

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday, 18th March, 2014, 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. Committee Business

- A1 Apologies
- A2 Declarations of Interest
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- B2 Legal Highs - verbal update
- B3 Alcohol treatment referrals from both GP's and hospitals - to be tabled
- B4 Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) Update - Including a presentation from Tina Alexander from the Kent Domestic Abuse Consortium (Pages 11 - 14)
- B5 Kent Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding Year End Report (Pages 15 - 16)
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- B8 Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) – Future Support - verbal update

C. Matters for Information

- C1 Lessons Learned from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) (Pages 53 - 56)
- C2 Date of next meeting - 8 July 2014

D. RESTRICTED ITEM

D1 Domestic Homicide Review Update - to be tabled

Monday, 10 March 2014

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, 17 October 2013.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE (Chairman), Mr David Coleman (Vice-Chairman), Ms S Billiald, Ms A Gilmour, Cllr P Hicks, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Ms E Martin, Cllr M Rhodes, Ms J Mookherjee (Substitute for Ms M Peachey), Acting Chief Superintendent A. Rabey, ACC R Price, Mr S Bone-Knell, Mr S Skilton, Mr J Littlemore (Substitute for Ms Z Cooke), Mr G Stevenson and Ms D Mauldon

ALSO PRESENT: Mr M Stepney, Mr T England and Mr C Turner

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Beaumont (Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning), Ms D Exall (Strategic Relationship Advisor), Mr J Parris (Community Safety Manager), Ms A Slaven (Director of Service Improvement), Nick Wilkinson (Assistant Head of Integrated Youth Services), Mr J Reilly (Principal Trading Standards Officer), Ms D Fitch (Democratic Services Manager (Council)) and Ms L Wright

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**36. Notes of meeting held on 17 July 2013**

(Item A3)

The notes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Actions from this meeting were noted.

37. Management of offender with short term prison sentences of less than 12 months - Presentation

(Item B1)

(1) The Partnership received a presentation from Sarah Billiald (Kent Probation) on transforming rehabilitation. The presentation included details of the Government's reforms and the rationale behind them plus the timeline for these reforms. She highlighted one of the key changes of the legislation which would be the establishment of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies, Kent would be in a Community Rehabilitation Company with Surrey and Sussex and would manage approximately 14,000 cases. The interim arrangements for the period between Kent Probation ceasing to exist from 1 April 2014 and the Community Rehabilitation Company contracts being awarded from October 2014 were explained. One of the key changes would be to extend the licence for short term prisoners and Sarah set out what this would mean in practice.

(2) Sarah answered questions and noted comments from Partners which included the following:

- In relation to the element of payment by results, In relation to the element of payment by results, Sarah confirmed payment by results was to incentivise providers to reduce reoffending
- In response to a question on whether Community Rehabilitation Companies were being encouraged to engage with public services, Sarah explained that there would be a dialogue between the Community Rehabilitation Company and the public services in its area so that the Company could decide its level of involvement. The importance of the Company working with Partners was emphasised.
- Sarah emphasised the importance of Partners ensuring that the Ministry of Justice knew what was important for Partner organisations in Kent so that this could be included in the requirements for the Community Rehabilitation Company, e.g. working closely with KDAAT, it was not possible for the Probation Service to put this forward it had to be done by the Partners.
- Sarah explained that there would be Resettlement Units within the Prisons identified in the presentation and that non Kent Prisoners would be resettled to their home areas.
- Angela Slaven (KCC) emphasised the importance of key players including the Community Rehabilitation Company, understanding the work of the different agencies in relation to substance misuse treatment in prisons.
- In response to a question on the sort of organisation which was likely to bid to be the Community Rehabilitation Company, Sarah explained that as the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company was the 6th largest in the Country bids were likely from the private sector as a requirement would be having £13m in accessible reserves. In addition she was leading on a bid from a mutual provider to be the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company. As of June there had been 90 different levels of interest from 20 community groups. The 3 or 4 who would go through to the next stage would be announced in December 2013.

(3) The Partnership noted the presentation.

38. Alcohol Strategy

(Item B2)

(1) Colin Thompson (KCC – Public Health) introduced the draft Kent Alcohol Strategy 2013-2016 which had been circulated with the papers for the meetings and sought comments from the Partnership.

(2) Colin Thompson and Jess Mookherjee (KCC- Public Health) answered questions and noted comments which included the following:

- Reference was made to Kent Community Alcohol Partnership (KCAP) and it was suggested that if the momentum of the partnership had slowed down then it might be timely to re-launch it.
- Jess explained that the revised strategy had retained the flavour of the previous strategy but had boosted the health and awareness elements. It was intended to work with local Community Safety Partnerships to get local input.
- Jess acknowledged that there was a need to improve pathways to treatment and informed the Partners that awareness raising work was being carried out with GP's which was supported by the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

- Angela Slaven advised that people who present at services with an alcohol problem are seen by treatment services within the required timescale. There was a debate about residential treatment as this is an expensive resource. It was acknowledged that the Strategy recognises this as an important element and an appropriate part of the available pathways to recovery.
- It was suggested that the new strategy should contain a page on what had been successful in the previous alcohol strategy to show how it had informed the new strategy. It was important to provide continuity between the old and new strategy's.
- In response to a question on getting feedback from previous service users, Angela assured the Partners that service users contribute to the planning, development and delivery of services and work with KDAAT commissioners in the shaping of services.

(3) (a) The comments made by the Partners on the Kent Alcohol Strategy were noted.

(b) It was agreed that there would be a report to a future meeting of the Partnership on Alcohol treatment referrals from both GP's and hospitals.

Action Angela Slaven/Jess Mookherjee

39. Troubled Families

(Item B3)

(1) David Weiss (KCC) introduced a report which outlined the continued development of the Troubled Families Programme and reviewed progress in relation to associated action plans.

(2) The Partners asked questions and made comments which included the following:

- The importance of ensuring that the third sector was involved with this programme was emphasised.
- An assurance was sought that as the programme progressed and dedicated workers were employed the reduction in demand on services would show a reduction in workforce and confirmation was sought that this would be measured. David confirmed that this would be measured but that it was too early in the programme to see any reduction in staff within agencies. It would be necessary to show that there had been savings made and duplication reduced. Next week there would be a substantial report to the Multi Agency Steering Group that Mr Kite was a part of and this would be revisited monthly.
- The importance of ensuring that this programme had been mainstreamed by the time that the funding came to an end was emphasised.

