

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday, 19th March, 2013, at 10.00 am
Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone

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Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the meeting.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

A. General Matters

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 1 November 2012.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE, Ms S Billiald, Mrs V Coffey, Mr David Coleman, Ms Z Cooke, Ch Supt S Corbishley, Mr S Griffiths, Ms N Hussain, Mr P Jackson, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Ms K Paterson, Cllr M Rhodes, Ch Insp L Russell, Mr M Roberts and Mrs C J Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms D Exall (Strategic Relationship Advisor), Mr J Parris (Community Safety Manager), Ms M Peachey (Kent Director Of Public Health), Ms A Slaven (Director of Service Improvement) and Miss H Topley (Community Safety Research and Support Officer), Mrs A Hunter (Principal Democratic Services Officer), Mr G Mills (Democratic Services Manager)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Apologies

(Item A.1)

Noted

2. Declarations of Interest

(Item A.2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Notes of last meeting

(Item A.3)

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 - Action Plan - Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Strategy

(Item B.1) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety

- (1) The Community Safety Manager introduced the report by saying that it reflected the outcome of a consultation exercise that had started in August 2012 and that the need for an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy had arisen following the review of lessons learned from the Pilkington case.
- (2) There was a discussion about monitoring achievement against the strategy and the balance between central oversight and the ability of district and borough community safety partnerships to identify and respond to local issues and priorities.

(3) Agreed that:

- (a) The draft Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Strategy is approved for adoption.
- (b) The Partnership and Kent Police would continue their work in this area and establish a “task and finish” group to engage local partners in the adoption of the strategy at a local level.
- (c) Formal support and adoption of the Partnership ASB Strategy is sought from the Medway Community Safety Partnership.

Action: The Chairman to write to the Chairmen of all locality boards asking them to take a role in monitoring and helping with the delivery of ASB resolutions in their areas. (Lead Officer- Stuart Beaumont/Jim Parris)

5. Domestic Homicide Reviews - Update on DHR1

(Item B.2) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety

- (1) Alison Gilmour, the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, introduced the report which provided an update on the steps taken following receipt of feedback from the Home Office on Domestic Homicide Review. The Partnership considered that it would be very useful to receive information on the trends and patterns emerging from the reviews of domestic homicides and for this information to be brought to the attention of the Criminal Justice Board.
- (2) In response to questions, the Community Safety Manager confirmed that an executive summary of each review would be presented to the Kent Community Safety Partnership sub-group. He also confirmed that, to date, the Local Government Association (LGA) had not responded to the Kent Community Safety Partnership’s letter about the costs of conducting reviews and that there was a need, a national level, to identify trends emerging from reviews of domestic homicides.

(3) Agreed that:

- (a) The Partnership approves the DHR1 Overview Report, notes that the Action Plan had been finalised, and that the implementation and monitoring of the recommendations had now passed to the Kent and Medway DHR Steering Group.
- (b) The Chairman of the Partnership would write to the Home Office: thanking them for input; informing them that the Review Panel had now met to review their comments in relation to this case; finalise the recommendations; agree an action plan; and to reiterate the Partnership’s earlier recommendation relating to the importance of joined up working.

Actions:

- (1) **The Chairman of the Partnership to write again to the LGA about the costs and resources required to conduct reviews and also to write to the Home Office to reiterate the Partnership's earlier recommendation about the importance of joined up working. (Lead Officer – Stuart Beaumont)**
- (2) **The Chairman of the partnership to write to the Home Office to request feedback on emerging themes. (Lead Officer – Stuart Beaumont)**

6. Domestic Abuse One Stop Shops

(Item B.3) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety)

- (1) The Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Alison Gilmour, introduced the report which outlined the success of Domestic Abuse One Stop Shops in Kent. She also outlined the difficulties a number of one stop shops were reporting about obtaining agency commitment to staff the one stop shops and asked the Partnership to consider what commitment county partners could give to support staff provision at the one stop shops.
- (2) During the discussion suggestions were made about raising the resourcing issue at the Defence Forum and the Kent Safeguarding Board. It was also said that the recommendations in paragraph 6.1 of the report should be amended to make it clear that partners and other relevant agencies needed to step forward and support the work of the One Stop Shops, particularly by ensuring that they had the right people available to provide the level of advice which clients need.
- (3) **Agreed** subject to the amendment to be made to paragraph 6.1 in the recommendations of the report that:
 - (a) The Partnership would actively encourage partners to support the One Stop Shops to help ensure that services can continue to be offered to victims of domestic abuse.
 - (b) Agencies prepared to provide staff to local domestic abuse one stop shops will be put in contact with local domestic abuse forums that co-ordinate the provision of the services and staff rotas (contact via the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator).

Actions:

- (1) **Alison Gilmour to provide details of the commitment required to support each one stop shop to inform a letter to be sent to the various agencies.**
- (2) **Meradin Peachey to raise the issues at a meeting of the Kent Safeguarding Board.**

7. Police and Crime Commissioner - Future Engagement with the Kent Community Safety Partnership and the Role of the Kent Community Safety Partnership

(Item B.4) Report by Stuart Beaumont- Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety)

- (1) Steve Griffiths introduced the report which considered: the relationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the community safety arrangements in Kent; suggested that the PCC should attend meetings of the Partnership when appropriate agenda items require; and that the Partnership should consider the potential for adjusting its remit in future if necessary.
- (2) During the discussion it was confirmed that the Partnership is not itself a commissioning body but that its constituent organisations might be commissioned by the PCC. It was also confirmed that the PCC should meet with the Partnership in the week following his/her appointment.
- (3) **Agreed that:**
 - (a) The Partnership offers the PCC a position on the Partnership so that, as and when appropriate, the PCC can attend meetings to discuss and agree items of shared responsibility or priority.
 - (b) The Partnership would have a strong lobbying role for both the PCC and the Chief Constable at strategic level.

Action: The Chairman to ensure that the Partnership is included in the PCC's early programme of meetings.

8. Young People and Crime - Changing Communities -(Verbal Report)

(Item C.1) Report of Chief Inspector Lee Russell)

- (1) Chief Inspector Russell said the Police had examined gang activity among young people and had concluded there were no significant gangs at present although earlier in the year a potential threat had been identified in the Dartford area arising from the placement of a number of individuals from London. It was not clear whether this was a one-off incident or the start of a trend. He said that the Kent Youth Offending Service was dealing with 20 youths from London boroughs who had been placed in Kent. He said there was a narrow window of opportunity to prevent inappropriate placements, make agencies in Kent aware of their responsibilities and that the Police were bringing partners together to deal with the issues arising.
- (2) The Director of Service Improvement, Angela Slaven, said the County Youth Justice Board had focussed on this issues and that some young people had been placed in Kent as it was a condition of their bail that they were placed away from home. She gave assurances that the Youth Offending team were managing risks effectively and said that it was the Youth Offending team that had identified that both an offender and his victim had been placed in the same area in Kent. She also said that the drug treatment services were not all sufficiently skilled to understand what being in a gang meant and were considering how practitioners in this area might respond appropriately. She suggested that the Kent Community Safety Partnership might wish to receive a report on the key issues, potential solutions across a number of areas including the troubled families programme.

Action: Angela Slaven and Lee Russell, with involvement of the Probation Service and third sector providers, to prepare a paper on youth gangs for a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership

9. Domestic Homicide Reviews Update

(Item C.2) Report of by Stuart Beaumont, Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety

- (1) Alison Gilmour, the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator introduced the report which provided an update for member of the Kent Community Safety Partnership regarding the delivery of domestic homicide reviews across Kent and Medway to fulfil the statutory requirements set out in Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004).

