

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, 23rd July, 2026, at 10.00 am

Online

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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

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Wednesday, 15 July 2026

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held online on Thursday, 31 March 2026, 10am.

PRESENT: Mr J Rivers (Vice-Chair), Mr S Peerbux, , Ms S Brinson, Insp J Ross, Mr S Perez, Mr S Woolcott, Ms S Clare, Mr R Phillips, Supt R Marsh, Mr T Nundy, Ms M Finn, Ch Insp E Jones, Ms J Harman, Ch Insp O Changizi, Dr L Guo, Ms C Bright, Ms A Oates, Cllr L Wright, Cllr D Croxton, Ms L Read and Mr M Rolfe.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Romagnuolo.

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169. Apologies and Substitutes (Item A2)

Apologies were received from Mr P Webb (Chair), Cllr M Lawes, Ms C Collins, Ms K Castle, Ms L McMahon, Ms S O'Connor, Ms S Robson, Mr S Chapman, Ms S Holt-Castle, Ch/Insp M Hedges , Ms M Royle and Mr D Paul.

170. Declarations of Interest (Item A3)

There were no declarations of interest.

171. Notes of meeting held on 20 November 2025 (Item A4)

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 20 November 2025 were a correct record.

172. Kent Community Safety Agreement Review and Refresh Update (Item B1)

1. Mr Peerbux (Head of Community Safety, KCC) explained that the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlined the countywide priorities and strategic framework for community safety across Kent. The document was reviewed and refreshed annually to ensure its relevance.
2. The CSA was one of the Partnership's statutory responsibilities and demonstrated that collective leadership, shared accountability and alignment across all the Partnership's agencies and services.

3. The annual review and refresh of the CSA had traditionally included the addition of new content to reflect emerging issues and changes in policy and practice; however, this also resulted in the document becoming increasingly lengthy and complex and harder to use as a strategic framework. Through discussions and collaboration with the KCSP Working Group and wider partners, there was agreement that a streamline of the CSA was needed; with a focus on reducing duplication and improving clarity.
4. Ms S Brinson (Community Safety Team Leader, KCC) said that the CSA review had been informed by evidence and information from local district/borough strategic assessments, partnership data and plans, horizon scanning of emerging issues and discussion and feedback from partners at the in person multi-agency workshop with the KCSP Working Group.
5. While it was established that CSA priorities remained relevant, it was recognised that many were interconnected and was proposed that the priorities within the CSA for 2026–27 be structured around three overarching strategic aims, namely:
 - Stronger, safer and resilient neighbourhoods: addressing ASB, neighbourhood crime, and local concerns – focusing on the issues that most affected everyday life, impacting communities and feelings of safety.
 - Reducing violence, abuse and high-harm offending – including domestic abuse, violence against women and girls and serious violence.
 - Protecting vulnerable people: reducing exploitation, susceptibility, and repeat harm – including safeguarding people, substance misuse, mental health, reoffending and reducing the risk of radicalisation.
6. Feedback from statutory partners had been supportive of the new approach and the proposed changes had therefore been included into the draft CSA presented to the KCSP.
7. A member commented on the positive impact that the new analyst had made with the provision of information, workshop support and input in the report.
8. Mr Peerbux outlined that one of the strengths of moving to three strategic aims gives a clearer platform for assurance and oversight and allows us to develop a proportionate performance framework that underpins the CSA. The next phase of work will be developing the performance framework with partners.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP):

- **consider and comment** on the new draft format of the Kent Community Safety Agreement;
- **agree** the proposed approach, including the three strategic aims;
- **submit** any feedback or proposed changes to the KCST (kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk) by 22nd April 2026;
- **note** the requirement for partners to attend the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in July 2026.

173. Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update

(Item B2)

1. Mr Stephen Perez (Community Intelligence and Partnerships Lead, KFRS, and Chair of the KCSP Working Group) explained that the KCSP was supported by a multi-agency working group whose remit was to prepare and monitor the CSA and manage the Kent Community Safety fund.
2. The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 Crime Reduction grant funding to the KCSP to fund projects in 2025/26, focusing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the PCC's Police and Crime Plan for 2025-2029. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) received approval for ten projects detailed in the report for a total cost £39,630.60.
3. Mr Perez highlighted some really good budget management with effective venue and trainer procurement with one of the projects which has resulted in a small underspend (£726.40) which was going to be returned to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
4. PCC's Office confirmed that the allocated funding for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 was £39,600. As in previous years, £26,500.00 was allocated to upfront projects while the remaining £13,100.00 was held in a tactical pot.
5. Partner agencies had been contacted to request submission of project proposals for the initial business case for consideration by early April 2026. The project proposals would be discussed by the KCSP Working Group at their meeting on 27th April 2026; the group's recommendations will be presented to the KCSP Chair for approval prior to submission as a business case to the OPCC.
6. Mr Perez also highlighted some other elements of work the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) had undertaken throughout 2025/26 which included nine Community Safety Information Sessions delivered with presentations from the VRU on the Safer Knife Replacement Scheme and from the KFRS and KCC on Road Safety, and briefings from Tell MAMA and the Community Security Trust regarding the protection of Muslim and Jewish communities. The sessions were well attended and were rated as very good or excellent. Planning for the 2026/27 programme was underway. Additionally, recognition of the continued success of the Domestic Homicide Review webinars. The latest webinar held on 4th February told the story of Rita and explored coercive control and co-occurring conditions. It was attended by over 140 people including a number of attendees from outside Kent and Medway who are involved in these reviews in other parts of the country who complimented the planning and delivery of the event. Overall feedback was very positive with 100% of those responding to the event evaluation rated the event as excellent, very good or good.