(3) The Partnership noted the progress made by the Troubled Families Programme.

40. Funding of the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service Provision for Kent & Medway - 2014/15

(Item B4)

(1) Chris Turner (KCJB) tabled a report on the funding of the IDVA service provision for Kent and Medway 2014. This report also included a summary of value added work including one stop shops, a new helpline and support in magistrate and crown courts. Chris also referred to a project for a IDVA to work with a local GP practise in each District Council area to raise awareness of referral pathways. Confirmation of 2 year funding had been received from Medway and Kent County Councils and Kent Fire and Rescue. The service had delivered outcomes within the first six months of operation and was an example of partnership work at its best.

(2) The Partners asked questions and made comments which included the following:

- Partners welcomed this excellent report.
- It was confirmed that there was an increase in reporting with more first time reporting leading to the opportunity for early intervention. Alison Gilmour (Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator stated that one key issues was under reporting from the health economy. It was important to engage with GP's and staff in Accident and Emergency which might lead to a rise in first time reporting.
- Alison confirmed that publicity for the service was placed in Children's Centres, Libraries and Community Centres and every opportunity was taken to reach out to those who might need to access the service.
- Rob Price (Kent Police) undertook to bring data to the next meeting on first time reporting of domestic abuse which had increased by approximately 10% with repeat offending remaining stable.

Action Rob Price

(3) The Partners noted the report.

41. Joint Media and Communications Campaign

(Item B5)

(1) Stuart Beaumont (KCC) introduced a report which provided the Kent Community Safety Partnership with an outline concept for joining up media campaigns over key periods.

(2) Sean Bone-Knell (Kent Fire and Rescue) explained that it had been too late to run a joined up winter campaign as planning for this started in March but this would be done next year. In the meantime what was proposed was a common sense approach to presenting joined up messages to the public which would also have the benefit of potential resource savings. Mike Stepney (PCC Office) confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner was in line with the joined up approach across the County.

(3) The Partnership endorsed the media/communications approach outlined in this report for winter 2013/14 and supported the efforts of the officers in working towards a fully joint campaign for the winter of 2014/15.

42. Vice-Chairman in the Chair

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

43. Kent Community Safety Agreement - Performance Update and Development of a New Agreement

(Item B6)

(1) Jim Parris introduced a report which reviewed progress in relation to the current Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14 and the development of the next Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17.

(2) The Partners asked questions and made comments which included the following:

- The point was made that the factor which was of the largest interest to the general public was burglary. It was confirmed that this was mainly a matter for the Police and Community Safety Teams. In order to reduce the number of burglaries a number of strategies were applied at District and Parish level. It was pointed out that information sharing between the partners was important in order to see whether crimes such as burglary were driven by drug addiction. A joined up approach between the partners was important to success in reducing this type of crime.
- In relation to reducing re-offending the successful utilisation of restorative justice was emphasised
- The focus of the Police and Crime Commissioner on reducing burglary and other victim based crime was mentioned and her support for the Police forces approach. She was also a support of neighbourhood watch.

(3) The Partnership noted the progress with regard the current Community Safety Agreement.

44. Information governance and its implications on Community Safety

(Item C1)

(1) Mr Parris introduced a report which reviewed the changes occurring within the information governance environment and their implications on Community Safety. He drew the Partners attention to the significant fines that had been awarded by the Information Commissioner for breaches of information governance.

(2) The Partnership noted the report and its implications for the community safety partners. .

45. Approval of KCSP Funding Bids - September 2013

(Item C2)

(1) The Partnership received a report which briefly described the applications for funding made to the Kent Community Safety Partnership which had been reviewed and supported by the Kent Community Safety Team. These had subsequently been approved by the Chairman of the Kent Community Safety Partnership under delegated powers and this report was provided for information purposes only.

(2) The Partnership noted the report

46. Dates of meetings in 2014

(Item C3)

The Partnership noted the following dates for meetings in 2014:

Tuesday 18 March 2014

Tuesday 8 July 2014

Thursday 16 October 2014

All meetings would start at 10.00am and be held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone.

47. COMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION

The press and public were excluded for consideration of the following business.

48. Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update

(Item D1)

(1) Stuart Beaumont (KCC) introduced a report which provided an update on all Kent and Medway DHR cases. Also circulated was the Kent and Medway DHR Protocols which had been revised to ensure that it complied with the new Home Office guidance which came into effect from 1st August 2013. This final draft of the Protocols had been considered by the Sub Group of the Partnership.

(2) Alison Glimour (Kent & Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator) gave further details of these Reviews and the lessons that had been learned from carrying out the Reviews.

(3) The new version of the DHR Kent and Medway Protocols was approved for use in all DHR's notified from this date forward.

49. Prevent - Presentation

(Item D2)

(1) Nick Wilkinson (KCC) and Laura Wright (Kent Police) gave a presentation and were available to answer questions on PREVENT which was one of the four elements of CONTEST, the government's counter-terrorism strategy.

(2) The Partners noted the presentation.

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

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th March 2014

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 – Action Plan Partnership Anti Social Behaviour

Summary This report provides a brief update on the work associated with delivering two of the agreed project outcomes around Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) that were included within the Kent Community Safety Agreement Delivery Plan.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) was one of the identified county wide priorities that formed the basis of the County Community Safety Agreement for 2011 – 2014.
- 1.2. This report focuses on the delivery of actions associated with ASB, particularly with reference to the delivery of an ASB Case Management system and the development and approval of a Partnership ASB Strategy and associated minimum standards.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In November 2012, following extensive partnership consultation the Kent Community Safety Partnership agreed the draft ASB strategy for Kent. The final document was published in December 2012.
- 2.2 As recommended, KCC Community Safety and Kent Police established a “Task and Finish” Group to engage local partners in the adoption of the strategy at a local level. This group met on a number of occasions and has now ceased.
- 2.3 The development of a custom designed ASB Case Management system was ongoing with an initial implementation date planned for Phase 1 of the project for December 2013.

