

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, 4th July, 2024, at 10.00 am

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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

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

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Meeting not open to the press and public and reports not for publication

- D1 Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update
- D2 Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board (PDDB) Update

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held online on Thursday, 14 March 2024.

PRESENT: Mrs C Bell (Chair), Mr J Rivers (Vice-Chair), Mr S Peerbux, Cllr C Zosseder, Supt P Steenhuis, Ms S Brinson, Mr R Platt, Ms V Widden, Mr M Powell, Ms C Hartwell, Ms L Dixon, Ms J Mookherjee, Cllr S Mochrie-Cox, , DI J Ross, Mr A Harper, Ms A Oates, Ms A Drummond, Mr S Butler, Mr S Danester-Pour, Ms K Turner, Ms L Read, Mr M Rolfe, Ms L McMahon, Ms S Robson, Ms B King, Ms S Walters, Ms R Westlake, Ms F Shiringo, Ms I Hunter-Whitehouse and Mr S Spiller.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Westhoff, Mr G Romagnuolo.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**61. Notes of meeting held on 16 November 2024**

(Item A4)

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 16 November 2024 were correctly recorded.

62. Kent Community Safety Agreement Review and Refresh Update

(Item B1)

1. Ms S Brinson (Community Safety Team Leader, KCC) presented a report which detailed the annual review of the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA), recommended priorities for 2024/25 and updated on the current action plan.
2. Ms Brinson explained that the CSA is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and Appendices being updated as required. The review has taken into consideration the outcome of local district/borough strategic assessments, partnership plans, emerging issues and new legislation.
3. All statutory partners including Police, Fire and Rescue, Health, Probation, and Local Authorities provided community safety related data and information for use by the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Kent to help determine their key priorities for the upcoming year. The results of the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) strategic assessments (see Appendix A of the CSA) found that the top key priorities included: Anti-Social Behaviour (including environmental), Serious Violence (including the serious violence duty and violence reduction), Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls.
4. Ms Brinson said that, while there have been some minor changes to some chapters within the CSA, the most significant changes were to the chapters covering the Community Safety Landscape, Key achievements and updates to

the appendices. There were also some existing or emerging issues which could impact on the work of partners involved in community safety that were worth noting, including International conflicts, cost of living crisis, the Home Office's statutory guidance on Serious Violence (published in December 2022) which placed a duty on CSPs to ensure preventing and reducing serious violence was a priority and the launch of the Government Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) consultation in March 2023 and ASB Action Plan which has brought an enhanced focus to the issue of ASB.

5. The CSA outlined some of the key achievements (Chapter 5) for the previous year which included the following:
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs): During 2023/24 the KCSP published three completed reviews following quality assurance from the Home Office and ensured that over 152 actions from across a number of DHRs had been implemented resulting in two further DHRs being signed off with all actions completed.
 - Project Funding: In 2023/24 the KCSP used the Crime Reduction Grant funding provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to fund a total of eight projects delivered by a range of partners, these included: Reducing abusive behaviour policy training; Domestic abuse bitesize training videos; Tackling victim blaming language training and; Hateful Extremism CPD event.
6. In terms of County Priorities for the upcoming year (Section 6 of the CSA), It is clear from the latest review that the current priorities and cross-cutting themes appropriately reflect the key issues for community safety partners and as such it was recommended that they are retained within the CSA for 2024-2025.
7. Mr S Peerbux (Head of Community Safety, KCC) added that, in relation to the Review of the CSPs and across England and Wales - a consultation was launched last year, and the findings were released recently. This was going to be crucial in terms moving forward with regard to, for example, tools and powers duties to the police and crime commissioners around ASB case reviews.
8. The strategic assessment that was commissioned early this year was going to act as a pilot to determine how to move forward as it is likely that there will be a requirement for CSPs to publish a summarised strategic assessment as part of their processes and share with Police and Crime Commissioners.
9. Mrs C Bell (Chair of the KCSP) explained that at the Full Council meeting on 16 November 2023 a motion was put in relation to shoplifting, acknowledging that levels of shoplifting were increasing and the impact that this had on business owners and staff. In her response to the motion, Mrs Bell advised that, in terms of signposting and advice, the police were working closely with business and crime reduction partnerships across Kent, and officers were working in town centres. One of the recommendations on the motion was to engage with the Kent Community Safety Partnership and Mrs Bell undertook to raise this matter at today's meeting. Ms Brinson advised that this could be incorporated within the within the Neighbourhood Crime and ASB priority action plan.

10. The associated CSA action plan will also be reviewed and updated for 2024/25 by the KCSP Working Group with the support of the Kent Community Safety Team and presented at the next KCSP meeting.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership:

- a. Consider and comment on the refreshed Kent Community Safety Agreement.
- b. Agree the priorities and cross-cutting themes for 2024/25.
- c. Note the duty for partners to attend the upcoming Scrutiny Committee arrangements (provisional date 5th June 2024).

63. Domestic Abuse Update

(Item B2)

1. Ms F Shiringo (Assistant Director Integrated Children Services, South Kent, KCC) introduced the report and highlighted that one in five recorded crimes in Kent and Medway was related to domestic abuse. Domestic abuse (DA) is a priority within the Kent Community Safety Agreement and includes a number of actions. The presentation provides a summary of the activity undertaken across the county in relation to domestic abuse and in support of the related actions within the CSA action plan.
2. Ms I Hunter-Whitehouse explained that the development of the 2024 -2029 DA strategy involved a significant informal and formal consultation with a wide range of stakeholders including partner agencies, those with lived experience and interviews with adults and with children and young people.
3. The DA strategy has three themes outlines below and that the main aim was reducing the prevalence of domestic abuse:
 1. Early intervention and prevention
 2. Immediate needs
 3. Recovery
4. It was important to understand that domestic abuse affected different people in different ways, and that it could be very isolating.
5. The DA strategy is managed by the multi-agency Kent and Medway Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group.
6. In terms of funding, the CSA Action Plan included two projects that were allocated Crime Reduction Grant Funding from the KCSPs allotted fund. The first involved the delivery of five domestic abuse bitesize learning videos which can be found using the links below:
 - [Signs of Abuse](#) - Understanding that coercion and control are central to domestic abuse and what this might look like
 - [Safe Enquiry](#) - How to ask about domestic abuse safely and appropriately.
 - [Safety Planning](#) - Making sure that you are able to take some initial steps to increase the client's safety.

- [Understanding Risk](#) - Covering the factors that increase risk (for instance fear, escalation, strangulation, point of leaving etc) and the implications for information sharing.
 - [Signposting & Support](#) - Being able to signpost people to the right support with confidence.
7. The second project was aimed at increasing the uptake of template policies set out by the Reducing Abusive Behaviour Subgroup. The group aimed to coordinate the approaches to tackling abusive behaviour and enable greater focus on changing the behaviour of the individual causing harm through a combination of disruption, support and management of offenders.
 8. In terms of raising awareness, the CSA Action Plan includes a review of the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Services Website which is underway. The #KnowSeeSpeakOut campaign, commissioned by the Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (KIDAS) partners and managed through the Projects & Partnerships team, had created an annual calendar of social media content that was freely available for organisations across Kent & Medway to use.
 9. In terms of Commissioned services, in line with the DA Act: an assessment of need had been conducted and fresh services developed and procured to address the findings and support the council to meet its new statutory responsibilities. These include the Safe Accommodation Support Service (SASS) delivering support to children and young people residing in all forms of safe accommodation. The Kents Sanctuary Access For Eligible Residents (SAFER) Scheme provides security measures to be installed, enabling survivors to remain in their own homes safely if they chose to do so. Lastly, to improve the Councils offer of safe accommodation support to males a male refuge pilot has been developed.
 10. A Partnership member expressed concern that, with the current financial crisis, the money available would not be enough to deal with the housing crisis. This was a problem for those experiencing domestic abuse and needing safe accommodation. Ms Shiringo said that this issue continued to be a challenge and that the Partnership had to think about how to simplify the process for victims of domestic abuse to access housing.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the progress and activity undertaken in support of the Kent Community Safety Partnership Action Plan priorities.

64. Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update (Item B3)

1. Mr M Powell (Director, Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit) explained that he had taken up the role of Chair of the KCSP Working Group in the autumn.
2. Mr Powell explained that the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) granted the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) just under £40k (£39,661) from the Crime Reduction Grant for 2023/2024. The grant had been used to fund projects throughout Kent, focusing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Mr Powell advised that while 8 projects were funded, the Partnership would need to return approximately £11,000 to the PCC as an underspend, because no agreement could be reached on the implementation of a couple of project proposals; which was unfortunate. Nonetheless, the initiatives that were delivered had very positive outcomes in terms of upskilling staff - for example, the Hateful Extremism CPD event which was delivered in February and the Anti-Social Behaviour event held in March. There were also a couple of smaller projects around business crime reduction into rural locations, which were not always as well served.
4. Mr Powell reported that the PCC had just confirmed the funding for 2024/2025 at the same value as the current year (£39,661) and stressed the importance to develop and agree proposals so that all the funding could be spent and maximised, and not returned to the PCC.
5. Mr Peerbux informed that the Kent Fire and Rescue had notified him of their intention to withdraw from the Kent Community Safety Team and the Partnership asked to be kept informed on this.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.

66. Serious Violence Duty Update *(Item B4)*

1. Mr M Powell (Director, Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit) introduced the report and outlined the new legal duty that has been placed on a number of authorities to collaborate and plan to reduce or prevent serious violence.
2. The Serious Violence Prevention Partnership (SVPP) had been established, chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner and had already agreed the definition of serious violence, including public place violence, and violence linked to domestic and sexual abuse. In January 2024 the Strategic Needs Assessment and Serious Violence Strategy 2024-2027 were agreed by the SVPP Board.
3. The Serious Violence Needs Assessment (SNA) was based on data from all contributing specified authorities and used a three-year data set to identify the patterns and trends relating to serious violence included within the definition agreed by the SVPP. The strategy agreed was for the period 2024 – 2027.
4. In terms of Public Place Serious Violence, there had been a reduction in the 12 months up to the end of the SNA. This type of violence was unevenly spread across the County, with districts along the North and East coastline of the county generally experienced higher levels of serious violence than those in South and West Kent, although Maidstone had the fifth highest levels of serious violence. There were peaks in violence between 3–4pm, 6–8pm and during night time economy hours of 11pm to midnight.
5. The peak age at which suspects of serious violence were identified was 17 and those aged 10-25 were overrepresented in the data. The numbers of adults

involved in knife or weapon related violence fell but there was not a similar decrease in children. This was a concern.

6. A decision was taken not to look at domestic abuse because the team working around domestic abuse (the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Executive) were already completing their own needs assessment.
7. In terms of sexual violence, the volume of reported sexual violence fell in 2022-23 when compared with the previous year. The majority of suspects were male, and the majority of victims were female. There was insufficient data to identify the relationship between the suspect and victim. The victims were primarily girls of school age. The majority of suspects were boys under the age of 18.
8. With regard to the Voice of Young People - their feedback included that they knew places local to them which were unsafe, and highlighted some transport hubs, high streets and parks as being of particular concern. They also reported that they felt unsafe when being around groups of men; girls in particular felt unsafe due to the language or behaviour of groups.
9. The Serious Violence Strategy 2024 -2027 has three key strands:
 - Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse
 - Serious Youth Violence
 - Violence linked to drugs and alcohol.
10. The SVPP Board has identified leads for each strand who are currently developing detailed plans which will inform and shape the work to deliver against the strategic aims. It is anticipated that the plans will be in place by June 2024 dependant on the SVPP Board approval.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the contents of this report.

67. Right Care Right Person Update – Verbal Update (Item B5)

1. Supt P Steenhuis (Strategic Prevention, Kent Police) outlined the new National initiative to ensure that vulnerable people experiencing a health crisis will receive the most appropriate support.
2. From 2 April 2024, the Right Care Right Person will be adopted in Kent which is a Nationally initiative between police forces and the NHS to ensure that when there are concerns for a person's welfare linked to mental health, medical or social care issues, the right person with the right skills, training and experience will respond.
3. This was a collective national commitment from the Home Office, Department of Health & Social Care, the National Police Chiefs' Council, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, and NHS England.

4. Forces were required to ensure that officers and staff understand that RCRP specifically applied for calls to service about:
 - Concern for someone's welfare
 - Walkouts from welfare settings
 - Absent without leave (AWOL) patients from mental health services
 - People who require medical treatment.
5. The force already has strong working relationships with the NHS, Kent County Council and Medway Council, and there are a number of existing services available to help officers and those in need of health support, including a dedicated direct phone line for officers to speak to a mental health professional and safe havens across Kent which provide a 24/7 service made up of clinicians and support workers providing a safe space for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
6. Supt Steenhuis strongly emphasised that this is a refocus and not a withdrawal from Mental Health.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the contents of the presentation.

68. Dates of future meetings

(Item C1)

RESOLVED that the KCSP noted the dates of the next meetings.

67. Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update

(Item D1)

1. Mr Peerbux provided an update on the Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) cases, as well as a case briefing on the most recently published case for Louise, which can be found on the Kent.gov website using the link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/kent-community-safety-partnership/domestic-homicide-reviews>

RESOLVED that the Domestic Homicide Review update be noted.

68. Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board (PDDB) Update

(Item D2)

1. Mr N Wilkinson (Assistant Director Contest and Serious Organised Crime, KCC) was unable to attend and will provide a comprehensive update at the next meeting.

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By: Shafick Peerbux - Head of Community Safety, KCC
Shirley Brinson - Community Safety Team Leader, KCC

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 4th July 2024

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

Summary This report includes details of the refreshed Kent Community Safety Agreement draft action plan for 2024/25

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 Community Safety Partnerships) 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 key community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. It is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and appendices being updated as required.

2.2 In the most recent review of the CSA it was agreed to retain the existing priorities and cross-cutting themes:

Priorities

- Preventing Neighbourhood Crime & ASB
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious Violence and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety
- Violence Against Women and Girls

Cross Cutting Themes

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reduce re-offending and support victims
- Improve quality of life and enhance community resilience
- Support mental health and wellbeing
- Response and Recovery from Significant Community Events

2.3 Whilst the priorities were unchanged some of the emerging issues which partners felt worthy of specific note included the cost of living crisis, the Serious Violence Duty, and the potential impact of recommendations from the Government's reviews around CSPs and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). These issues were included in the updated

Chapter on the Community Safety Landscape along with a range of other existing and emerging issues.

- 2.4 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (April 2024) was discussed and agreed at the March meeting of the KCSP and following any suggested changes and a refresh of the foreword, the CSA has been published on Kent.gov.