(2) Agreed to:

- (a) Note the progress of DHRs that had been commissioned.
- (b) Support the creation of a task and finish group to establish shared mechanisms for conducting reviews in accordance with the terms of reference set out at Appendix A of the report.

10. Kent Community Safety Agreement Update- Performance Monitoring

(Item C.3) Report by Stuart Beaumont, Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning

- (1) The Community Safety Manager, Jim Parris, introduced the report which outlined progress in relation to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and the associated action plans.
- (2) **AGREED** to note progress in relation to the Community Safety Action Plan.

11. Any Other Business

(Item C.4)

AGREED: to include a report for information on the troubled families programme on the agenda for the next meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.

Action: Angela Slaven to prepare a report on the troubled families programme for the next meeting.

12. Dates of meetings in 2013

(Item C.5)

Agreed that the Kent Community Safety Partnership would meet at County Hall, Maidstone on the following dates:

19 March 2013 at 10am

17 July 2013 at 2.30pm

17 October 2013 at 10 am.

By: Office of the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19th March 2013

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan

Summary: This report summarises the Police and Crime Plan drawn up by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On Thursday 15th November 2013 the people of Kent elected Ann Barnes as their first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), officially taking office seven days later on the 22nd November.
- 1.2 The core functions of Police and Crime Commissioners are: to secure an efficient and effective police force within their area; to hold the Chief Constable to account; to listen to the public and then respond to their needs. A Commissioner brings the public's voice to policing and gives the public a name and a face to complain to if they aren't satisfied.
- 1.3 Each Commissioner is required to produce a Police and Crime Plan that sets out his or her objectives for policing, the resources available to achieve them and how performance will be measured.
- 1.4 Commissioners are accountable to the public. Police and Crime Panels were set up to support and challenge the decisions made by each Commissioner.
- 1.5 The Kent Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan was discussed and welcomed by the Kent Police and Crime Panel on the 5th February.
- 1.6 The public expect Commissioners (to use their mandate to lead the way; to galvanise others, challenge silos while always looking to cut crime. have been placed in a strong position to drive action and collaboration across a range of agencies and partnerships, and provide opportunities for even greater local reform.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 I am delighted that my first Police and Crime Plan as Commissioner has been widely accepted. I will publish the final copy on my website www.kent-pcc.gov.uk before the end of March.
- 2.2 The plan encapsulates the key promises that I made during my election campaign. They include:
 - Cutting crime and catching criminals

- Ensuring local visible community policing
 - Appointing a Youth Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Boosting police accessibility in rural areas by better use of mobile police stations
 - Being the most visible, accessible and transparent Commissioner in the Country
- 2.3 This paper summarises the progress made so far in making those promises a 'reality'.
- 2.4 My main statutory responsibility is to hold the Chief Constable to account. I have put in place arrangements for formal governance meetings where I will scrutinise and challenge the Chief Constable on force performance. The first will be on the 20th March in Maidstone.
- 2.5 One of my first duties was to set the level of the Police Precept. This year, I concluded that the only way to boost police visibility was to increase this precept by 2%. This equates to less than a penny a day for a Kent Band D property. I know any increase represents an added burden to the hard pressed Council Tax payers of the County, particularly in these difficult financial times. However, this modest increase will enable the force to recruit 60 more Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and 20 more Police Officers. This will be the biggest boost to police numbers and visibility for several years. Everywhere I go, the public tell me that greater Police visibility is their number one priority.
- 2.6 The advert for my Youth Commissioner went out on the 5th February and we have received over 150 applications. I pledged to introduce this new role, part funded from my own salary, to act as a bridge between young people and the Police. We will make the appointment by the end of March. This is a vital role and I look forward to working with the special person we recruit.
- 2.7 I am committed to be the most visible and accessible Commissioner in the country. To achieve this I have put in place an itinerary to visit all parts of Kent in my 'Ann Force One,' the Commissioners engagement vehicle on my Community Outreach Tours.
- 2.8 As of the end of February, we have already visited Folkestone, Ashford, Tenterden, Dover, Deal, Sandwich, Canterbury City Centre, Bridge, Sturry, Margate High Street, Cliftonville, Westwood Cross Shopping Centre, Coronation Street Lydd, Brenzett, Sevenoaks, Edenbridge, Mid Kent College Gillingham, Hoo, Cranbrook, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Sittingbourne, Faversham and Newington.
- 2.9 My first public 'Meet the Commissioner' event took place in Maidstone on 20th February. It was a great success with over 170 people attending. My intention is to repeat these every few months in different parts of the county with the next one being on 24th April in Faversham.
- 2.10 My first 'Commissioner Surgeries' organized so that members of the public could to speak to me face to face about local issues were held

in February. I will be scheduling these to be held every 6 weeks with the next one on the 10th April.

- 2.11 I know from my extensive visits to rural areas that many residents feel isolated from the Police. I recognise this as a genuine concern. My office is working with the Force to develop the role of mobile Police Stations to visit rural areas to help address this concern. I will have further updates on this in future months.
- 2.12 Partnership working is a crucial part of my vision to keep Kent safe. Since 22nd November I have personally met with a number of partner agencies to discuss their priorities, the services they offer and their needs for the future. I am embarking on a comprehensive review of partnership working across the County to maximise efficiency and consistency of service levels.
- 2.13 From the 2014/15 financial year my office will be responsible for the commissioning of various services, this is something that I will be considering in depth over the coming year and will be looking at what services partners are currently commissioning and how successful those services are.
- 2.14 I do hope that you have found this update useful. I hope you will feel able to keep in touch with me and my work at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk or on twitter via @AnnBarnesKPCC.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 There are no formal recommendations made by this paper. Rather a simple request; to cooperate and work in partnership to achieve shared aims and priorities.

Attachments

None.

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By: Angela Slaven, Director of Service Improvement, Customer and Communities

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership

Subject: Kent Troubled Families Programme Update

Classification: Unrestricted

<p>Summary: This report provides an update on the progress of the Kent Troubled Families Programme.</p>
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 **A national scheme:** In 2012 the Prime Minister committed to ‘turning around’ the lives of the UK’s 120,000 troubled families by the end of this Parliament. These families are characterised by having no adult in the family working, children not being in school and family members being involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. The intended outcome of the Programme is for these families to become less dependent on state support, and more families contributing to their own livelihood and that of their local communities.

The Programme is managed within a Payment by Results model each family worked with attracting a potential total payment of £4000. Key measures include:

- ASB/youth crime - 60% reduction target in a 12 month period
- Truancy/exclusion – fewer than 3 fixed term exclusions and less than 15% unauthorised absences in the last three consecutive terms
- Worklessness - defined within ESF and DWP work programme

- 1.2 **The Kent approach:** The scheme is known as the ***Kent Troubled Families Programme***. It aims to deliver changes through:

- *Improving the life chances of Kent’s most disadvantaged families*

By

- *Transforming and joining up public services*

Thereby

- *Releasing taxpayers’ money to reinvest in services for the wider community*

- 1.3 The role of the Community Safety Partnership is critical to the delivery of the Troubled Families Programme. This is due to expertise, information and resources accessed through the Partnership and county and local partners.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

- 2.1 This Kent-wide programme is led by Kent County Council in partnership with District and Borough Councils, JobCentre Plus, Kent Police, Kent Probation, Health and other partners, including the voluntary sector. A Multi-Agency Steering Group led by the Leader of Kent County Council provides the multi-agency strategic direction for the programme.