3.0 Review of Kent ASB Strategy

- 3.1 In 2012 the Coalition Government outlined proposals to reform the existing ASB Tools & Powers. Subject to its parliamentary progress, the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill is anticipated to receive Royal Assent by the end of the session in Spring 2014. The Bill seeks to introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour that provide better protection for victims and communities.
- 3.2 The Bill proposes a high level duty on Local Authorities, Police and Health to deal jointly with complaints raised by members of the community regarding ASB under a new “Community Trigger” arrangement, where no action has previously been taken. The Community Trigger will give victims and communities the right to demand that agencies deal with persistent anti-social behaviour. Private registered providers of social housing will also have a duty to cooperate.

3.3 A review of the current Partnership ASB Strategy will be required to reflect the changes in the forthcoming legislation. A broad consultation exercise is currently being completed across partnerships in Kent. The changes in legislation provides a useful platform to review the existing strategy and assess if it is still fit for purpose, whilst also developing options for a process that Kent could consider adopting in relation the Community Trigger mechanism.

4.0 ASB Case management system

4.1 The ASB Case Management system 'Themis' is currently in use between KCC & Kent Police staff, therefore phase one of this roll out has been delivered and the project team are receiving very positive feedback. The project team are currently evaluating phase 1 which will identify any lessons to be learned, prior to the delivery phase 2 which is the roll out to District/Borough CSU staff. Following completion of this evaluation, it is anticipated that the roll out of phase 2 to Districts/Boroughs, will occur in April 2014. This date will be dependant upon training resources being available, any necessary software adjustments being completed and the implementation of suitable information governance arrangements.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 It is therefore proposed that the partnership review of the Countywide Partnership ASB Strategy should continue to be completed ensuring that it is updated to reflect the changes in legislation, that are likely to receive Royal Assent in the next few months and also accommodate the implementation of the partnership ASB case management system.

5.2 Regular updates will be communicated to the District/Borough Community Safety Managers Meetings and via the Kent Community Safety Team Quarterly Briefings. If as expected the evaluation of phase 1 is completed in the near future and no major issues are highlighted; it is anticipated that phase 2 of the Themis roll-out will be delivered as planned.

5.3 Given the uncertainty associated with the changes to ASB legislation it is proposed that a report is considered by the Kent CSP in July this year, which will cover adjustments to the current ASB Partnership Strategy, the impact of the changing legislation on delivery and also consider the potential for a pan Kent community trigger mechanism. This timescale will enable extensive consultation with all partners, including Medway and consideration of any pilot community trigger projects both in Kent and elsewhere.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Kent CSP is asked to note the current progress in relation to the implementation of a partnership ASB Case Management system (Themis) and the proposals for future roll-out.

6.2 The Kent CSP is also asked to support the proposal for extending the current partnership led review of the ASB Strategy, including accommodating the new legislative ASB changes and proposals for a community trigger.

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By: Chris Turner, Project Manager, Kent Criminal Justice Board.
To: Kent Community Safety Partnership
7th February 2014
Subject: Kent & Medway IDVA Service Update.

1. Progress

I am pleased to attach a copy of the combined Kent and Medway 3rd Quarter Performance Report which I hope you will agree demonstrates the continued success of the service.

District level reports have been sent to relevant contacts and should anybody like a copy of a specific District(s) Report then please let me know.

Key points from Quarter 3 include;

- The service has received 469 new referrals in Quarter 3
- Progressively, the service has now received 1,329 referrals in 9 months of which 946 are 'high risk' MARAC clients. These totals are way above expected levels and the service is now at full stretch with IDVAs managing more clients at a point in time than is ideal.
- Consortium partners have added their own funds to the pot which has enabled them to provide a full service to all areas to date however, this will need to be reviewed going forward for those areas that do not make a full contribution.
- Co-commissioned funds have allowed Consortium partners to focus their own fundraising efforts on gaps in service and generating income to pilot innovative and proven service methods as outlined in the report.
- We have now closed 533 cases providing Outcome Measurements showing that the service provided is ahead in 9 out of 10 CAADA Benchmark Targets.
- Since going live 7 months ago, the new 24 Hour Helpline has received 365 calls from both victims and practitioners seeking advice, which is well above expectation. This is encouraging on the one hand but has added to the workload that the service is managing.

The higher than expected workload has meant that we have not made the progress we expected in the following two areas.

- **Case Closure:** The report is only showing 150 closed cases in Quarter 3 compared to 353 in Quarter 2. More cases have been closed, as a suitable reduction in risk and /or other support needs have been met, however as IDVAs have quite rightly concentrated on the quality of service we have seen a backlog in administrative tasks involved in case closure. The Consortium has confirmed that extra administrative resource will be made available to catch up during this quarter.

There is also an expectation this quarter that some follow up surveys will be done with clients whose case has been closed for 6 months or more as we look to measure the sustainability of the service provided.

- **Troubled Families:** The Consortium have not been able to make the partnership link they had hoped with the Troubled Families Programme however this remains a priority for this quarter.

2. Year 2 Funding

Progress is pleasing. At the time of this update we have £729,000 pledged. This includes £115,000 from the Police & Crime Commissioner which is currently committed for the purpose but subject to a review of the current contract arrangements which are being dealt with.

In terms of outstanding District Council contributions;

- Confirmation has been received from Ashford and Swale Districts that they will be making a contribution but have yet to quantify the exact amount as discussions on where funding can be found continues.
- No confirmation on plans has been received from either Dartford or Dover.
- Both Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells have confirmed that they will not be making a contribution. They have a good local IDVA provider who the Consortium have now established good working relationships with and in effect are now sub-contracting much of the work to them. I have asked both Districts to make a contribution towards the Court IDVA role which is 100% covered by the Service.

An update will be provided at the meeting on 18th March.

3. IDVA Presentation

We have arranged a presentation for the meeting on the 18th from a Consortium IDVA who will explain in more detail the role of a Community / Court IDVA as a way

to show funding partners how their money is being spent and the quality of service being delivered.

Finally as an example of the why this service is so important I have copied a letter below that was given to an IDVA from a client they were supporting when they met to finish their work together:

I recently moved to Ashford, Kent with the hope of becoming settled and safe with my 2 year old daughter. We were living in London and even though I had family and friends there, I didn't have any support from professionals who could help me or understand the situation I had been in with my daughter's Dad, now my ex-partner.

When I moved to Ashford I was given such a great opportunity. I had gone to the police station simply to inform them of the court orders I had in place in case my ex-partner tried to find me and the officer was so caring and told me that there were services available for me that could help.