3.0 Action Plan Development

- 3.1 Following the development of the new CSA, the action plan has been refreshed by members of the KCSP Working Group, priority leads and other relevant partners to ensure that it appropriately reflects the updated priorities and cross-cutting themes. A draft of the refreshed plan is attached for information (Appendix A).
- 3.2 The action plan includes the key pieces of work that are being delivered by community safety partners across the county linking in with other multi-agency groups and strategies where possible, including the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group, the Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership, the Substance Misuse Alliance, the Joint Exploitation Group, the Prevent Duty Delivery Board, Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships, the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) etc. Activities and links related to groups and strategies are referenced throughout the action plan, (*shown in green*), to help support multi-agency delivery and partnership working and may be updated in-year subject to revisions and changes that take place within those groups and plans.
- 3.3 At this stage the action plan does not currently include the projects which the KCSP has proposed to support in 2024/25 using the Kent PCC's Crime Reduction Grant (CRG). The proposed projects are detailed in the KCSP Working Group report, however if funding is approved they will be added to the action plan for ongoing monitoring (*to be highlighted in purple in the plan once confirmed*).
- 3.4 Like the Community Safety Agreement itself, the action plan is also a rolling document and as such contains a number of actions that are ongoing or which take place annually and are directly linked to the KCSP's core functions, such as delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews and sharing of lessons identified; Strategic Assessments; or coordination of cross county community safety issues such as Information sharing; Raising awareness of campaigns etc.
- 3.5 New actions that have been added to the plan, include a number of activities which are being delivered by partners in relation to Domestic Abuse, Anti-Social Behaviour and Serious and Organised Crime. KCSP members will be working together with partner agencies and other multi-agency partnerships to support implementation, which may result in the action plan being developed further in-year to reflect additional areas of work that the KCSP could help to deliver.
- 3.6 The refreshed plan details the overall aim for each priority, the planned outcomes, the actions to be taken, how delivery will be measured and reported and who is responsible for coordinating activity or feedback. This will remain a live document, which the KCSP Working Group and the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) will be monitoring throughout the year and updating if required.

- 3.7 KCSP members are invited to feedback on the content of the draft action plan via email to the kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk by 19th July 2024 for inclusion in the 2024/25 action plan; Or at any point during the life of the plan should they identify a potential new action that might be appropriate for inclusion.

4.0 Performance Monitoring

- 4.1 The Kent Community Safety Team (KCS) is working with the Kent Police Analytical Team to secure an analytical resource to support the annual strategic assessment process and in-year performance monitoring. In the meantime an assessment was commissioned to support the recent refresh of the CSA and further work is being explored to look at the potential Home Office requirements to publish an executive summary of the annual strategic assessment.

5.0 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

- 5.1 The Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee took place on 5th June 2024 to review the work of the Kent Community Safety Partnership during 2023/24 in relation to last year's Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA), and to comment on the refreshed CSA (April 2024) for the year ahead.

- 5.2 A comprehensive written report was supplied to the committee ahead of the meeting providing a range of data and information about each of the CSA priorities as well as the actions undertaken by partners to address them during 2023/24. The meeting began with a presentation from partners on a number of focus topics and was followed by questions from the committee members. At the request of the committee, this year there was a focus on Anti-Social Behaviour, Preventing Extremism and Hate, Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls.

- 5.3 The committee was held as a hybrid meeting, with committee members and the partners who presented on the focus topics attending the Council Chambers in person, whilst the leads of other priorities were available if needed via video conferencing to respond to any additional questions.

- 5.4 The Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee was webcast live and the minutes will be published in due course on the Kent.gov website. Partners were thanked by the committee for their attendance and work over the past year. Whilst the members provided feedback and comments to the partners, the Committee formally agreed to note the work of the KCSP and make no comment / recommendations.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members are asked to note the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the refreshed Community Safety Agreement.

- 6.2 KCSP members are invited to provide feedback on the content of the draft action plan via email to kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk (KCST) by 19th July 2024, or at any time in-year if new actions emerge.

Attachments:

Appendix A: Draft Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan

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- Key:**
- **Purple actions** – funded projects supported by the KCSP using the PCC’s Crime Reduction Grant (CRG)
 - **Green actions** – activities that link to another multi-agency partnership group and/or strategy

Priority: Domestic Abuse

Aim: Support delivery of the Domestic Abuse Strategy to prevent abuse, provide services, reduce risk and work in partnership

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes (What do we want to achieve from our partnership activities?)	Actions (What actions do we need to take to deliver the planned outcomes?)	Measure (How will we monitor delivery of the planned outcomes?)	Timescale (Delivery date?)	Lead Agency (Who will feedback on the action?)
Page 13 1.1	Improving practices: Commission and support the Domestic Homicide (DHR) process on behalf of CSPs across Kent and Medway with the aim to identify lessons, improve practice and ensure changes are implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake DHRs where the criteria has been met 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of DHRs commissioned and completed 	Ongoing	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cascade lessons identified through a range of methods including: online webinars for practitioners & professionals, briefings, reports, partnership meetings and digital learning options (i.e. seminar recordings and case-related videos). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online webinars delivered and no. of people attending • Survey feedback • Digital learning shared • Briefings / reports provided 	March 2025	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DHR Steering Group (SG) will monitor action plans from completed reviews and ensure that changes are implemented by partner agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions and recommendations completed 	Ongoing	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KCST and DHR SG will consider the resourcing implications of the new draft DHR statutory guidance, and plan for the implementation of potential changes to ensure that the Partnership can fully meet its obligations under the duty from the next financial year (2025/26) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit partnership feedback in response to the Home Office consultation. • Share consultation outcomes with partners • Develop an implementation plan • Review the funding model 	March 2025	
1.2	Improving practices: Review the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Services Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with DA colleagues to review the current website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure funding for the development and ongoing management • Task and finish group established. 	March 2025	KCC Commissioned Services / Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a website specification including survivor voice • Procurement of the website • Delivery of the website Ongoing management of the website (<i>resourced through the Exec Group</i>) 		
1.3*	Improving Practices: Support the delivery of the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners within the Domestic & Sexual Abuse Executive Group and the associated DSA Tactical Group to support the development of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings provided to KCSP on the DA Strategy • Awareness raised with partners around the consultation • Relevant actions implemented 	March 2025	Domestic Abuse Tactical Group
Page 14	Raise Awareness: Support delivery of the DA partnership media and communications plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote awareness campaigns (<i>i.e. KIDAS #Know See Speak out campaign / 16-days of action</i>); • Promote and raise awareness of materials produced in 2023/24 (<i>funded by KCSP</i>) including DA bitesize videos and Reducing Abusive Behaviours policy guides) • Ongoing distribution and dissemination of promotional material for the website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness campaigns promoted and shared • Annual update on media and comms campaigns including 'reach' achieved • No. of requests for posters, cards & pull up banners 	March 2025	KCC DA Projects and Partnerships Team
1.5	Supporting victims: People experiencing domestic abuse access to equitable high-quality support which meets their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data returns for commissioned services are used to measure and monitor service outputs and outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on performance data for commissioned services provided annually to CSP. (Including KIDAS, SASS and SAFER) 	March 2025	KCC Commissioned Services
1.6	Supporting victims: Recommissioning activity is undertaken to co design a new service to be in place by April 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder and Survivor engagement events are used to gain feedback and support development of the new service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommissioning Oversight Board set up including CSP rep. • Stakeholder and Survivor engagement events held. • Papers seeking key decision to commence procurement activity taken through formal Governance. 	March 2025	KCC Commissioned Services

