including the KCSP in October. The profiles have now been uploaded to the Safer Communities Portal to allow sharing with relevant community safety partners.
Raise awareness of modern slavery.	Work is being developed in partnership with the Kent and Essex Police Anti-Slavery Partnership Coordinator. The recent anti-slavery day on 18 th Oct '16 was promoted by Kent Police and partners (on twitter) but further opportunities to raise awareness of modern slavery are being developed and identify areas for partnership working are being looked into.

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Priority: Safeguarding

Context

Many of the recent pieces of legislation introduced by the Government, including the *Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015* and those already mentioned in the above SOC priority, are not just about tackling crime they also have strong links to safeguarding either for individuals or for communities as a whole. As such following the annual review of the CSA it was agreed that Safeguarding should also be included as a new priority to incorporate issues such as child sexual exploitation (CSE), preventing violent extremism (prevent), online safety etc. This has been reflected in the strategic assessments undertaken by the local community safety partnerships (CSPs) with many choosing safeguarding either as a stand-alone priority or selecting elements for inclusion within their plans.

Although CSPs have a role to play in safeguarding, the lead for this particular priority sits with a number of other multi-agency groups including the Kent Safeguarding Children Board (KSCB), the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) and the Prevent Duty Delivery Board etc. As such, members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) are linking into these boards and their subgroups and working with them to support and implement actions, as well as monitor performance via their reporting processes. Information and reports produced by these groups are shared with community safety partners but given the importance and high profile nature of the Prevent agenda the KCSP monitor this directly and have it as a standing item at the main KCSP meeting. In addition to reports being provided to the KCSP, reciprocal arrangements have been established for the KCSP to report into the safeguarding boards or their subgroups to ensure effective links are established and maintained.

Work is ongoing to identify appropriate joint indicators that can be monitored within the CSA to assess if partnership activities are having the desired effect, and that reflect the role the partnership can play in supporting the Safeguarding Boards, particularly around raising awareness and intelligence sharing as well as identification and referral of safeguarding issues.

Actions	Progress
Deliver staff workshops and schools education to raise awareness of e-safety	Two e-safety awareness raising sessions were delivered to staff from a variety of agencies during July '16, with approx. 150 attending. The 'Is it Worth It?' schools tour covering ASB & e-safety was delivered in February, July & October 2016 to schools across Kent and Medway, with over 7,000 attending in Feb '16 alone. Events for 2017 are currently in the planning stages.
Provide effective links to the CSPs and other partners by sharing information and raising awareness	At the request of the 'Risks, Threats & Vulnerability' subgroup of the KSCB, the quarterly Missing Children's Report has been circulated to district partners and will form part of the regular information sharing procedures.
Work in partnership to implement a new Channel structure for the County	In accordance with new legislation and guidance, the Joint Kent Chiefs agreed to reconfigure the 12 existing district Channel Panels in Kent (not including Medway) to a single panel chaired by KCC. In addition, Kent is currently taking part in a national pilot to trial the move of case management and administration for Channel from the Police to the Local Authority.
Work in partnership to support and deliver activities for the Hate Crime Awareness	Partners working with the Kent and Medway Adult Safeguarding Board (KMSAB) and others delivered a variety of activities in relation to both the Adult Safeguarding Week and the Hate Crime Awareness Week which took place in early October 2016. In addition, hate crime incident data

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Week	now forms part of the data set that is regularly shared with partners to help with monitoring and identification of any areas for concern.
Raise awareness of the CSE day of action in early 2017 and support delivery of campaigns and events	Members of the Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) subgroup of the KSCB and the County Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Team are working on developing activities in relation to the CSE Day of Action for early 2017. An update on the work of CSET was also given at the recent Community Safety Information Session in December 2016 to update district and county partners on progress.

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