3. Programme Cohorts

- 3.1 The DCLG announced the national targets for areas within England and Wales in March 2012 estimating that KCC needed to address a cohort of 2560 families over the 3 year period of the Programme. KCC has confirmed its participation and commitment to work with 1,082 families in the first year of the programme. This represents 42% of DCLG's estimated 2,560 troubled families in Kent.
- 3.2 In January 2013 the DCLG announced the expectation that the year 2 cohort needed to bring the total number of families engaged within the Programme to an overall 85% of the total. This will require the identification in Kent of a further 1094 families.
- 3.3 The Troubled Families Programme started in May 2012 following approval of the Programme's business case. The year 1 cohort was identified via county databases and local partner agencies intelligence whereas the year 2 cohort, currently being identified, will be through direct nominations from partner agencies and verified against county databases. This should provide a cohort of families that more appropriately fit the criteria and local priorities.

District	Total number of families in Kent in Year 1 (based on criteria 1 & 2)	Indicative Number of Families in Kent for Year 2
Ashford	82	83
Canterbury	121	122
Dartford	40	40
Dover	113	114
Gravesham	76	77
Maidstone	80	81
Sevenoaks	43	42
Shepway	95	96
Swale	156	158
Thanet	154	156
Tonbridge and Malling	74	75
Tunbridge Wells	48	49
Total	1082	1094

Table 1: Total number of families in year 1 and year 2 cohorts in Kent

4. Process of Engaging Families

- 4.1 A key objective for the Kent Troubled Families Programme is to engage families in addressing their issues realise real changes in behaviours and improved outcomes for the family as a whole. The programme aims to achieve a change in the way that public services work with families, reducing the number of interventions from different agencies and making them more effective.
- 4.2 The scale of the challenge in Kent required the development of a local delivery model with the appointment of 12 district based Project Delivery Managers achieved through utilising some of the year 1 DCLG funding allocation. This role coordinates and supports local delivery, working across the agencies to identify the families and to agree the required type and level of input; and to manage the monitoring and recording of interventions and the progress achieved. The programme agreed to the use of the Common Assessment Framework as the preferred tool for assessment and planning the new approach with each family.
- 4.3 The initial delivery of the Programme was focussed in Thanet, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford and Dartford. Alongside the pilots for Kent's Integrated Adolescent Support Services (KIASS). The Programme has now been rolled out across the county. At 31st December 2012 the Programme was working with 506 families.

5. Service Redesign

- 5.1 As the programme progresses KCC and our partners are aiming to create a long term sustainable approach that achieves better value for money and more effective family interventions through joint commissioning, service redesign and transformation.
- 5.2 At national level the DCLG is highlighting the models of intervention that are the most effective in working with families. One model that has proved to deliver sustainable changes is the Family Intervention Programme. FIP workers engage with families very intensively. The factors that influence success are the very personal and consistent relationship established between a worker and the family. The role is one that challenges the behaviours and impact of the behaviours and supports the family members in the changes they need to make.
- 5.3 KCC has utilised a further draw on the year 1 funding allocation and is commissioning a model that delivers around 2 FIP (Family Intervention Programme) workers per district area over the next two years. The tender for the FIP service has been awarded to Kent Council for Addiction (KCA) and the service will become operational from the 18th February 2013.
- 5.4 The Programme Team is currently mapping the variety of provision around worklessness, training and skills to establish how a more coherent provision could be offered to family members as part of the Troubled Families Programme. A similar mapping exercise is being used to understand the impact of debt upon the families within the cohorts and to assess what resources exist in Kent to ensure sound and effective support and advice is available.

- 5.5 The Programme Team is also hoping to promote and support local workshops in each District Area to consider local service redesign and improvement over the next six months.

6. Information Sharing and Data Protection

- 6.1 Sharing information between partners has been a key barrier to effective multi-agency working for many years. To overcome this issue, a '**Standard Operating Procedure**' (SOP) for the Kent Troubled Families Programme has now been developed. This SOP will form an annex to the **Kent & Medway Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)** and provides a framework for professionals across partner agencies for the sharing of personal and sensitive data.
- 6.2 A dedicated online Troubled Families SharePoint has been developed to support front line practitioners and our multi-agency partners. The SharePoint provides all partners with a secure area per district to share information and share best practice across practitioners.

7. Resources

- 7.1 Kent received the allocation of Year 1 attachment fee in July 2012. An important principle agreed by partners is that the Programme will utilise as much of the programme funding as possible for frontline service delivery and service redesign. The central pot funds will be allocated on the basis of simple Business Cases that help deliver the programme at county and local level. To date, funding has been requested and agreed for three districts - Dartford, Shepway and Swale.

8. Key Challenges

- 8.1 The identification of the 2nd year cohort by local partners is a significant challenge.
- 8.2 The Programme Team is working closely with Specialist Children Services Integrated Processes Team to increase the take up and effectiveness of the Common Assessment Framework process and ensure that all families within the Programme are assessed within the framework. The Programme team is also working closely with partners in the Community Safety Partnership, Families and Social Care, Schools, Kent Integrated Youth Services and alongside KIASS.
- 8.3 It is vital that Kent's Troubled Families Programme is financially sustainable in the long term and leads to the generation of savings across services. A task group is currently looking at how the financial benefits can be measured.

9 The Role of Community Safety Partnership

- 9.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership and the District/Borough based Community safety Partnerships (CSP) are all engaged with the Troubled Families Programme. Each CSP has a community safety unit which is a multi-agency delivery unit staffed by partners on a permanent, part time or virtual basis depending upon the individual District/Borough.
- 9.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership and District Borough based CSP's all determine their work priorities through a multi-agency strategic assessment

process with community safety funding being managed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and targeted towards priority areas. There is considerable overlap between the priority work-streams of the community safety units and the influencing factors impacting troubled families, with anti-social behaviour, domestic violence and substance misuse being examples of county wide CSP priorities.

- 9.3 The range of multi-agency partnership staff working within community safety units or having links with community safety units are a vital resource in assisting the delivery of the Troubled Families programme. A recent example has seen KCC Community Wardens who work regularly with families in their areas being engaged formally in successfully mentoring and supporting families involved in the Troubled Families Programme.
- 9.4 The Troubled Families Programme can also support the delivery of community safety priority work-streams, an example is the introduction of ASB Case Management over the forthcoming year which will enable those families who persistently engage in anti-social behaviour to be targeted and supported through a joint approach involving the Troubled Families Programme and staff within the Community Safety Unit.

10. Key Milestones

Action	Timeframe
FIP mobilisation across all district areas	February 2013 – March 2013
Family identification for year 2 cohort	February 2013 – April 2013
Local business case submission	Ongoing

11. Conclusion

- 11.1 The Programme is approaching the end of year 1 and has established the Governance, Resources and Process essential to deliver the Programme. It looks set to have engaged at least 75% of the first cohort and is beginning to make good progress. Developing different and better ways of delivering services will also be a major focus of the programme this year.
- 11.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership is asked to consider the above report and ways in which the Community Safety Partnerships can support the delivery of the Programme.