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1.7	Supporting victims: Support One Stop Shop Drop In's delivered to support people affected by abuse to seek advice from a range of services across Kent & Medway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement updated data capture process Undertake One Stop Shop Annual Report and share with partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Stop Shops are supported to implement new data capture process. One Stop Shop report produced and shared 	March 2025	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) / KCC DA Projects and Partnerships Team
1.8 Page 15	Improving Practices: Support the implementation of the MARAC Hub Change Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiagency Steering Group and working groups established to support the transition to the hub model. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MARAC Training Working Group produces a series learning videos and associated tools MARAC Operating Protocol Working Group reviews and updates the Operating Protocol The Case Management Working Group supports the procurement and implementation of the CMS MARAC Hub becomes operational 	March 2025	KCC DA Projects and Partnerships Team

Priority: Road Safety

Aim: Raise awareness of Road Safety issues across the County to help reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on Kent roads

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
2.1*	Raise awareness of road safety campaigns across partnerships to facilitate joint working.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the relationships between local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and the Kent & Medway Safer Roads Partnership Share details of road safety campaigns and events with local CSPs (<i>via the Safer Communities Portal, e-bulletins, etc.</i>) and promote consistent messaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of information shared with partners Campaigns promoted Feedback from the Kent & Medway Safer Roads Partnership and/or district colleagues on activities 	ongoing	Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership

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2.2*	Support delivery of Vision Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners within the refreshed Kent & Medway Safer Roads Partnership to support Vision Zero and safe systems approach across Kent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular engagement with partners around Vision Zero 	ongoing	Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership
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Priority: Substance Misuse

Aim: Work together in partnership to reduce the harm of drug and alcohol misuse

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
Page 16 3.1*	<p>Partnership working: Work in partnership to deliver the national 10 year 'From Harm to Hope' drugs strategy and the Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2023-28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners in the Substance Misuse Alliance and Drug Tactical Delivery Group to support the establishment of the oversight and monitoring required by central government to deliver the national strategy including the <i>'Combatting Drugs Partnership'</i> and governance. • Work with partners in Kent and Medway Regulatory Licensing Steering Group and CSPs to explore Cumulative Impact Policy/Zone • Share information with local community safety partnerships via Community Safety Managers and CSP meetings • Work with partners to increase numbers in treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies maintain engagement as members of the Combatting Drugs Partnership • Gather relevant data from authorities to evidence an area/s where a CIP may be effective • CSPs are aware of the newly developed Kent strategy • Briefings provided to the KCSP on progress • Monitor and report on numbers in treatment 	Ongoing	KCC Public Health

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Priority: Preventing Neighbourhood Crime and ASB

Aim: Tackle the problems caused by Anti-Social Behaviour through effective partnership working

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
4.1	Understanding the problem: Consideration and implementation of the Government ASB Action Plan and Criminal Justice Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the progress of the Criminal Justice Bill through Parliament • Raise awareness with partners relating to any new Govt. legislation / guidance / briefings etc. relating to ASB • Work together to implement changes that impact the KCSP and partner agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor legislation progress • Raise awareness of any changes • Understand and implement changes 	March 2025	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)
4.2	Improving Practices: Share resources and best practice arising from the multi-agency ASB event delivered in March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the resource pack, presentations and video recordings from the event with partners to share information about services, support, etc. • Review feedback from the event and implement any relevant suggestions / feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share resource pack with partners • Upload presentations and recordings to the Safer Communities Portal • Best practice is identified and shared with partners 	Apr '24 Apr '24 Sep '24	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)
4.3	Improving practices: Work with partners to identify and share best practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing sharing of best practice via Community Safety Information Sessions, regular e-bulletins, Safer Communities Portal, and partnership groups • Raise awareness with CSPs and other partners of up and coming weeks of action/campaigns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of CSIS events delivered and No. of people attending • Feedback from CSIS events • Best practice is shared with partners via ebulletins and CSIS events • Guidance and support provided by the KCST if needed 	Ongoing	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)
4.4	Understanding the problem: Understand the communities perception of ASB and share updates with residents through My Community Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use My Community Voice to gather information about residents perception of ASB and how CSPs are working together to tackle ASB. • Use My Community Voice to update communities on what is being done and share information with CSP on information received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information from residents (relating to local community issues) shared with partners • Information (activities, surveys, incidents, etc.) from CSPs shared with community 	Ongoing	Kent Police

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Priority: Serious Violence and Organised Crime

Aim: Reduce harm to our communities caused by Serious Violence and Organised Crime

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
5.1*	Partnership Working: Work with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and the Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board to implement the Serious Violence Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Board leads to contribute to the development of a plan for 2024/25 with a focus on two of the three strands from the Strategy: Serious Youth Violence and Violence linked to drugs and alcohol Work with the VRU to create and design a survey to capture community feedback and concerns Work with district and borough community safety partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan developed in partnership Monitoring and reporting of identified measures 	March 2025	Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
Page 18	Improving Practices: Improve the sharing of data so that there is a common understanding of serious violence informed by a multi-agency data set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified authorities contribute to the development of a data sharing portal through the sharing of data relevant to understanding serious violence. Work with the Community Safety Managers to share the development of the data sharing platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A data sharing portal is created which includes data from all specified authorities and which allows participating organisations to analyse and understand serious violence Local partners are aware, trained and have access to the Portal 	March 2025	Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
5.3	Improving Practices: Reduce the harm experienced by communities linked to knives and weapons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share data on the prevalence of knife and weapon related harm including the people and places about whom risks are highest. Create and share resources which allow parents and professionals to understand how to keep young people safe or which help to divert them into positive activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of serious violence linked to knives and weapons compared to the previous 12 months. 	Ongoing	Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
5.4*	Prevention: Work in partnership to share information on the exploitation of adults and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure emerging themes, risks or concerns are raised at the Joint Exploitation Group (JEG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and briefings are shared with the KCSP and CSPs from JEG 	March 2025	KCC Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) Team

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5.5*	<p>Partnership working: Work with partners to deliver the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy 2023-2028</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC SOC team will assist with all five lines of actions (from the Government strategy, 2023) especially the 5th 'Multi-agency response' by supporting public and private sector partners to work together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend district CSP meetings • Continue to attend district SOCP meetings 	March 2025	KCC SOC Team
5.6	<p>Understanding the problem and Improving Practice: Work with organisations to effectively engage partners to improve intelligence reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to raise awareness and promote the Kent police intelligence portal relating to all forms of exploitation (Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking, County Lines etc.) and any other intelligence reporting mechanisms, i.e. Action Fraud, Crime Stoppers, etc. • Raise awareness and share the problem for SOC and Modern Slavery which is being developed by Kent Police and KCC SOC team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase confidence across KCC to report intelligence • Support data protection leads to strengthen knowledge and processes • Share the problem profile with relevant partners when available. 	March 2025	KCC SOC Team
5.7	<p>Raise Awareness: Work in partnership to improve understanding of Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) inc. Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve understanding, support for victims; and improve the partnership response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver SOC and MSHT training • Delivery CSP SOC (inc MSHT), CPD event • Delivery SOC & Prevent 'Week of Awareness' in September • Kent Anti-Slavery Partnership/Network Scoping Meeting 	March 2025	KCC SOC Team
5.8	<p>Raising Awareness: Raise awareness of the national Retail Crime action plan with community safety partners to facilitate joint working.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share details of the action plan with local CSPs and Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) via direct messaging, the Safer Communities Portal, e-bulletins, etc. • Identify joint working opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of information shared with partners • Campaigns promoted • Feedback from the partners on activities 	March 2025	Kent Police