It all seems a bit of a blur as I was quite muddled up and I had spoken to many people- but there was victim support and also I think that the greatest gift given to me and my daughter is my IDVA. She was so calm and patient and didn't judge me when I told her certain things. I'd met her at a one stop shop at the Willow Centre. I am ever so grateful as she has put me through to so many useful services, one in particular is the freedom programme.

I have attended only one session but even just from that I have reached a huge milestone, I managed to sit in a room with a large group of people and also starting to face the issues head on in a positive, supported, safe environment. I can look forward now instead of only looking back over my shoulder and it is all thanks to the services provided for me and other women who either share the same or similar experiences in their pasts or probably present. But for me, it has given me and my daughter a chance and a future. It saved my life and I am forever thankful.

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By: Sean Bone-Knell (KFRS) – Chair Kent Community Safety Team

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th March 2014

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding Year End Report

Summary: This report briefly describes the applications for funding made to the Kent Community Safety Partnership that have been reviewed and supported by the Kent Community Safety Team and submitted for approval by the Chair of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner made a grant of £48,507 to the Kent CSP for 2013/14 as part of the Kent Community Safety Grant that was previously administered by the Home Office.
- 1.2 A set of protocols were agreed by the Kent Community Safety Partnership at its meeting on the 26th September 2011 and these have been used by the Kent Community Safety Team to determine the viability of grant requests.
- 1.3 All of the grant requests have been reviewed by the Kent Community Safety Team to ensure they meet the grant funding criteria and also to ensure they contribute towards the delivery of the Kent Community Safety Agreement.

2.0 Grant Requests

- 2.1 ASB School Tour – this grant request relates to a county wide project that has been running since 2009 and has reached over 100,000 young people since it started. The grant request is for £10,000 with the total project cost being £60,000. Grant approved.
- 2.2 Domestic Homicide Reviews – joint procedures are in place to deliver the statutory domestic homicide reviews across Kent & Medway managed by the Kent CSP. This contribution will be used alongside other contributions from statutory partners to deliver the statutory requirements as detailed in the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). Grant approved £8,000.
- 2.3 Licence 2 Kill – this major road safety education initiative is aimed at young people/drivers and combines a powerful film and speakers to highlight the impact of serious road accidents. Grant approved £10,000.
- 2.4 Mental Health First Aid – this project aims to increase the awareness and support available for persons with mental health issues. This programme is designed to support front line workers who deal with ASB and other related community safety issues. Grant approved £5,000.
- 2.5 SCAM Protection and Support for Vulnerable People - this project is designed as a targeted campaign to educate and support chronic scam victims in two pilot areas – Canterbury and Thanet. The grant is being used to support the purchase of 20 True

Call boxes, the production of 2,000 leaflets and victims kits that will be distributed through community wardens. Grant approved £5,000.

- 2.6 Licence to Kill Evaluation –this project relates to road safety and the initiative is aimed at young people and highlights the dangers on the roads. During 2013 over 10,000 students attended the events. This project is designed to evaluate the multi agency Licence to Kill project with particular focus on changing behaviours for the longer term impact. The outputs of this evaluation will be used to shape the future delivery of the initiative. Grant approved £5,250.
- 2.7 MARAC Training – this funding request will enable training to be provided to front line practitioners to ensure that MARAC referrals and risk assessments are being conducted consistently and appropriately across the county. This was a priority area highlighted in the lessons learned seminars following domestic homicide reviews. Grant approved £5,250.
- 2.8 The grant funding administered by the Kent Community Safety Team during the 2013/14 financial year has enabled significant match funding to be achieved to support the projects. Many partners have contributed significant sums in support of these projects and some of the projects have achieved very broad contact with victims, young people and the wider community.
- 2.9 It can be confirmed that the Police & Crime Commissioner community safety grant funding has been allocated within the terms of funding agreement and has enabled significant match funding to be achieved in support of the community safety agreement priorities.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Kent Community Safety Partnership note the distribution of the Police and Crime Commissioner grant funding during the 2013/14 financial year.

March 2014

Kent Community Safety Team

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

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th March 2014

Classification: For Decision

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement – Development of a New Agreement and Performance Update

Summary: This report outlines the development of the next Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17 and reviews progress in relation to the current Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14.

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 Reduction 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.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. The priorities in the current CSA for 2011-14 resulted from the strategic assessments undertaken in 2010/11 with additional input from partners at a county-level. These have been reviewed on an annual basis over the last three years, however there has been no significant shift in priorities.

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 current agreement for 2011-14 remains in effect until March 2014 and a new multi-agency document covering the next three years from April 2014 to March 2017 is being developed. Details of the development process are included below.

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3.0 Development of the Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17

- 3.1 As in previous years the KCC Community Safety Unit worked with partner agencies to source datasets and collate information for both the strategic assessment process and the development of the Community Safety Agreement. These datasets were analysed to help identify the overarching community safety priorities for Kent and subsequently a partnership workshop was undertaken with staff from all statutory partners invited to discuss any potential gaps as well as identify possible cross-cutting themes.
- 3.2 The outcome of the analysis and initial consultation indicated that the priorities identified in the 2011-14 agreement remain an issue and will continue to benefit from a partnership focus. In addition, the cross-cutting themes remain relatively unchanged and although some more specific themes were suggested including preventing violent extremism, victim support, e-safety and troubled families, these can be incorporated into the broader themes already identified, particularly early intervention and safeguarding.
- 3.3 At a local level the eleven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Kent have undertaken their annual strategic assessments to identify the priorities for their own district/borough community safety plans. Initial indications are that the priorities identified by the local CSPs are likely to reflect the majority of those included in the CSA and these will be referenced in the final agreement.
- 3.4 In addition, the legislation that introduced Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) also brought with it a requirement for partners to have regard to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and vice versa. KCSP members may recall the previous paper which highlighted the timeframe for strategic assessments being brought forward by three months to help align these processes. The link between these two strategic documents is emphasised in the attached Community Safety Agreement (see appendix A: page 9) which includes a diagram outlining the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes as well as the priorities set out in the PCC's plan.
- 3.5 The draft Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17 (see appendix A) is currently out for consultation with partners and comments are due by 14th March 2014. Further amendments may be made to the Agreement as a result of partnership feedback, after which the final version of the Agreement will be prepared and circulated to the Kent Community Safety Partnership for final approval.