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By: Stuart Beaumont, Head of Community Safety & Emergency Planning

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19th March 2013

Classification: For Decision

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement - End of Year Review

Summary: This report supports the presentation by Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley and Stuart Beaumont, Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning in reviewing progress in relation to the Kent Community Safety Agreement.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities (KCC/District/Boroughs), Kent Police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation Crime and Disorder Reductions Partnerships (now CSP's) were required to carry out 3 yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies. A formal review of the 1998 Act took place in 2006, with the result that three year audits were replaced with annual partnership strategic assessments and rolling partnership plans, whilst in two tier authority areas a statutory County Community Safety Agreement was introduced.
- 1.2 A further formal review of the Crime and Disorder Act and the 2007 regulations resulted in amended regulations being published in 2012. These regulations require the Kent Community Safety Partnership to send a copy of the county community safety agreement to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), whilst district-level CSPs are required to submit a copy of their partnership plans.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the countywide community safety priorities for 2011-14, along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. This agreement received approval from the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) in May 2011.

Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety

Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Priority Neighbourhoods/Geographic Focus
- Vulnerable Households & Individuals
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Reducing Re-Offending

- 2.2 The above priorities and cross-cutting themes resulted from the strategic assessments undertaken by each local community safety partnership (CSP) in 2010/11 with additional input from partners at a county-level. Although the CSA covers a three year period, these priorities are reviewed annually and refreshed as appropriate.

3.0 Review of the County Priorities

- 3.1 During mid 2012, KCC's Community Safety Unit sourced data from statutory partners for use by both the district Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) in their strategic assessments and the former Kent Police Authority (KPA) to help identify key community safety issues to inform and advise the incoming Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
- 3.2 The initial review of data undertaken by analysts within the former Kent Police Authority (KPA) not only helped inform the PCC but also enabled a brief summary of any emerging issues to be shared with the district/borough authorities for use in the development of their local strategic assessments if required.
- 3.3 Building on the work undertaken by the former KPA, KCC's Community Safety Unit compiled a county level data pack incorporating both district, county and national figures. A comparison of volume and trends enabled existing priorities to be reviewed for the county and any key areas of concern to be identified. At this time it is recommended that the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes remain unchanged, however, if the outcome of the local strategic assessments raises any new issues/priorities these will be presented at the next KCSP meeting.

4.0 Progress towards the County Priorities

- 4.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan with most actions currently in progress (amber) and some actions which are now listed as complete (green) including the development of a countywide ASB strategy, the creation of a website portal for domestic abuse services and the establishment of an Alcohol and Cannabis Penalty Notice (PND) diversion scheme.
- 4.2 The attached report (Appendix A) provides more details of the actions undertaken so far, however the following are just a few examples of some of the work being done to tackle the priorities:
 - The website portal for domestic abuse services in Kent and Medway was officially launched on 28th November 2012 with an event at County Hall for partners and practitioners. The website has also been promoted in the press, with posters and business cards being distributed around Kent. Although this action is complete, additional work is now being undertaken to develop the young people's section of the website;
 - The initiative, known as STATUS (Stay Safe and Tell Us) is going from strength to strength and includes a safe online website for young people as well as engagement events around the county. The most recent event took place in Margate with the next event planned for Headcorn in April;
 - District road safety profiles have recently been updated and presented to Community Safety Managers at a meeting in January.
- 4.3 In addition to the above activities, work was undertaken last year in support of the cross-cutting theme '*Priority Neighbourhoods/Geographic Focus*' involving analysis of ward-level data to identify potential focus areas across the county. The outcome of this analysis resulted in profiles being produced for each of the relevant wards using consumer demographic data (mosaic). The analysis has

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recently been re-run with more current data, the results of which show that whilst there are a few changes to the suggested focus areas the majority of profiles produced last year remain relevant.

- 4.4 Whilst good progress is being made against the action plan, unfortunately many of the proxy measures chosen to represent the CSA priorities do not necessarily reflect this. Substance Misuse indicators show a fall in the '*numbers of drug and alcohol users successfully completing treatment*' however action plans have been put in place with the treatment provider to ensure that the number of successful discharges see significant improvements. Acquisitive Crime indicators show a rise in '*domestic burglary*' which is being tackled through Tasking and Coordination at both Division and Force level. Road Safety indicators show a rise in the '*number of KSI casualties*', although this is after a number of years of being on a downward trend. On a more positive note '*theft and handling stolen goods*' continues to show an improvement compared to both the previous 12months and the 2010/11 baseline. Whilst partners do not have direct control over many of the indicators it is hoped the actions taken to tackle the priorities will ultimately contribute to improvements across the county.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 The current Kent Community Safety Agreement remains in effect until March 2014 when it will need to be replaced by a new multi-agency document covering the next three years from April 2014 to March 2017. The process and stages for developing a new agreement will be outlined at the next Kent Community Safety Partnership meeting in July.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to agree that the existing priorities should remain unchanged for the forthcoming year, unless any significant issues/priorities emerge from the local CSP strategic assessments.

Attachments:

Appendix A: CSA Performance Monitoring

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Appendix A: CSA Performance Monitoring (19th March 2013)

Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental

Lead: KCC and Kent Police

Proxy Measure / Indicator		Baseline '10/11	Jan - Dec			Diff. to Baseline
			2011	2012	Change	
Percentage of people who perceive a high level of ASB in their local area (KCVS) <i>(Kent excluding Medway)</i>		4.5%	2.9%	1.7%	▼ 1.2	▼ 2.8
<p>The percentage of people who perceive a high level of ASB in their local area has decreased across Kent during the last 12months with only Canterbury and Shepway showing an increase in concern. The greatest improvement in perception of ASB has been reported in Gravesham, with 0.9% of the population perceiving a high level of ASB compared to 5.2% in the previous year.</p> <p>A greater emphasis is now placed on a harm based approach to ASB and part of this is to monitor satisfaction levels via the ASB satisfaction survey. One of the key performance indicators (as referenced in the Policing Plan) is to increase the 'percentage of those reporting ASB who are satisfied with the overall service'. Year ending December 2012 data shows 84.5% of people in Kent & Medway were satisfied with the service, exceeding the 2012/13 Force target of 79.3%.</p> <p>There has been a very positive upwards track of this satisfaction target. Linked to the fact that there have been over 7,000 fewer ASB incidents reported to Kent Police (April to Feb 2012/13 compared to 2011/12).</p> <p>However, Noise complaints continue to increase, despite the overall reduction in ASB calls. Work is being progressed with District Authorities to review response to noise calls by District Authorities.</p>						
Aims / Actions		Progress				
1	Countywide ASB Case Management system established to enable data sharing across all agencies of incidents and actions taken					
Develop a countywide case management system:- Piloted in a designated Area; and subsequently rolled-out countywide		The ASB case management system continues to be developed with partner agency project management and financial support. It was presented by Insp Willis and Mr James Parris at the Partnership ASB Gold Group on 14 th Feb 2013. The actual system is now being “bench tested” prior to “field” testing in the latter part of Q4				
2	Countywide ASB strategy established to ensure consistency in reporting and dealing with ASB issues across all agencies					
Develop a countywide multi-agency strategy agreed by all partners		Following a period of consultation the draft partnership strategy and minimum standards was approved by the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) on the 1 st November 2012 and subsequently agreed at the Medway CSP on 3 rd December 2012.				
		A Task and Finish group is currently being established to look at implementation of the strategy.				