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Priority: Safeguarding Vulnerable People

Aim: Raise awareness of safeguarding issues and work in partnership to protect vulnerable people

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
6.1*	Improving Practices: Support the work being undertaken by the Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing sharing of suicide prevention campaigns (such as 'Release the Pressure') and promotion of suicide prevention training, across community safety partners and frontline staff. Raise awareness of the Amparo Service with the aim to increase referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates provided to KCSP by Suicide Prevention team Good practice & campaigns shared with partners Partners are aware of how they can support Suicide Prevention activities Increased referrals to Amparo 	March 2025	KCC Public Health
Page 20 7.2*	Co-ordination and consistency: Work in partnership with the Safeguarding Boards to raise awareness of safeguarding issues and link into local and national campaigns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordinate community safety partner activities in relation to Adult Safeguarding Awareness week Link into the wider partnership work of the Kent & Medway Adult Safeguarding Board and the Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of the activities delivered Feedback from events Shared learning outcomes disseminated to partners 	March 2025	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

Priority: Preventing Extremism and Hate

Aim: Work together in partnership to address the issues of extremism and hate and support community cohesion

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
7.1*	Prevention: Work in partnership to share information about Prevent and Channel alongside the referral process to reassert the overall objective of stopping people from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing sharing of information/guidance with community safety partners from the Prevent Duty Delivery Board (PDDDB) and updates on the Prevent Partners Action Plan via PDDDB, CSMs, CSPs and Safer Communities Portal. Prevent Partners Action Plan to be disseminated to partners through PDDDB and Cross Directorate Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing and regular updates provided to the KCSP and partners from PDDDB Recommendations from the Independent Prevent Review to be shared 	March 2025	Kent and Medway Prevent Team

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Page 21 7.2	becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Prevent Team to share information with partners and implement recommendations (as appropriate) in relation to the Independent Review of Prevent (IRP) published February 2023; and in relation to the delivery of the soon to be refreshed CONTEST, Channel Duty guidance and Prevent Duty Guidance. • Support the Prevent Coordinator with the dissemination of Prevent training, surrounding the changes with the IRP, training focus and communities understanding of Prevent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on information shared • Feedback from partners • Success stories • Ongoing training offer from Prevent Coordinator and Prevent Education Officers 		
	<p>Understand the problem: Work with partners to understand the key issues from the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) and Counter Terrorism Situational Risk Assessment (CTRSA) and encourage intelligence reporting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the work of the two Prevent education officers and Prevent Community Engagement Officer (PCEO) to raise awareness across the county and promote partnership engagement • Encourage partners to make appropriate and relevant Prevent referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing of the latest CTLP and CTSRA to the KCSP and district and borough CSPs; • Dissemination of factsheets to raise awareness of key issues from the CTLP • Dissemination of CPD and training events to all partners • Encourage reporting of extremist intelligence, protests, national and local concerns, graffiti and stickering in Kent and Medway to build on the understanding outlined in the CTLP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTLP and CTSRA briefings provided to the KCSP and local CSPs • Factsheets and training disseminated • Increased intelligence reporting • High level briefings where appropriate 	March 2025

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<p>7.3*</p> <p>Page 22</p>	<p>Raise Awareness: Work in partnership to educate and increase the reporting of hate crime; increase access to support for victims; and improve the operational response to hate crimes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a partnership approach to the National Hate Crime Action Plan and raise awareness of the four key strands: Education, Protection from Hate Crime, Internet and Community Cohesion. • Raise awareness of information/data to better understand the under reported area of hate crime as per Government Action Plan • Information about reporting mechanisms and 3rd party reporting platforms shared with partners • Raise awareness and disseminate translated Hate Crime leaflets to professionals and residents as appropriate • Ongoing sharing of information, guidance, learning, and best practice from the Hate Crime Forum, South East Regional, NPCC Hate Crime & Cohesion Group, and relevant scrutiny panels. • Work with partners within the Hate Crime Forum to deliver actions from the Hate Crime Action Plan and conduct activity to improve partnership response to hate crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing and regular updates / information provided by Hate Crime Forum to CSPs. • Number of partner agencies / members of the public made aware of translated leaflet • Reporting of hate crime by protected characteristics • Number of reporting mechanisms and 3rd party reporting platforms shared 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Chair of the Hate Crime Forum</p>
<p>7.4</p>	<p>Understand the problem: Work with partners to educate, raise awareness, understand and provide safeguarding and signposting support for hate crimes and early identification of other vulnerabilities such as those to radicalisation and domestic abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hate Crime is included in the CTLP to better understand risk/vulnerabilities / safeguarding referrals. • Increase awareness around safeguarding referrals such as prevent and signposting support • Raise awareness of on-line and off line hate material including graffiti / stickering • Increased awareness in schools and young people • Partner agencies sharing hate crime data with Kent Police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent & Medway Business Hate Crime Guide is shared • Increased number of safeguarding referrals such as Prevent • Increased reporting of graffiti/stickering to KCC Prevent Team • Repeat data monitored • Increased reporting by Partners 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Chair of the Hate Crime Forum</p>

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Priority: Violence Against Women & Girls

Aim: Work together in partnership to reduce violence against women and girls

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
8.1*	Raise Awareness: Support local delivery of activities around Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing sharing of information/guidance with community safety partners in relation to the Government's VAWG strategy Share resources to support multi-agency activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSP Partners are aware of the Strategy and have considered VAWG as part of their CS Plan or associated action plan Information shared Activities delivered 	March 2025	Kent Police
8.2	Improving Practices: Work with partners to explore resources and support in relation to Victim Blaming Language following the training in 2023/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting with JEG colleagues including Kent Police and other KCC services to discuss ongoing work around Victim Blaming Language. Further discussions to be developed if required, following inaugural meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting undertaken Details of planned work/training and resources shared 	Sept 2024	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

Priority: N/A - General CSP Support Activity (cross-cutting support for CSP delivery)

No.	Objective / Planned Outcomes	Actions	Measure	Timescale	Lead Agency
9.1	Understanding the problem: Work in partnership to share data and information to support the annual Strategic Assessment Process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source and upload partnership data to the Safer Communities Portal to help inform strategic assessments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of partners providing data 	Dec '24	Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a virtual workshop to give partners the opportunity to present and explain their data and the impact on community safety to district/borough colleagues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of attendees Number of districts and partners represented 	Dec '24	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a County Community Safety Strategic Assessment and quarterly reports to support monitoring of the Kent CSA action plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County SA delivered Performance monitoring in place 	Dec '24 Mar '25	

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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) – 4th July 2024

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update

Summary This report provides an update on the key activities and projects being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group.

1.0 Background / Introduction

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form multi-agency ‘Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships’ to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce reoffending, and the partnerships were renamed Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) operates at a county level, with the overarching purpose to manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the responsible authorities in Kent and to deliver safer and stronger communities. The KCSP is supported by a multi-agency working group which has a particular remit to prepare and monitor the Community Safety Agreement, including the action plan and performance reports, as well as managing the Kent Community Safety fund on behalf of the governing group.