4.0 Progress towards the County Priorities

- 4.1 Partners are continuing to work towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan with all actions either in progress (amber) or 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 B) 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 new ASB case management system is fully in place with Kent Police staff, KCC Community Wardens have been trained and roll out to partners will be undertaken during 2014.

Kent Community Safety Agreement – Performance Monitoring

- The young people's section of the Domestic Abuse Services Website has been further developed following consultation with partners, making the site more user-friendly and relevant for young people.
- The Kent Police 'Is it worth it?' Anti-Social Behaviour School Tour has reached 100,000 students in the last four years and will be continuing in 2014 with a focus on the risks of violence and exploitation from an e-safety perspective.
- The Licence to Kill road safety programme saw over 12,000 students this year and plans are underway for the 2014 productions to reach a similar number of students.
- The Road Safety Experience (road safety centre) is progressing well and building work is due to commence in the summer. During the next few months there will be a number of multi-agency planning meetings to look at ways that road safety partners can work together to deliver road safety education.

4.3 Whilst good and significant 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 (see appendix). Nevertheless the proxy measures do highlight some areas that are in need and would benefit from a renewed focus from partners: domestic abuse, domestic burglary, violent crime and substance misuse.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 The draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 will be amended as appropriate subject to feedback from partners. The final version of the Agreement will then be circulated to members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.
- 5.2 Preliminary discussions are already in progress with partners to develop a new action plan to support the Community Safety Agreement priorities and cross-cutting themes for 2014-17. The action plan will be developed in consultation with partners for approval at the next KCSP meeting in July 2014.
- 5.3 The final performance report for the current CSA 2011-14 summarising the key achievements over the last three years will be submitted to the next KCSP meeting in July.
- 5.4 During the next few months work will commence on the strategic assessment for the forthcoming year and as part of the process we will be conducting a review of this year's strategic assessment, with partners, including a review of the timeframe.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 and the proposal that the final version of the Agreement be circulated to KCSP members for final approval once complete.
- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the current Kent Community Safety Agreement for 2011-14.

Kent Community Safety Agreement – Performance Monitoring

Attachments:

Appendix A: Draft Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 - restricted to KCSP members

Appendix B: Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 - Performance Monitoring

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Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour including Environmental

Lead: KCC and Kent Police

The proxy measure regarding ASB perceptions is no longer monitored and an alternative indicator relating to victim satisfaction with Kent Police has been proposed to be used for the remainder of the current CSA:

Proxy Measure / Indicator (Old)	Baseline '10/11	2011/12	2012/13	Change	Diff. to Baseline
Percentage of people who perceive a high level of ASB in their local area (KCVS) (<i>Kent excluding Medway</i>)	4.5%	2.4%	2.0%	▼ 0.4	▼ 2.5
The percentage of people who perceive a high level of ASB in their local area has decreased across Kent since 2010/11 from 4.5% to 2% at the end of 2012/13. The greatest improvement in perception since 2010/11 has been in Gravesham, Thanet and Swale.					

Proxy Measure / Indicator (New)	Baseline '11/12	January – December			Diff. to Baseline
		2012	2013	Change	
Percentage of victims and witnesses who report ASB satisfied with the overall service provided (<i>Kent excluding Medway</i>)	78.7%	84.4%	80.3%	▼ 4.1	▲ 1.6
<p>The percentage of victims and witnesses who report ASB satisfied (completely, very or fairly) with the overall service provided by the Police in Kent continues to be positive and slightly above the baseline.</p> <p>Levels of satisfaction are generally consistent across Kent. Attendance time, a lack of perceived action to address victims' issues, and a lack of updates are all themes exhibited by non-satisfied victims and witnesses</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 is fully in place with Kent Police staff. The new lead officer for ASB from Kent Police is Barry Spruce. KCC will take the lead on roll out with partners. There continues to be a continued reduction in ASB calls to Kent Police. It is felt that this is related to the effective support to repeat and vulnerable callers.			
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	The Strategy is in place and there are work-streams in place to support the strategy. The Police continue to focus on one particular theme of noise, which impacts on ASB and satisfaction. This is subject of further report to Kent Police.			

Key to Progress against Actions:-

■ Complete	■ In Progress	■ Incomplete
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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
		2012	2013	Change	
Number of Domestic Abuse Incidents (Kent excluding Medway)	18,376	19,166	19,824	▲ 3.4%	▲ 7.9%
% of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse (Kent excluding Medway)	24.0%	24.2%	24.0%	▼ 0.2	◆ 0.0
	Baseline '10/11	Feb - Jan			Diff. to Baseline
		2012/13	2013/14	Change	
% of repeat MARAC cases (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) (Kent excluding Medway)	14.9%	22.2%	21.5%	▼ 0.7	▲ 6.6

Please note: due to changes to the definition of Domestic abuse, incidents now include 16-17year olds and the baseline has been adjusted accordingly.

During the last 12months (Jan - Dec 2013) the number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Kent Police increased in nine of the districts/boroughs across Kent compared to the same period in the previous year. The greatest percentage increase occurred in Ashford (up 11.1%) closely followed by Dover (up 10.7%) whilst the highest number of incidents was reported in Thanet.

In Kent (excluding Medway) over the last 12 months (Feb '13 - Jan '14) there have been 1,177 Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) with 253 repeat cases (21.5%). Compared to the same period in the previous year there has been a 13% increase in the number of cases heard at MARAC.

Please note, since the requirement to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect on 13th April 2011 ten DHRs have been considered across Kent and Medway and nine have been commissioned. Six of the nine DHRs have successfully completed the Home Office quality assurance process, whilst for the others the DHR processes are still underway. All the DHR recommendations and actions are monitored by the Kent and Medway DHR Steering Group on behalf of Kent CSP.

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. Further development of the young people's section of the website was completed in October 2013 following a consultation exercise. Promotion and publicity is ongoing. www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk .
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)	Until recently there were three Specialist Domestic Violence Courts (SDVC) in operation across Kent, however the 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 South Kent. From the first week of July 2013 all areas of Kent and Medway are now be covered by SDVC arrangements. The expansion of SDVC provision has been enabled via the new Kent and Medway IDVA contract. 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. KCC FSC have commissioned Domestic Abuse Children's Services which became operational in October 2012.