Key to Progress against Actions:-

 Complete	 In Progress	 Incomplete
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Appendix A: CSA Performance Monitoring (19th March 2013)

Priority: Domestic Abuse

Lead: Stuart Skilton (Chair of Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline '10/11	Jan - Dec			Diff. to Baseline
		2011	2012	Change	
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents (Kent excluding Medway)	17,748	18,304	18,506	▲ 1.1%	▲ 4.3%
% of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse (Kent excluding Medway)	23.8%	23.6%	23.9%	▲ 0.3	▲ 0.1
% of repeat MARAC cases (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) (Kent excluding Medway)	14.9%	18.7%	21.4%	▲ 2.7	▲ 6.5
<p>During the last nine months (Apr '12 to Dec '12) the number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Kent Police has increased in seven of the twelve districts/boroughs across Kent compared to the same period in the previous year with the highest total number of incidents so far this year reported in Thanet.</p> <p>In Kent (excluding Medway) over the last 12 months (Jan' 2012 – Dec' 2012) there have been 1005 Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) with 215 repeat cases (21.4%). Compared to the same period in the previous year there has been a 47% increase in the number of cases heard at MARAC.</p> <p>Please note, since the requirement to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect on 13th April 2011 nine DHRs have been considered across Kent and Medway. Five occurred in 2011/12 (3 in Kent and 2 in Medway) and at the time of writing this report a further four domestic homicides took place in Kent during the current year (2012/13). Of the 9 cases considered, 8 DHRs have been commissioned.</p>					
Aims / Actions		Progress			
3	Provide support to victims of domestic abuse through one generic pathway for all involved in domestic abuse to provide and access advice and support				
Create a website portal for all domestic abuse services for Kent and Medway		The website is now in operation, business cards and posters have been distributed to partners to raise awareness and the official launch of the website took place on 28 th November 2012. <i>The following is a link to the website: www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk</i> <i>Work is now underway to develop the young people's section of the website.</i>			
4	Protect victims of domestic abuse through support and development of specialist support services to help victims of domestic abuse through both criminal and civil justice routes.				
Ongoing training for staff; Increased provision of Specialist Domestic Violence Courts (SDVC); and Delivery of Parenting Information Programme (PIP)		There are currently three Special Domestic Violence Courts (SDVC) in operation across Kent, however the recent IDVA (<i>Independent Domestic Violence Advisors</i>) Needs Analysis identified the need for an additional SDVC to be based in Folkestone Magistrates Court providing a service for the Dover, Ashford and Shepway areas. All magistrates and court staff covering SDVCs have received specialist DA training. Ongoing training and further development of SDVCs is being monitored/implemented by the County SDVC Project Board. FSC have commissioned Domestic Abuse Children's Services which became operational in October 2012. A fourth SDVC will be commissioned covering South Kent (likely to be based at Folkestone Magistrates Court) in 2013 – the provisional opening date is June 2013.			
5	Work with agencies to secure a sustainable level of financial and operational commitment to address domestic abuse issues.				

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Establish a sustainable, domestic abuse budget with a centralised joint commissioning process	<p>A report on IDVA commissioning (<i>Independent Domestic Violence Advisors</i>) was presented to the KCSP group in July 2012. Work is ongoing to secure commitment to the proposed commissioning model led by Sarah Billiald.</p> <p>A pooled budget to commission Kent and Medway wide IDVA services has been established and the tendering processes to award this contract is currently underway with the contract due to be awarded in March 2013.</p>
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Priority: Substance Misuse

Lead: Diane Wright (Head of Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline '10/11	Oct – Sept			Diff. to Baseline
		2010/11	2011/12	Change	
No. of drug users completing treatment successfully	896	876	794	▼ 9%	▼ 11%
No. of alcohol users completing treatment successfully	887	971	864	▼ 11%	▼ 3%
		Q4 2011/12	Q1 2012/13		
Proportion of drug users completing treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months.	N/A	25.18%	24.23%	▼ 0.95	N/A

We are seeing a fall in the numbers of successful discharges in community services in Kent. We recognise that this reflects a national trend, but we will continue our efforts to ensure that any national downward trend is not felt more acutely in Kent than elsewhere.

Falls were initially linked to the transition and remodelling of the West Kent treatment service, however there remains a concern that the definition of successful treatment completions applied in Kent's PbR (payment by results) model (West Kent) may have contributed to the fall in the number of recorded successful treatment completions. This is being investigated. Action Plans have been put in place with the provider to ensure that the number of successful discharges see significant improvements.

The National Treatment Agency has amended the non re-presentation measure to the following definition, aligning it with the Public Health Outcomes Measure 2.15: *Number of drug users that left drug treatment successfully (free of drug(s) of dependence) who do not then re-present to treatment again within six months as a proportion of the total number in treatment.*

Aims / Actions		Progress
6	Improve understanding of local prevalence of problematic drug use in Kent	
Central management and analysis of needle drops data, collected by each local authority and KCC waste management to assist with developing plans with local authorities and advising treatment providers on areas to target campaigns	<p>Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) continue to discuss actions and outcomes surrounding any drugs litter finds in their area, local commissioned treatment agencies ensure their involvement in resolving any problems. The approach taken by individual CSP's varies and it has not been possible to develop a single approach across the CSP's. This objective is heavily affected by the waste management contracts employed by Districts and Boroughs which require different elements of reporting by their contracted waste providers.</p> <p>KDAAT will conduct an annual review at the end of 2012/13 of the collated information to inform future plans.</p>	
7	Increase the uptake of substance misuse services available for people with drug and/or alcohol problems	
Work with local police custody suites to increase numbers of detainees, prioritising trigger offenders, referred into the Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) and Alcohol Arrest Referral Service. As well as working with Probation, IOMU and DIP to target prolific offenders and encourage them to access treatment and building targeted interventions for offenders in the community.	<p>A current pilot being conducted at Margate custody suite on Drug Testing on arrest which targets trigger offenders is currently being evaluated.</p> <p>Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) workers continue to attend the relevant CSP meetings in their area.</p>	

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8	Increase the uptake of substance misuse services available for people with drug and/or alcohol problems
Establish Alcohol and Cannabis Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) diversion scheme	The diversion scheme is in place and running; KDAAT and Kent Police are monitoring activity and outcomes with a report due at the end of 2012/13.
9	Increase the uptake of substance misuse services available for people with drug and/or alcohol problems
Community safety partnerships to promote and raise awareness of local substance misuse services	Commissioned Treatment Agencies (CTA's), continue to attend the relevant CSP meetings, promoting available services and referral routes, which in turn are promoted by the partner agencies attending the meetings. Collaboration has been achieved in all CSP's areas in the promotion of services with CTA's and CSU's during alcohol, domestic abuse and drug awareness weeks as part of the National campaign. In Dover this has meant attendance at the Dover Regatta to increase the footfall through the event from 1,500 to a potential 20,000.