2.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2024/25

- 2.1 The funding allocation to the KCSP for 2024/25 remains the same as in previous years (£39,661). As previously, a third of the funding (£13,221) has been allocated to a Tactical Pot for in-year spending, with the remaining two-thirds (£26,440) available for upfront project spend. The tactical pot will be accessible once all the upfront business case projects have been approved.
- 2.2 The Crime Reduction Grant is provided to Community Safety Partnerships to help deliver the priorities as set out in the PCC’s Making Kent Safer plan 2022-25. This

year the PCC has advised that some of the types of projects that CSPs may want to consider using the funding for include:

- Reduce ASB and crime
- Reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Provide crime prevention and reassurance activities
- Deliver initiatives to reduce crime and ASB in the daytime and in the night-time economy (NTE).
- Deliver diversionary activities, including school-based interventions to increase awareness of risk-taking behaviour and encourage positive behaviours.
- Enable partnership approaches to areas of concern to reduce crime and ASB.
- Deliver drug and alcohol reduction and treatment services.
- Reduce offending and re-offending

2.3 In addition to delivering against the PCC's priorities, potential projects will also need to contribute to the delivery of the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) priorities.

2.4 Nine project proposals were received from partners for consideration by the KCSP Working Group at their meeting on 29th April 2024. Based on the shortlisting exercise by partners and discussion at the multi-agency KCSP Working Group, seven of the nine projects received a consensus of support (see below) and were recommended for funding and submitted to the Chair of the KCSP and the Police and Crime Commissioner for approval. *Details can be found in Appendix 1.*

- Expert level training in ASB Case Reviews and ASB legislation (£6,00)
- Neurodivergent intimate relationships Training for partners (£5,300)
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) training sessions (£2,400)
- Countering the Extreme Right-Wing Training (£4,578)
- Partnership Workshop on New CSP Statutory Duties (£3,000)
- Community Safety Learning (£1,500)
- Hateful Extremism CPD Event (£3,500)

2.5 At this stage the KCST is currently liaising with the Office of the PCC on the projects and any other further information/clarification required. Further updates will be given at the next KCSP meeting.

2.6 The KCSP Working Group are also liaising with partners to explore potential projects for funding through the tactical pot. The lead agency for each project has been asked to present the proposal at the next KCSP Working Group scheduled for 17th July 2024.

2.7 Partners are welcome to submit any projects or other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and/or collaborative working to the KCST:

kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk

3.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) Update

3.1 The KCST delivers Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS) covering a broad range of topics. For 2023/2024, the KCST partners trialled an alternative format for the CSIS events, making them shorter sessions, and delivering them more frequently as lunchtime learning or drop-in sessions. All sessions were well attended and

received positive feedback. Therefore the delivery of the sessions have continued in the same way for this financial year.

- 3.2 In 2024/25, the KCST has delivered three CSIS lunchtime learning sessions covering topics such as 'Fish FEST' (Fishing, Engaging, and Supporting Teenagers) and tackling low level ASB issues; Victim Support Services; Safeguarding on the Railway delivered by Southeastern Railway; and the Kent and Medway Restorative Justice & Mediation Service. The latest session was held on the 20th June, with inputs from Kent Police around ASB best practice and from AMPARO the suicide bereavement support service.
- 3.3 The KCSP commission Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) on behalf of the district/borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across Kent and Medway, with the KCST managing the process. Published DHRs are available on the [KCC](#) and [Medway Council](#) Websites. Two DHRs have been published this calendar year DHR [DIANA 2020](#) and [LOUISE 2020](#).
- 3.4 The KCST delivered Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) learning webinars throughout 2023, in total three sessions were delivered. The first DHR learning webinar for 2024, took place on 27th June which explored ongoing risks to victims when perpetrators are in prison/on probation or in the Criminal Justice System. The webinar included a special guest speaker who spoke about this family's experience of coercive control. Further webinars are being prepared in line with cases that are going to be published over the next few months.
- 3.5 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces and circulates monthly E-Bulletins with the latest community safety updates and any relevant news, publications, and legislation. The most recent bulletin included updates and information on the next CSIS sessions, DHR learning webinar, Euro 2024, Community Catalysts, Safeguarding Adult Review publications, training offers, campaigns and awareness events.
- 3.6 The KCST would like to encourage partners to contact the team if they would like to subscribe to the e-bulletin, have any suggested topics/speakers for the information sessions, brief updates for the e-bulletins or anything else. Please email the KCST: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.

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Appendix 1:

CRG Business Case(s) – Proposed Projects

- **Delivery of expert level training in Case Reviews and ASB legislation**
To deliver training to local partnerships on both ASB case reviews and the developing ASB legislation around tools and powers.
- **“Neurodivergent intimate relationships” Training for partners**
Project to deliver two recorded training webinars to practitioners providing an overview of neurodivergence and how neurodivergent individuals can be better supported by services, and the second will explore more specifically the issues around neurodivergence, trauma and intimate relationships.
- **VAWG Training Sessions**
Project to deliver six online training sessions (Two on each of the following topics) “How to engage men and boys in anti-misogyny work”, “Creating community interventions for reducing violence against women and girls” and “victim blaming and rape myths”
- **Countering the Extreme Right-Wing Training**
Project to deliver adult awareness training (in person and virtually) to better understand the Extreme Right Wing and suggest ways to challenge it.
- **Partnership Workshop on New CSP Statutory Duties**
A workshop to explore the changes proposed by the Home Office in relation to Community Safety Partnerships and ASB and how these will need to be implemented in Kent.
- **Community Safety Learning**
Funding for speakers such as research professors and experts in their field, to present (virtually) at bespoke events and/or the Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS) to expand professional awareness and understanding, or explore new learning, ideas or methods about tackling community safety issues. .
- **Hateful Extremism CPD Event**
A CPD event to be held in February 2025 with a range of relevant and high-profile speakers sharing their expertise and knowledge with the aim to assist attendees with their understanding, being able to spot the signs, to intervene early, to deter individuals, and to increase referrals.

By: Shafick Peerbux - Head of Community Safety, KCC

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 4th July 2024

Classification: For Decision

Subject: KCSP Terms of Reference Update 2024

Summary: This paper details the annual review of the Terms of Reference for the KCSP and its subgroups.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 introduced a number of revisions to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 including the establishment of a County Strategy Group, known in Kent as the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP). These regulations set out the remit for the group, meeting frequency, governance arrangements and included a detailed list of required members.
- 1.2 Amendments to these regulations came in 2010 and 2011 which removed some of the bureaucracy. As a result, the remaining requirements for the KCSP as set out in the regulations are:
- There shall be a County Strategy Group whose function shall be to prepare a community safety agreement based on the strategic assessments of local strategy groups (CSPs) for the county area.
 - The County Strategy Group shall consist of two or more persons appointed by one or more of the responsible authorities in the county area. The County Strategy Group may also be attended by persons who represent co-operating and participating persons/bodies and other partners that the Group invites.

2.0 KCSP Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The KCSP terms of reference (ToR) were last updated and approved by the Partnership in July 2023. Since that time, there have been no legislative changes that would impact the governance arrangements for the Partnership.
- 2.2 The ToR for the KCSP remain largely unchanged (see Appendix A) aside from the 'Membership' section reflecting the name of 'The Probation Service'.
- 2.3 Additionally, the Kent and Medway Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board has been added as a 'co-operating and participating persons and bodies' within the 'Membership' section to support the new Serious Violence Duty introduced in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.
- 2.4 The Home Office published the outcomes of a consultation in relation to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) Review in November 2023, however, there have been no legislative changes or any guidance documents published

for CSPs since this time. The KCSP ToR will need to be reviewed and updated accordingly upon receipt of any changes in relation to the CSP review.