5	Work with agencies to secure a sustainable level of financial and operational commitment to address domestic abuse issues.
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.</p> <p>A pooled budget to commission Kent and Medway wide IDVA services has been established and the tendering process was completed in March 2013. The three-year contract was awarded to the new service provider in April 2013 and quarterly performance reports are being made available to all funding partners and other interested bodies.</p> <p>Due to an increasing volume of MARAC referrals, a MARAC lean event will be held in March 2014 to examine options for the most effective MARAC structure for Kent and Medway. This will be the start of a process to determine how MARACs can also be funded from April 2015 onwards to meet the increasing demand.</p>

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Priority: **Substance Misuse**

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

Proxy Measure / Indicator	
<p>This information is part of a national data set and is available to practitioners for management, quality assurance and briefing purposes, it is not intended for publication. This data will be made available during the meeting. Publicly available information can be found on the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) website.</p>	
Aims / Actions	Progress
6	Improve understanding of local prevalence of problematic drug use in Kent
<p>Central management and analysis of local needs including needle drop 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>	<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>A Kent adult substance misuse needs assessment for 2012/13 is currently in draft and is due to be published by KDAAT later in 2014. In addition, KDAAT continue to work closely with local councils to provide local substance misuse data and information.</p>
7	Increase the uptake of substance misuse services available for people with drug and/or alcohol problems
<p>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>	<p>The Drug Testing on Arrest pilot implemented at Margate custody suite in 2012/13 has been extended for a second year of operation in this locality after agreement from the KDAAT Board. An evaluation of the pilot's outcomes is ongoing and may provide evidence for further implementation in Kent.</p> <p>Initial findings suggest that the Drug Testing on Arrest scheme has significantly improved the number of contacts that are being made between treatment providers and substance misusers in the criminal justice system via the Drug Intervention Programme (DIP). DIP workers continue to attend the relevant CSP meetings in their area.</p>
8	Increase the uptake of substance misuse services available for people with drug and/or alcohol problems
<p>Promote the Alcohol and Cannabis Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) diversion scheme</p>	<p>The Alcohol and Cannabis Diversion Scheme commenced operations locally within Kent from 1st September 2013, previously this was delivered by treatment providers outside of the county. In time once performance data is available, outcomes will be evaluated by KDAAT, Kent Police and local treatment agencies. It is however anticipated that the local implementation will improve numbers accessing the scheme and being diverted from the criminal justice system.</p>

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) along with KDAAT representatives 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 National campaigns. For example, West Kent services are working with Tunbridge Wells CSU in the development of a resources centre including social enterprise, food bank, open access cafe run by volunteers.

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Priority: Acquisitive Crime

Lead: C.Supt Sean Beautridge (Head of Partnership and Communities Command, Kent Police)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline '10/11	January – December			Diff. to Baseline
		2012	2013	Change	
Level of Theft and Handling Stolen Goods (exc. Medway)	25,335	23,690	24,137	▲ 1.8%	▼ 4.7%
Level of Domestic Burglary (exc. Medway)	4,354	4,776	5,635	▲ 18.0%	▲ 29.4%

Please note: due to Home Office changes to some crime sub-categories, the baseline for 'theft and handling' has been amended to take account of these changes.

Kent (exc. Medway) experienced a 1.8% increase in Theft and handling in January to December 2013 compared to 2012; this is primarily due to an increase in Shoplifting, which accounts for 36% of total Theft and handling. The largest percentage increases are in Thanet and Swale. Gravesham has experienced the largest percentage decrease (-9.8%). Compared to the 2010/11 baseline, Theft and handling is showing a 4.7% reduction.

January to December 2013 have shown increases in domestic burglary for all of the districts compared to 2012, Maidstone and Dartford have experienced the largest increases. However, these increases were experienced at the start of the year; the volumes of domestic burglaries have reduced since November when the Force implemented a range of force wide burglary dwelling operations. This involved targeting priority 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 are now on track to achieve a reduction in burglary dwelling in 2013/14 compared to 2012/13.

Aim / Actions	Progress
10 Reduce Burglary incidents both residential and non-residential	
Share information and target individuals committing crime; Increase security at vulnerable premises.	Extra training for frontline officers continues within this action. In addition, Kent Police are prioritising Burglary in its county wide "STAY SAFE" campaigns. Op Tri-Star was carried out by Kent Police which say an enhanced service to victims of burglary and to nearby neighbours. Full details of Op Tri-Start can be forwarded if required The next seasonal campaign commences on 15 th March 2014.
11 Reduce levels of shoplifting and focus on prevention and deterrence.	
Provide advice on designing out crime; Pursue banning orders.	400 of our Neighbourhood policing teams are now 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.	Metal Theft has reduced significantly over the last year. There has been a reduction of 47% between 2012 and 2013 (965 less reported incidents). Metal theft remains an issue that is monitored via the Force Tasking and Coordination process. Extensive training has also taken place with officers and with Scrap Metal Dealers over the new legislation. We have a Single Point of Contact (Sgt Brimson) for any District Authorities to contact if they have concerns over applicants for new licences.

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Priority: Violent Crime

Lead: C.Supt Sean Beautridge (Head of Partnership and Communities Command, Kent Police)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline '10/11	January – December			Diff. to Baseline
		2012	2013	Change	
Level of Violent Crime (exc. Medway)	16,715	17,118	21,808	▲ 27.4%	▲ 30.5%
Level of Violence against the Person (VAP) (exc. Medway)	14,946	15,340	19,253	▲ 25.5%	▲ 28.8%

Please note: due to Home Office changes to some crime sub-categories, the above baselines have been amended to take account of these changes.

The Force experienced a rise in Violent crime towards the end of last financial year, and has continued into the 2013/14 financial year. Increases have been found across the majority of the districts with the largest percentage increases in Ashford, Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge and Malling. Please note that the improvement in recording practices since July 2013 have heavily influenced the volumes of recorded violent crime.

The rise in violence has been a mixture of both domestic abuse related crime and violence in public places in night time economy hotspot areas. Analytical profiles have been written by Kent Police and FT&CG tactical resources have been allocated in order to help reduce this crime type.