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Priority: Acquisitive Crime

Lead: Steve Corbishley (Head of Partnership and Communities Command, Kent Police)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline '10/11	Jan - Dec			Diff. to Baseline
		2011	2012	Change	
Level of Theft and Handling Stolen Goods (exc. Medway)	24,150	24,986	22,323	▼ 10.7%	▼ 7.6%
Level of Domestic Burglary (exc. Medway)	4,354	4,377	4,776	▲ 9.1%	▲ 9.7%
<p>The Force experienced large reductions in Theft and handling during the last 12 months, only Gravesham and Shepway have seen increases during this time.</p> <p>The January 2012 to December 2012 figures show increases in domestic burglary for all of the districts with the exception of Maidstone and Swale (Ashford and Tunbridge Wells have the largest increases). The force has responded to the rise in burglaries by priority targeting high volume offences and offenders by way of the National Intelligence Model (NIM) processes and management through Tasking and Coordination on Divisions and at Force level. Active criminal targeting is being carried out by each of the divisions, with the most prolific of these being supported at a Force level through additional support coordinated through the Force Tasking & Coordination Group (TCG). The Force had identified domestic burglary as a risk due to very low levels in previous year.</p>					
Aim / Actions		Progress			
10	Reduce Burglary incidents both residential and non-residential				
Share information and target individuals committing crime; Increase security at vulnerable premises.		Crime Prevention Design Advisors (CPDA) are embedded within the direct control of Kent Police Partnership and Communities Command. Extensive work is being progressed by the CPDA's in support of extra training for frontline officers within this action. In addition, Kent Police are prioritising Burglary in its county wide "STAY SAFE" campaigns. The next campaign commences at the end of March 2013 to early May 2013 and is STAYSAFE in Spring.			
11	Reduce levels of shoplifting and focus on prevention and deterrence.				
Provide advice on designing out crime; Pursue banning orders.		Crime Prevention Design Advisors (CPDA) as mentioned above continue to be a driving force in this action. In addition, we are in the process of training the majority of our Neighbourhood policing teams to be able to carry out crime prevention surveys in domestic household settings. This is ongoing from our last update			
12	Reduce theft of metal				
Participate in the metal days of action as lead by British Transport Police; Raise awareness with the public and educate Scrap Metal Dealers regarding the law; Raise awareness amongst the community and reduce the number of incidents of metal theft from places of worship and schools.		Kent Police continue to work with British Transport Police (BTP) and the national programme to tackle metal theft which has resulted in continued reductions. 'Days of Action' continue on a monthly basis in Kent. In addition Kent Police have commenced a new project on metal theft reduction which is being led by a senior project manager in Kent Police. The most recent days of action took place on 11 th October 2012. Over 25 of Kent's scrap metal dealers were visited and a number of offences were identified. Further days of action are planned			

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Priority: Violent Crime

Lead: Steve Corbishley (Head of Partnership and Communities Command, Kent Police)

Proxy Measure / Indicator		Baseline '10/11	Jan - Dec			Diff. to Baseline
			2011	2012	Change	
Level of Violent Crime (exc. Medway)		18,404	17,938	18,606	▲ 3.7%	▲ 1.1%
Level of Violence against the Person (VAP) (exc. Medway)		16,630	16,184	16,826	▲ 4.0%	▲ 1.2%
The largest percentage increases in violent crime have occurred in Dover, Gravesham and Sevenoaks (although Sevenoaks are low in volume by comparison).						
Violent Crime continues to be a priority area of business and Kent Police are working extensively with the Night Time Economy (NTE) business community to continually reduce crime in this specific time frame.						
Aim / Actions		Progress				
13	Reduce alcohol related violence.					
Ensure premises are being managed in accordance with legislation and make them safer by design to reduce the risk of confrontation; Encourage the licensed trade to use polycarbonate drinks vessels and bottles,		The strong intervention by partners through the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership and via Licensing Officers has continued to contribute to a robust control and monitoring ethos in Kent. Awareness campaigns and requirements on licenses have produced a good take-up of safer drinking vessels. A good practice guide for night time economy premises has been circulated via the Kent Police Business Crime Advisory Group.				
14	Engage with young people as victims, citizens and offenders and share information in order to better understand the picture of violent crime involving young people.					
Progress youth engagement in schools and identify further media options for better communication with young people (e.g. social networking sites); Establish those young people who are at risk of becoming victims of violent crime and sexual exploitation and work with partners to take positive steps to divert them away from committing or becoming victims of violent crime.		100,000 students have been reached in the last four years with the Kent Police 'Is it worth it?' Anti-Social Behaviour School Tour. This message focuses on the impact of alcohol on ASB and on violent crime. This innovative school based programme continues in 2013 with the most recent tour currently having taken place across schools between 4 th and 15 th February 2013. The next two week tour takes place in July 2013. We are grateful to Mr Hill OBE who enabled some Community Safety funding to be allocated to support the 2013 tour. We would be very keen for Health related agencies to engage and support this tour. The new initiative, known as STATUS (stay Safe and Tell Us) mentioned in the last progress report is going from strength to strength. This includes a safe online website for young people and 24 engagement events across the county. Full details can be viewed on www.thisisstatus.com . The most recent event took place on 15 th Feb in Margate. Over 250 young people attended the event. The next event is in partnership with Kent Community Wardens and will take place at Headcorn Village Hall on 12 th April 2013.				
15	To prevent first time offending, prevent re-offending and reduce the risk of young people becoming victims of violent crime.					
Use education, diversionary and restorative approaches where appropriate as well as enforcement to protect young people from those who unlawfully sell or supply them with alcohol.		This continues to be daily business for Kent Police who actively target under age sales in conjunction with Trading Standards. It is a key element of the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership. We also continue to work with retailers to progress the Challenge 25 initiative. There remains a significant issue with parents giving alcohol to their children and we are working to address this. In addition, the problem of "proxy sales" (adult buying for child) continues.				

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Priority: Road Safety

Lead: Steve Griffiths (Director Community Safety, Kent Fire and Rescue Service)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline (Jan-Dec '10)	Oct - Sep			Diff. to Baseline
		2010/11	2011/12	Change	
Number of all KSI casualties (Killed or seriously injured)	545	565	598	▲ 5.8%	▲ 9.7%

The overall KSI casualty figures have been on a downward trend for a number of years now; however the figures in 2012 are currently slightly higher than in 2011. The highest increase so far has been in September where there were 15 more KSIs than in September 2011; the 2012 figures are however still provisional. The most recent detailed analysis around trends and geographic hotspots has been included in the new RTC district profiles, which have now been updated and published including 2011 data. This shows that the CSPs with the most casualties per 10,000 population are Dartford followed by Ashford and the ones with the least are Medway followed by Canterbury. For more detailed information including the identified priorities for each CSP please see the RTC district profiles (*available to partners via the Kent Connects Safer Communities Portal*).

NB. All 2012 data is unvalidated and therefore subject to change - final figures will be released in April 2013

Aim / Actions		Progress
16	Increase road safety amongst vulnerable and high risk road user groups	
Expand the License 2 kill programme; Promote road safety for powered 2 wheeled vehicles through programmes such as new fire bike; and Explore the possibility of establishing a Kent Road Safety Centre	<p>Audiences for the License to kill events have been increased by 1,000 students to 7,000 per year</p> <p>The Firebike scheme has taken delivery of the new fire bike and is being used at events/courses alongside the existing fire bike. The new 'Biker Down' course continues to be a success and has received a Prince Michael road safety award. The scheme has been adopted by a number of other fire services nationally. The team is going to hold a number of track days to share safe riding practices with bikers.</p> <p>The development of the road safety Centre is moving forward with a proposed opening date of Jan 2015. Work is currently going on to develop the education experience for the student visitors.</p>	
17	Increase the opportunities for training for Kent's road users	
Increase the range of driver awareness courses available as an alternative to enforcement and penalties and improve the driver/rider training sessions	<p>The care group held a road traffic collision (RTC) practitioners workshop in September where priorities were agreed and work commenced on developing multi-agency key road safety education messages. It was agreed to focus on young drivers, powered two wheeler riders and pedestrians and cyclists</p> <p>The new road safety centre planned for the Rochester area will become the base for a wide range of road safety education packages including KFRS's newly developed course aimed at young drivers and their parents</p>	
18	Raise the profile of road safety amongst district and community safety groups	
Produce district profiles that detail high risk areas and individuals; Undertake a series of presentations to community safety groups to raise the importance of road safety and the impact it has on the Kent economy; and Expand Speed watch (parish led prevention activity)	<p>District profiles have been completed and distributed to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to help inform road safety actions within the CSPs. Meetings have also been undertaken with managers or co-ordinators from the CSPs to discuss/explain the profiles.</p> <p>These profiles are in use and have influenced priorities and activity across the county.</p> <p>The profiles have been recently updated and presented to Community Safety Managers at a workshop in January.</p>	

To: All KCSP Members

IDVA Commissioning Update

Kent Community Safety Partnership Meeting Tuesday 19th March 2013

At the time of writing this report we are on schedule to commence with the new service from April.