3.0 KCSP Subgroups Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The KCSP has two subgroups which it is responsible for overseeing. The KCSP Working Group and Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Steering Group, both have their own ToRs. The annual review of the subgroups ToRs has been aligned with that of the KCSP and as such members of these subgroups have also recently reviewed their respective ToRs.
- 3.2 The DHR Steering Group members recently reviewed their ToR (see Appendix B) and it was felt that they reflect current practice and as such, no changes made. However, the Home Office has launched a public consultation on an updated version of the statutory guidance for DHRs which closes on the 1st July. The DHR Steering Group ToR will need to be reviewed and updated accordingly upon publication of the new guidance.
- 3.3 The KCSP Working Group members also recently reviewed their ToR (see Appendix C) and the majority of changes were in relation to the 'Membership' and 'Responsibilities' sections.
- 3.4 The 'Membership' section has been altered to reflect 'The Probation Service' and also to expand the KCC representatives who attend from the Prevent, Contest and Serious Organised Crime, Violence Reduction Unit, Commissioners for Domestic Abuse services and the Domestic Abuse Projects and Partnership Teams.
- 3.5 The 'Responsibilities' section has been updated to clarify current practice in relation to the development and performance management of the CSA Action Plan. The wording has been amended to '*Develop and performance manage the CSA Action Plan to coordinate community safety activity and monitor any identified performance measures; ensuring that partnership activity is focused on addressing areas of concern and that any exceptions are raised with the KCSP*'.
- 3.6 Additionally, the last point regarding '*utilising the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) as a central knowledge hub to support the Working Group and the Partnership to facilitate coordination, delivery and communications with partner agencies*' has been updated to remove communicate with the public as this is not within the remit of the KCST.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The KCSP members are asked to agree the Terms of Reference for the Kent Community Safety Partnership and approve the Terms of Reference for the KCSPs two subgroups (KCSP Working Group and the DHR Steering Groups).
- 4.2 All KCSP member organisations shown in the Terms of Reference should ensure that they are signed up to the latest version of the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement.

- 4.3 The KCSP members are asked to note that the Terms of Reference for the KCSP and its subgroups will be reviewed annually and included as an agenda item at least once a year.

Attachments:

Appendix A – Kent Community Safety Partnership ToR

Appendix B – Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group ToR

Appendix C – Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group ToR

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. TITLE

For the purposes of the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will serve as the 'County Strategy Group'.

2. OVERARCHING PURPOSE

The KCSP is responsible for addressing community safety issues through coordinating the work of countywide 'responsible authorities' and other partner agencies to tackle identified priorities and deliver safer and stronger communities.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- To prepare a County Community Safety Agreement annually based upon an aggregation of the local Community Safety Partnerships strategic assessments and other information sources as appropriate,
- To address community safety issues through joint working, recognising the importance that stronger communities can have to delivering safer communities,
- To provide guidance on major cross agency projects and management information support systems,
- The co-ordination of community safety activity to achieve county wide priorities as set out in the Kent Community Safety Agreement and the countywide ambitions,
- To performance manage the community safety agreement and the associated action plan on behalf of the responsible authorities for Kent,
- To attract resources from appropriate funding streams including the Police and Crime Commissioner's Crime Reduction Grant and have robust financial arrangements in place to support the management of these funds.
- To fulfil the statutory requirements as set out in Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) regarding the initiation and undertaking of Domestic Homicide Reviews on behalf of all Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Kent and Medway.
- To fulfil statutory requirements/duties set out in new and emerging legislation that directly impacts the work of the Kent Community Safety Partnership for example the Serious Violence Duty introduced in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The KCSP shall consist of a core membership of representatives appointed by one or more of the 'responsible authorities' in the county area, namely:

- Kent County Council (KCC)
- Kent Police
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
- Local Authorities (District / Borough Councils) - *currently collectively represented by a nominated Chief Executive*
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS)
- NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board
- The Probation Service

Additionally, the chairs of the local CSPs shall be extended an open invite to attend the KCSP meeting.

The KCSP may also be attended by persons who represent co-operating and participating persons and bodies for the areas in the county area and such other persons as the county KCSP invites.

These can include a representative from:

- Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)
- Medway Community Safety Partnership.
- Kent Housing Group
- Kent and Medway Prevent Duty Delivery Board
- Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group
- Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB)
- Kent Safeguarding Children's Multiagency Partnership (KSCMP)
- Kent and Medway Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group
- Kent Criminal Justice Board (KCJB)
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Safer Roads for Kent Partnership
- Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)
- Kent Substance Misuse Alliance
- Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Steering Group
- Kent and Medway Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

All representatives attending KCSP meetings must have sufficient seniority within their own organisations to be able to make decisions, implement change and where appropriate commit resources on behalf of the body or group which they represent. Substitute members are assumed to have that capability delegated to them.

All members of the KCSP should be able to commit to regular attendance and represent their organisation effectively.

All members of the KCSP have the responsibility for sharing relevant information and/or feedback from the partnership to their respective agencies, collective group and/or any authorities/bodies they have been nominated to represent i.e. Kent Association of Local Councils, District/Borough councils.

The KCC Scrutiny Committee meets annually as the Crime and Disorder Committee to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken by the responsible authorities with regards to their crime and disorder functions; with adequate notice, KCSP members may be required to provide information and/or make themselves available to attend the meeting to answer questions on the work of the KCSP in the appropriate area.

The Police and Crime Commissioner may also require representatives of the responsible authorities for any area that lies within the police area to attend a meeting for the purpose of assisting in the formulation and implementation of any strategy (or strategies) that relate to any part of the police area.

6. CHAIRPERSON

The Chair will be the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety for the County Council as the lead authority.

The Vice Chair will be elected from amongst the other KCSP members.

A Chair/Vice Chair may only be removed from office if more than 50% of the responsible authorities so decide by way of a vote at a meeting of the KCSP.

7. MEETINGS

The KCSP shall meet three times per year or at such other intervals as it shall decide with the meeting cycle being agreed annually.

The Chair of the KCSP will agree the agenda prior to the meetings and this should reflect the terms of reference and provide opportunity for discussion of any other business.

KCSP papers will be circulated at least five working days prior to meetings to allow sufficient time for partners to prepare and will include the previous board minutes, agenda and relevant paperwork.

A meeting will be regarded as quorate if no less than 4 of the responsible authorities are represented.

Attendance by non-members is at the invitation of the Chair.

8. DECISION-MAKING

The KCSP will use its best endeavours at all times to make decisions by consensus.

Decisions will be recorded in the minutes, with actions being reviewed at subsequent meetings.

9. SUB GROUPS

The KCSP can establish subgroups as necessary. The KCSP will oversee the work of the subgroups and have ability to scrutinise actions and outcomes.

The current subgroups of the KCSP are:

- KCSP Working Group who supports the work of the KCSP, in particular by managing the PCCs Crime Reduction Grant allocated to the KCSP and any other available funding streams; and preparing and monitoring of the Kent Community Safety Agreement.
- DHR Steering Group ensures that the requirements of Section 9 of the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act (2004) with regards to the initiation, undertaking and monitoring of actions from DHRs is fulfilled on behalf of all CSPs in Kent and Medway.

9. COMMUNICATION

All KCSP member organisations are required to be signed up to the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement and abide by its principles.

Official-Sensitive paperwork will be circulated to the KCSP members via a secure method, and it is the responsibility of the KCSP members to ensure that they have appropriate information security measures in place (in accordance with the Data Protection and Information Governance), including:

- Data protection policies and management processes.
- Retention, archive, storage and disposal policies and processes.
- Incident reporting procedures.
- Controls to minimise the risk of loss or breach.

Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

To ensure compliance and to meet the requirements of Section 9 of the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act (2004), whilst being cognisant of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and conforming to the Home Office Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) statutory guidance (issued in April 2011 and subsequently updated in December 2016).

All Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Kent and Medway agreed to a joint DHR Protocol covering all community safety partnership areas to ensure a consistent approach is adopted across the county. As a result, the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) has lead responsibility for instigating the protocol on behalf of all CSPs in Kent and Medway should a domestic homicide occur.

The DHR Protocol is managed, commissioned and administered by the Kent Community Safety Team (on behalf of the KCSP) in accordance with the Home Office DHR Guidance.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To lead the development, monitoring and implementation of processes associated with DHRs across Kent and Medway, including the intentional engagement of families where possible.
- To maximise agency co-ordination and co-operation in implementing the Kent and Medway DHR protocol and procedures.
- To monitor and report on DHR progress, prevalence, performance and activity, including the quality assurance of action plans in relation to recommendations arising from active reviews, as well as overseeing their implementation upon completion.
- To advise the Kent and Medway Community Safety Partnerships on emerging issues, priorities, solutions and the most effective use of available resources.
- To ensure that lessons learned from DHRs are cascaded to the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group, local DA Partnership Boards, MARAC Steering Group, DA Commissioning teams and agencies across Kent and Medway.
- To review and receive feedback on the quality of the work of the Independent Chairs, Review Panels and the effectiveness of the DHR protocols and procedures.

- To monitor the costs associated with DHRs, seeking to ensure best value in partnership funding spend, and report back to partners via the Kent Community Safety Partnership as appropriate.
- To monitor regional and national DHR developments and related learning.
- To collaborate with KMSAB and KSCMP to triangulate common themes and recommendations and to work on a system wide approach recommendations and learning.

MEMBERSHIP

Criteria for membership

Steering Group meetings are to be attended by; staff members that represent the organisations with a statutory duty to co-operate in DHRs (and/or Community Safety Partnerships if not listed below) as well as any other persons/agencies the Steering Group deem appropriate.

Agencies with a statutory duty to co-operate with DHRs as named in the 2016 updated Home Office DHR guidance are:

- Chief Officers of Police for Police areas in England and Wales;
- Local Authorities;
- Strategic Health Authorities established under [section 13 of the National Health Service Act 2006];
- Primary Care Trusts established under [section 18] of that Act;
- Providers of Probation Services;
- Local Health Boards established under [section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006];
- NHS trusts established under [section 25 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006];

It is recognised that the above list does not take into consideration the subsequent reorganisation of the National Health Service and the unification of Probation providers – these agencies have been replaced in the membership list with the relevant new bodies.

It is also recognised that the Police and Crime Commissioner has a vital role to play in the DHR process and as such, a member of the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner is also invited to Steering Group meetings.

A representative from the Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership and Kent & Medway Safeguarding Adults Board are also invited to Steering Group meetings to facilitate the sharing of lessons learnt and good practice.

Member Responsibilities

Members should be able to:

- Effect policy and resourcing decisions on behalf of their organisation.
- Effect organisational change to address blockages, problems and barriers to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.
- Take responsibility in cascading information across their organisations/partnerships.
- Provide updates on DHR recommendations.
- Nominate substitutes to attend meetings and provide Action Plan updates.

MEETINGS

Frequency

- The Kent & Medway DHR Steering Group will meet at quarterly intervals during the year as a minimum to be able to provide appropriate feedback and adequate reassurance to the KCSP at their meetings.
- Members will undertake to attend all meetings of the Kent & Medway DHR Steering Group. Members should nominate an appropriate substitute to attend in their absence where possible.

Quorum

- A meeting will be regarded as quorate if 4 or more members of the group (representing different organisations) are present.

Chair

- The Kent Community Safety Partnership (who have accepted lead responsibility for implementing DHRs across Kent and Medway) have nominated the Head of Community Safety for Kent County Council to Chair the Steering Group, with the Vice Chair being nominated and appointed from the other Statutory members. The chair(s) will be reviewed every two years.

Decision-making

- The aim is to make recommendations and decisions by consensus to ensure that all legislative requirements are met.

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KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. TITLE

The group will be known as the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) Working Group.

2. OVERARCHING PURPOSE

To support the work of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP), in particular by

- (i) Managing the Crime Reduction Grant (CRG) funding allocation from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner on behalf of the KCSP.
- (ii) Preparing and monitoring the Kent Community Safety Agreement and managing the review process.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

On behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) to:

- Develop and produce the County Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the KCSP based on the annual strategic assessments and to include the undertaking of an annual review and refresh (if required).
- Develop and performance manage the CSA Action Plan to coordinate community safety activity and monitor any identified performance measures; ensuring that partnership activity is focused on addressing areas of concern and that any exceptions are raised with the KCSP.
- Maximise co-ordination and co-operation at an operational level between partners with the aim of tackling the community safety issues identified within the County Community Safety Agreement
- Facilitate delivery of Community Safety conferences / seminars / events on behalf of the KCSP subject to an identified need.
- Provide support, guidance and sharing of information to ensure delivery of the annual Strategic Assessment process.
- Ensure robust financial monitoring and budget arrangements are in place to support and manage the available funding streams.
- Advise the KCSP on any emerging national, local or pan Kent issues, policies and priorities; with any appropriate recommendations for solutions and most effective use of available resources.
- Liaise and coordinate with other statutory bodies (e.g. Medway CSP, Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships, etc.) and external bodies (e.g. Home Office) to disseminate best practice and develop guidance.

Utilising the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) as a central knowledge hub to support the Working Group and the Partnership to facilitate coordination, delivery and communications with partner agencies.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of senior officer representatives appointed by the responsible authorities for the County area, namely:

- Kent Police
- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS)
- KCC – Currently represented by officers from Community Safety, Public Health, Trading Standards, Highways, Prevent, Contest and Serious Organised Crime, Violence Reduction Unit, Commissioners for Domestic Abuse services and the Domestic Abuse Projects and Partnership Team
- NHS Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board
- The Probation Service
- Local District/Borough Authorities – Currently collectively represented by two nominated Community Safety Managers.

The KCSP Working Group may also be attended by persons who represent co-operating and participating person/bodies as required for example representatives of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), the Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships for Children and Adults, the Safer Roads for Kent Partnership, etc.

5. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

All representatives must have sufficient seniority within their own organisations to be able to make decisions, implement change and where appropriate commit resources on behalf of the body or group which they represent. In the case of those that have been nominated to represent a collective group or number of authorities/bodies, it will be their responsibility to obtain approval from each of the individual authorities or bodies they represent. Substitute members are assumed to have that capability delegated to them.

All members should be able to commit to regular attendance and represent their organisation effectively. If members are unable to attend, they should nominate an appropriate substitute / named deputy to attend on their behalf.

All members have the responsibility for sharing relevant information and/or feedback to their respective agencies, collective group and/or any authorities/bodies they have been nominated to represent.

6. CHAIRPERSON

The Chair and Vice Chair are revised every two years and elected from amongst the members.

7. MEETINGS

The group will meet quarterly, or as required, ensuring that meetings take place prior to the KCSP to help inform the agenda for the KCSP meeting including any emerging issues or themes that need to be escalated.

A meeting will be regarded as quorate if no less than four of the responsible authorities are represented.

8. DECISION MAKING

The group will use its best endeavours at all times to make decisions by consensus.

Decisions will be recorded in the minutes, with actions being reviewed at subsequent meetings.

9. COMMUNICATION

All KCSP member organisations are required to be signed up to the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement and abide by its principles.

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