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 support control and monitoring in Kent. This partnership has been in existence since 2009 and is the largest of its kind in the country. The most recent KCAP meeting of the partnership was on 20 th September 2013. A new KCAP Area was launched on 19 th Sept in Gravesham. In addition, Kent Police actively supported a two week national operation on alcohol related crime from in Autumn 2013. Violence related to the NTE remains a priority
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.	Over 100,000 students have been reached in the last four years with the Kent Police 'Is it worth it?' Anti-Social Behaviour School Tour. The message since 2009 has focused on the impact of alcohol on ASB and on violent crime. This innovative school based programme continues in 2014. We are grateful that the 2014 tour has been partially supported by the Community Safety Fund allocated by the KCSP. We have focused the 2014 tour into risks of violence and exploitation from an E-safety perspective. We would be very keen for Health related agencies to engage and support this tour. Kent Police are continuing to work in partnership with a charity called "Breaking the Cycle" which brings a very impactful education programmed to secondary school students. It focuses on how to resolve violence in a non-confrontational manner. It is receiving significant praise and support from the schools where we have visited. This programme commenced in Thanet schools and has now been rolled out across a number of Kent and Medway schools in 2014. Any member of the KCSP is very welcome to attend and observe the programme. Details can be obtained via Chief Inspector Lee Russell.

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15	To prevent first time offending, prevent re-offending and reduce the risk of young people becoming victims of violent crime.
<p>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.</p>	<p>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 (KCAP). 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.</p> <p>The issue of proxy sales is subject of ongoing “embargoed” operations. Further details can be provided upon request</p>

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Priority: Road Safety

Lead: Sean Bone-Knell (Director Service Delivery, Kent Fire and Rescue Service)

Proxy Measure / Indicator	Baseline (Jan-Dec '10)	Apr – Mar			Diff. to Baseline
		2011/12	2012/13	Change	
Number of all KSI casualties (<i>killed or seriously injured</i>) in Kent <u>excluding</u> Medway	545	517	542	▲ 4.8%	▼ 1%

The overall KSI casualty figures for Kent (excluding Medway) have been on a downward trend between 1994 and 2011. There has however been a rise over the past 12 months when compared to the same period in the previous year; this increase is currently 25 KSI casualties equating to a 4.8% rise. More detailed analysis around trends and geographic hotspots is included in the RTC district profiles (*available to partners via the Kent Connects Safer Communities Portal*).

NB. All 2013 data is unvalidated and therefore subject to change - final figures will be released in April 2014

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>License to kill saw over 12,000 students this year and plans are underway for the 2014 productions where it is planned to see at least the same number of students.</p> <p>Kent Fire and Rescue Service are expanding the Biker Down initiative to include a training program for scooter riders.</p> <p>The new road safety Centre, the Road Safety Experience is progressing well after some unforeseen delays, work on the build is due to commence in July. The Centre will be opening autumn 2015 for pilot visits then fully functional by January 2016. Over the next few months there will be a number of multi-agency planning meetings looking at ways road safety partners can work together to deliver road safety education at the experience.</p> <p>Kent Fire and Rescue launched a 'hot hatch' engagement car at the Marlow Academy in February. The car is out and about attending various venues and events.</p> <p>CaRe (Casualty Reduction Partnership) have formed a young drivers/ passengers subgroup to look at joint planning to target this high risk group</p> <p>KCC continues to run its Speak Up campaign aimed at young people</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 continues to target vulnerable road users and plays a co-ordination role in bringing together road safety partners</p> <p>The Road Safety Experience will provide new opportunities for multi-agency delivery of road safety initiatives including driver training and alternatives to prosecution</p> <p>The Care partners continue to look at innovative ways of delivering messages including media campaigns, events and school visits.</p>
18	Raise the profile of road safety amongst district and community safety groups

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<p>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>	<p>District profiles have been updated and distributed to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to help inform road safety actions within the CSPs.</p> <p>Speed watch conference was held in April 2013 to support the existing volunteers and attract new support.</p> <p>Presentations on the Road Safety Experience are being held at various meeting forums across the county including CSP's, Safeguarding children groups and relevant agencies team meetings.</p>
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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership

Classification: For Decision

Subject: Stocktake, audit and review of Community Safety Services

Summary This report proposes a stocktake, audit and review of community safety services across Kent

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Community safety services are delivered by a range of organisations across the County – Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Public Health, Clinical Commissioning Groups, District/Borough/Unitary/County Councils and Probation. Services are delivered in line with the Kent Community Safety Agreement, which sets out the strategic priorities alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan. That agreement should also set out how partnerships within the County will cooperate to deliver their priorities (e.g. by sharing functions).
- 1.2 Each District also has its own crime and disorder reduction strategy which feeds into the Kent Community Safety Agreement.
- 1.3 Partnerships should act as effective coordinating bodies, ensuring that there is a strong voice for District/Borough priorities and the interests of others such as the Local Criminal Justice Board. This is particularly important when agreeing the targets and priorities that could be included within the Community Safety Agreement and how these reflect the priorities that the District/Borough level community safety partnerships have within their own partnership plans. There are reciprocal duties on both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Community Safety Partnerships to have regard for each other’s priorities.
- 1.4 The Police and Crime Commissioner has the power to provide community safety grants and is now using that power to direct resources towards the priorities in her Police and Crime Plan. This power, together with the power to

convene meetings of Community Safety Partnership representatives, may well influence the focus and direction of future community safety work, as will the power to request reports from, Community Safety Partnerships. Where a merger of CSP's is agreed by all the parties, the Commissioner has the power to approve the merger.

- 1.5 The Chief Constable has announced plans to embed a team of officers in local communities working alongside District Community Safety Units, consistent with the Police and Crime Plan, and this will also impact on the focus of community safety work across the County.
- 1.6 The recent report by Sir Ken Knight "Facing the future" demonstrated the positive outcomes that targeted community safety work has had in fire safety in the home over the last 10 years. It is with this background that all partners can look to benefit from a more targeted preventative approach to the communities we serve.
- 1.7 All providers of community safety services have, in recent years, faced serious financial pressures and it is clear that these pressures will continue for a number of years to come. As a consequence all providers have made some resource reductions and are facing difficult decisions about where to save money and where to focus scarce resources in the future. At the same time demand for community safety services shows no sign of diminishing. Despite these pressures there are examples of good practice and this proposed stocktake is intended to capture and enhance this work.
- 1.8 There have always been plenty of examples of co-operation between partners across the County but this background suggests that it is essential that this approach is reinforced and that all providers look together at what they are providing and see what steps can be taken together to maintain and enhance services and provide good value for money. At a meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chairman of the Kent Community Safety Partnership and the Chairman of the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, it was felt that there was value in scoping current delivery of community safety services, provided that the review involved all statutory community safety partners and had no pre-determined outcome.