Bidders:

Having been provided with details of the Service Specification there were 6 organisations / partnerships who have passed the Pre-Qualifying Questionnaire Stage and were invited to submit a full tender.

A panel consisting of staff from Kent Probation as the commissioning agent, and the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group and the Kent Criminal Justice Board will confirm to all bidders who the successful candidate is on 15th March and after a 2 week period to allow for any challenges will announce the winner on 29th March. These timescale will extend if it is deemed necessary to hold interviews to confirm points of clarification or if two or more bids are extremely close.

Year 1 Funding Position:

We have received pledges for year 1 of £772,600 (against a target of £810,000). This is an increase on the amount we last communicated to you as Dartford Borough Council are working towards joining the funding partnership and are hopeful of being in a position to ratify this later this month.

The only areas currently abstaining are Ashford, Dover and Sevenoaks Councils. This means that high risk victims in these areas referred to the IDVA service will be accepted once all other funding partner area referrals have been dealt with.

An updated funding chart is attached.

Invoices will be sent out shortly. Funds will be collected on behalf of the KCJB by Kent Police who administer KCJB accounts. As received, funds will be passed onto the service provider. Should you have any queries regarding funding please contact Chris Turner (KCJB Project Manager) on 07772 113232 or at chris.turner@kent.pnn.police.uk

Years 2 & 3 Funding:

Many funders have understandably pledged money for subsequent years based on performance. The service specification has clear performance monitoring arrangements and any performance concerns or issues should be raised with the Contract Manager. We would recommend that a formal Agenda item is scheduled for the November Meeting to review progress and performance information.

We anticipate that health funding will move from Public Health who have funded year 1 to individual Clinical Commissioning Groups. Public Health partners are currently undertaking these discussions.

We would also expect that by year 2 the provider will have established good working relationships with other IDVA providers across Kent and Medway helping to maximise the provision of community based services to medium and low risk victims.

Contract Management Arrangements:

Alison Gilmour from K&MDASG will act as the Contract Manager. Once we know who the successful bidder is Alison will work closely with them to ensure a full service is up and running as soon as possible. The provider will be required to submit a quarterly report which will be forwarded to all funding partners.

Media Announcement:

The commitment from Kent and Medway partners to tackle and support the victims of domestic abuse is an excellent news story which the public should be aware of. We wish to be proactive with this development and are looking to make a press announcement sometime in April. Any views on the scale of this would be welcome for example, is a press statement sufficient or do we want to hold a press event? Do we just speak with the papers or television as well? Any thoughts most welcome. Anything we do will of course be followed up with success stories once we have some compelling evidence.

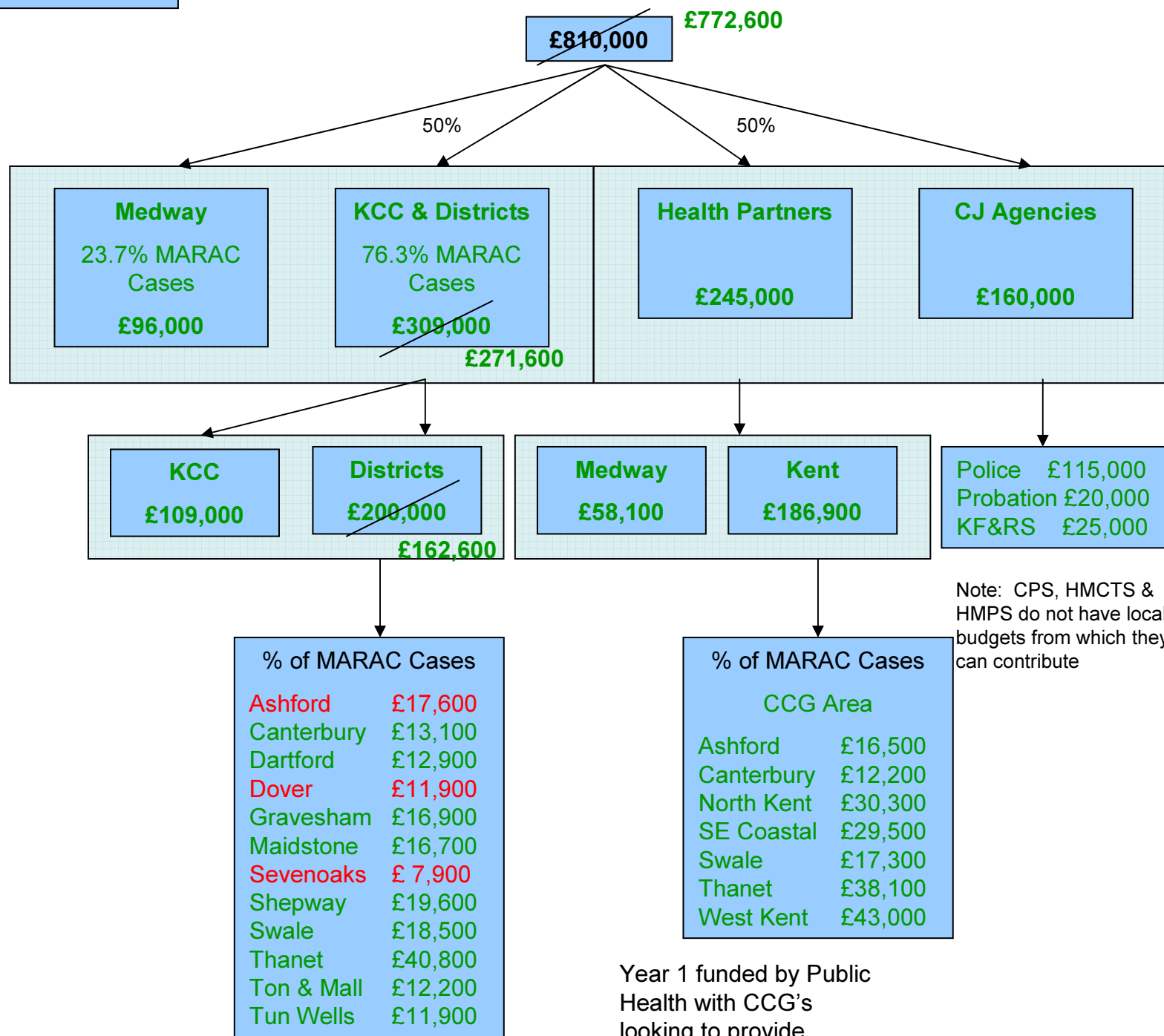
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IDVA Funding – Annual Contributions



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By: Stuart Beaumont – Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning, KCC

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19th March 2013

Classification: For Information

Subject: KCC Select Committee on Domestic Abuse

Summary: This paper provides an update for members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership regarding work underway to take forward the recommendations made in the KCC Select Committee report on Domestic Abuse which was published in December 2012.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The KCC Select Committee was established in late 2011 and began its work in Spring 2012 to investigate the topic of domestic violence and abuse (DVA) in Kent.
- 1.2 The focus of the Select Committee was on services for adults experiencing DVA and those available for perpetrators as well as services being developed for children and young people who are impacted by exposure to DVA while growing up.