2.0 Stocktake, audit and review exercise

- 2.1 It is suggested that partners work together to undertake the following activities:-

- Pulling together what is happening now across all the partners
- Identifying the targets for current activities (age groups, social groups, people with disability etc)
- Checking the extent which current activities are consistent with the priorities in the Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan
- Identifying local priorities and activities that support those priorities

2.2 The Partnership is asked to agree to this work being undertaken.

3.0 Possible next steps

3.1 It is likely that the stocktake, audit and review will suggest some areas of work that could be done differently, or in some other way changed to deliver or enhance priorities in a more affordable and effective way. Where this is a matter for one partner alone, it will be a matter for that partner to consider. There are though likely to be possibilities for delivering services differently that involve several or all partners. Where all those affected are willing, it is suggested that a project or projects could be established to deliver the agreed changes.

4.0 Timescale

4.1 If the stocktake audit and review suggests areas where services could be enhanced or delivered differently, there will need to be time for concepts to be developed, business cases made and approved, and changes implemented. In turn this is likely to feed into decisions about budgets and finance from 2015/16 onwards. It is therefore suggested that it would be helpful to all partners to complete the review and to report back to partners by May 2014.

5.0 Governance

5.1 At this initial stage it is suggested that each partner who wishes to participate contributes by identifying the work they currently do. Management of the exercise could be undertaken by a small group of representatives, under the overall direction of the KCSP, drawn from the partners involved. In order to support the work Kent Police, KFRS and KCC have identified a resource, which they are willing to fund, to act as Project Manager. Governance of any projects that are agreed on would be determined later.

6.0 Proposal

6.1 That each partner indicates whether or not they are willing to participate in the stocktaking audit and review exercise described in paragraph 2 to the timescale set out in paragraph 4.1.

6.2 Participating partners are asked to agree on the governance arrangements, discussed in paragraph 5.1.

Further information

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To: **Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th March 2014**

Classification: **For Information**

Subject: **Lessons Learned from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)**

Summary: This paper provides a summary of the key lessons identified locally and nationally from completed Domestic Homicide Reviews and explains how these will be cascaded to practitioners across Kent and Medway.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Home Office's Domestic Homicide Review Guidance states that, "All agencies involved in DHRs have a responsibility to identify and disseminate common themes and trends across review reports, and act on any lesson identified to improve practice and safeguard victims".
- 1.2 In November 2013 the Home Office issued a report outlining the common themes it had identified from the DHRs submitted to them for quality assurance. The majority of these themes have also been identified as issues within our Kent and Medway DHRs.

2.0 Common Lessons Learned from Completed Domestic Homicide Reviews

- 2.1 **Awareness Raising and Communication** – There is a lack of understanding by practitioners about what types of behaviour constitute domestic abuse, with some agencies only seeming to recognise physical abuse and not the danger posed to victims through power and control based abusive behaviours.
- 2.2 **Awareness and Training for Healthcare Professionals** – GPs responses in particular to domestic abuse has been highlighted nationally, and within the majority of the Kent and Medway DHRs, as being inadequate. Disclosures to healthcare professionals (domestic abuse and other safeguarding issues) are not always followed up and there is a lack of knowledge about how to respond to domestic abuse.
- 2.3 **Risk Assessment** – Agencies need to ensure that there is a consistent approach to the implementation of risk assessment and safety planning. Risk assessments should be reviewed to capture any changes in risk and further training in risk assessment and management is needed by some agencies.
- 2.4 **Information Sharing and Multi Agency Working** – In some cases there has been inadequate information sharing and a lack of interagency referrals which could have led to additional support being provided to victims. Several of our Kent and Medway DHRs have involved families moving around from area to area and the difficulties of

accessing /transferring agency records when moving areas was also found to be a barrier to timely information sharing.

- 2.5 **Complex Needs** – In some DHRs those involved had a variety of different needs e.g. domestic abuse, sexual abuse, alcohol misuse, drug misuse and mental health illness. Often agencies were still silo working, dealing with their own specialist area of expertise and were not considering a multi-agency response to help with the other issues individuals were experiencing.
- 2.6 **Perpetrators and Bail** – Inadequate information sharing about releases on bail or from prison and a lack of compliance with procedures following breach of bail conditions has been found in some cases nationally, along with a lack of suitable accommodation on prison release, meaning that domestic abuse perpetrators have returned home to continue the abuse.
- 2.7 **Safeguarding Children** – When children have been in the families involved in DHRs on some occasions there have been missed opportunities to refer them to Children's Services and some agencies when working with the adults in the family do not seem to have considered the children's needs.

3.0 Implementing Kent and Medway's Lessons Learned

- 3.1 It is up to each local area to consider what type and level of information needs to be disseminated for each DHR to ensure that learning is disseminated to the local MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) partners, local Domestic Abuse Forums or similar, Local Safeguarding Children Boards and commissioners of services.
- 3.2 To meet this responsibility the Kent and Medway DHR Steering Group have organised three Lessons Learned Seminars to disseminate the key lessons and themes identified from our completed DHRs to front line practitioners. Additionally all completed DHRs are published on both the Kent and Medway CSP pages on both councils' websites.
- 3.3 The Lessons Learned Seminars are being held in different locations across Kent and Medway, during January, February and March 2014, and it is anticipated that in total approximately 360 practitioners will attend. The Independent Chairs will present each case and its findings and the key agencies involved in the reviews will also be present to discuss the changes that they have made as a result of their involvement in the DHRs.
- 3.4 All delegates will receive a follow up questionnaire asking for feedback on whether the seminars have assisted them to develop/adapt their practice once they have had the opportunity to reflect on the themes and issues presented and discussed these within their own teams and/or organisations.
- 3.5 Further Lessons Learned Seminars will be arranged during 2014 to disseminate the key lessons and themes identified in the other DHRs we will have completed.

Further reading:

Home Office Lessons Learned Report:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-homicide-review-lessons-learned

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