2.0 Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The agreed Terms of Reference for the Select Committee were:
 - To investigate breaking the vicious cycle and impact of domestic abuse in Kent, focusing on equitable access to support for victims and the efficacy of perpetrator programmes in reducing repeat victimisation and repeat offending.
 - To examine co-ordination and collaboration within and between statutory and voluntary agencies, with a particular focus on delivering efficient services and maximising safety while reducing negative impacts of organisational change in key organisations.
 - To make recommendations for Kent County Council and partner organisations (having explored funding options and feasibility) in order to improve outcomes for, and reduce long term damage to, individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

3.0 Process

- 3.1 The Domestic Violence and Abuse Select Committee held eight hearings to gather oral evidence from a range of experts from the statutory and voluntary sectors. In addition, written evidence was gathered from a wide range of contributors from all sectors and desk-based research informed the review.
- 3.2 Eight visits took place during the review and these primarily provided the opportunity for Members to speak to people with direct experience of domestic violence and abuse, in supportive surroundings.

3.3 The final Select Committee report was presented to meetings of the KCC Cabinet and County Council in December 2012.

4.0 Final Report

4.1 The key themes of the report's 14 recommendations include:

Strengthening the multi-agency response to DVA by:

- Developing a clinical care pathway to assist GPs and other medical professionals in responding to domestic violence and abuse.
- Improving information-sharing by health professionals.
- Retaining front-line specialist health visitor roles.
- Strengthening Police contact, referral and information exchange processes.
- Developing the Central Referral Unit.
- Improving the 'safety net' for cases not meeting social care thresholds.
- Strengthening the co-ordinated community response in terms of contacts and access to specialist support.

Improving the sustainability and equity of services through joint commissioning

Ensuring that domestic violence and abuse (DVA) is given a high priority

Raising public awareness of DVA and ensuring that Members as well as officers (multi-agency) receive appropriate training

Ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions including the damage done to children

Seeking to break the vicious cycle of domestic violence and abuse by:

- Improving services for children affected by DVA as well as seeking to raise awareness of DVA among young people universally.
- Improving awareness of the impact of DVA on children and young people among those involved in educating and working with young people.
- Maintaining and improving links between education and specialist social care and other support.
- Ensuring children and young people have access to information and resources on domestic violence and abuse.

5.0 Task and Finish Group

5.1 It has been proposed that a Task and Finish Group, comprised of key agency lead officers and KCC departmental lead officers, is established to consider work that can be done to assist the achievement of the recommendations identified within the Select Committee Report.

5.2 The Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (KMDASG) has been asked to lead on co-ordinating this work. At the recent meeting of the KMDASG Executive Group it was agreed the KMDASG would assist with this work.

5.3 Lead officers have been identified for all 14 of the recommendations and the first meeting of the Task and Finish Group will take place on 7th March 2013.

5.4 Progress with this work will be reported back to Kent CSP at the October 2013 meeting.

Supporting Documents:

KCC Select Committee Report on Domestic Abuse -
<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/council-and-democracy/select%20committees/Domestic%20Abuse%20Report.pdf>

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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 19th March 2013

Classification: For information

Subject: KCC Community Wardens – Application for Powers

Summary: This report provides a brief update on the KCC Community Warden Transformation process that is currently being implemented. Following extensive consultation with staff, partners and unions a request has been made to the Chief Constable to enable KCC Community Wardens to be provided with powers to assist them in their day to day work. In addition, other changes are being made to terms and conditions to enable more flexible working and closer links with other partnership work-streams.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The KCC Community Warden Service has been in operation since 2002 providing a valuable service to the residents of Kent. The overarching aim of the Kent County Council Community Warden Scheme is to enable the people of Kent to live safely and independently in their neighbourhoods and communities.
- 1.2 The core objectives of a Community Warden are:
- Provide a reassuring conspicuous presence
 - Promote community solidarity and encourage communities and neighbourhoods to identify and solve problems
 - Tackle anti-social behaviour
 - Act as “eyes and ears” for other agencies
 - Be a trusted friend for the community
 - Improve access to local authority services
 - Provide information and advice about Kent County Council, local district councils and other public services
 - Promote social inclusion.
- 1.3 KCC Community Wardens are currently accredited by Kent Police under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS), in accordance with Home Office & ACPO guidance and they work closely with Police, local authorities and other statutory partners and agencies on community safety issues in their areas. They raise community awareness of problems such as bogus callers preying on vulnerable people in their homes. They also address environmental issues such as fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism. They engage with the young, elderly and vulnerable in activities such as youth clubs and sporting events and advice surgeries. Wardens also deal with a range of anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling, litter and neighbourhood disputes and incidents.

- 1.4 Community Warden Area Supervisors already work closely alongside partners in the 12 District/Borough based Community Safety Units (CSU's) across Kent. With the recent introduction of the Support Warden role to work alongside the Supervisor, it has allowed the service to respond flexibly to a range of tasks and issues that are raised by communities and discussed in daily partnership briefings within the CSU's.
- 1.5 The objective of these proposed changes is to enable the service to build upon the current Kent Police Accreditation status and adopt a number of powers that will allow KCC Community Wardens to respond to the needs and expectations of the residents of Kent in dealing with low level anti-social behaviour and other community concerns.
- 1.6 These proposals will form part of a wider transformation to the KCC Community Warden service over the medium term with the Warden Service being equipped with more skills such as restorative justice, better links with police information systems and the opportunity to focus on wider areas of community safety activity in conjunction with partners and provide a more focussed responsive service to a greater proportion of Kent residents.
- 1.7 In addition to the above, changes are also being implemented that will enable KCC Community Wardens to work when priorities dictate outside their normal areas and to have more flexibility to cover vacant areas, work on partnership priorities or focus on hot-spots areas. Individual KCC Community Wardens will retain their current base locations but can be directed by their Supervisors/Managers to cover wider geographic areas when the need arises.

2.0 Proposed Powers Requested

- 2.1 The proposed powers that are requested are as follows:
- *Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour:* Power of a constable in uniform under section 50 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to require a person whom he has reason to believe to have been acting, or to be acting, in an anti-social manner to give his name and address.
 - *Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions:* The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 enables accredited persons to be given powers to direct traffic (for purposes other than escorting loads of exceptional dimensions) based on the powers constables have under sections 35 and 37 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. It also gives accredited persons the power to direct traffic for the purposes of conducting a traffic survey. Accredited persons conferred with powers under this paragraph must also be given powers under paragraph 3A of Schedule 5 of the Police Reform Act.
- 2.2 To support the above arrangements a pilot project is currently being run in conjunction with Dover District Council that is trialling a formal process between the KCC Community Warden and the District Council that will enable the KCC Community Warden to request the District Council to raise a penalty notice where appropriate.

- 2.3 Once the trial is completed and reviewed it is proposed to seek approval from Kent Chief Executives to a formal Memorandum of Understanding with District/Borough Councils to enable individual KCC Community Wardens to act as a “Professional Witness” providing detailed information to enable the relevant local authority to issue penalty notices where appropriate and where all other options have been exhausted.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the proposed changes to the roles and responsibilities of the KCC Community Warden Service are noted.

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