RESOLVED that members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP):

- a) **Note** the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST).
- b) **Contact** the KCST kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk with any:

- Project proposals for the Crime Reduction Grant funding.
- Suggestions for future speakers/topics that might be of interest for the Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS).
- Key updates that might be appropriate to include in future editions of the KCST e-bulletin.

174. Kent & Medway Serious Violence Duty Update (Item B3)

1. Ch/Insp Lizzie Jones (Kent Police) said that the Serious Violence Strategy consisted of three key strands:
 - Sexual Violence
 - Serious Youth Violence involving those aged under 25
 - Violence linked to drugs and alcohol.
2. In terms of sexual violence, the VRU Strategic Needs Assessment showed that Rape, Sexual Assault and Non-Contact sexual offences had fallen by 16% in total.
3. With regard to Serious Youth Violence, there was a reduction of knife-enabled serious violence for both the under 18s and the 18–25-year-olds.
4. Violence linked to drugs and alcohol was complex and could only be tackled through the collaboration of different agencies. An evidence-based collaborative approach was likely to achieve the greatest impact to prevent it. This work was led by Medway's Public Health team.
5. The annual budget of the Violence Reduction Unit had been fully spent, so there was no underspend to return to the Home Office.
6. Two initiatives - the Buddy Tag system, which protects children from exploitation, and the Safer Knives replacement scheme had been featured in the College of Policing as best practice examples and is being implemented in locations across the UK and also abroad too.
7. The VRU also led the Young Futures Pilot programme aimed at identifying vulnerable children who could be at risk of permanent exclusion or entering the criminal justice system. A panel comprising of VRU, Police, Youth Justice, NHS, school leads and KFRS representatives would assess the children's needs and tailor programmes to meet them. The pilot operated in 2 schools in Medway and is in its last financial year. The aim is to have a successful pilot and upscale throughout Kent.
8. Ms Jones advised that funding has been confirmed for the year 2026-2027 and a delivery plan was being submitted to the Home Office imminently.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership **note** the contents of the report.

175. Refreshed Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 Update (Item B4)

1. Mr Rob Phillips (Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) said that the purpose of a Police and Crime Plan was to communicate the PCC's vision and objectives.
2. On 1 April 2025, the PCC published his 'Cut Crime, Support Victims, Build Trust: Kent Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029'. The PCC was legally required to keep the plan under review, particularly considering changes to the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) issued by the Secretary of State and any recommendations made by the Kent & Medway Police and Crime Panel.
3. In approaching the refresh, the PCC encouraged feedback from victims, communities and partner agencies. The Annual Policing Survey was launched in September and ran until the beginning of December 2025. Its aim was to reach out to, and hear from, Kent residents. The responses were very positive and supportive of the four pillars:
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 - Protecting People
 - Protecting Places
 - Protecting Property
 - Productive Partnerships.
5. As a result, the Plan had not been fundamentally altered and was presented to the Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel in February, alongside budget and precept proposal, all was unanimously approved.
6. The refreshed 'Cut Crime, Support Victims, Build Trust: Kent Police and Crime Plan 2025 – 2029' would become effective from 1 April 2026 and be published on the Office of the Kent PCC website (<https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/>).

RESOLVED that the KCSP **note** the Refreshed Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029.

176. Dates of future meetings (Item C1)

RESOLVED that the KCSP **note** the dates of future meetings.

177. Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews Update (Item D1)

1. Mr Peerbux provided an update on the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) cases and updates from the DARDR Steering Group in relation to policy and procedures, funding and sharing of lessons identified.
2. The published DARDR cases can be found on the Kent.gov website using the link below:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/information-for-social-care-professionals/adult-safeguarding-for-professionals/domestic-abuse-related-death-reviews>

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership:

- **Note** the updates within this report and progress on all cases.
- **Note** the plans for continued online learning events.
- **Note** the heightened risks and pressures on funding for DHRs.

178. Counter Terrorism Contest Strategy (Prevent, Protect, Prepare) Update
(Item D2)

1. Mr Woolcott (Assistant Director Contest and Serious Organised Crime, KCC) provided an update on the local and national context in relation to the Counter Terrorism Contest Strategy, focusing on the Prevent Duty, and the Protect and Prepare strands of the Strategy.

RESOLVED that the KCSP **note** the update on the activity regarding the Prevent Duty/Contest.

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

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 23rd July 2026

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

Summary This report provides an update on the development of the Kent Community Safety Agreement Action Plan for 2026/27 and the emerging Outcome and Delivery Framework. It follows the report presented to the Kent Community Safety Partnership in March 2026, which outlined the proposed move from eight individual priorities to three broader strategic aims, supporting a more streamlined, flexible and data-led approach.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended, gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police and other responsible authorities to work together to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, re-offending and most recently serious violence, within their areas. In two-tier local authority areas such as Kent, this duty is supported by the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, which require the preparation of a county-level Community Safety Agreement to support coordinated and joint working across partners.
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the countywide priorities and the strategic aims for community safety across Kent. The document is reviewed and refreshed annually to ensure it remains relevant and reflects emerging issues, statutory duties, changes in policy and practice, and updated partnership priorities.
- 1.3 In March 2026, the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) considered a revised draft of the CSA. The report recommended a more fundamental refresh of the document, recognising that while the CSA had remained comprehensive and up to date, it had become increasingly lengthy and complex over time. Partners were therefore asked to consider a more streamlined approach, reducing duplication and improving clarity and usability.

2.0 Revised Kent Community Safety Agreement (April 2026)

- 2.1 The review confirmed that the issues contained within the previous eight CSA priorities remained relevant, including neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour, violence against women and girls, domestic abuse, substance misuse, safeguarding vulnerable people, serious violence and organised crime, preventing extremism and hate, and road safety. However, partners recognised that these issues are interconnected and increasingly complex, and that a list of individual priorities and cross-cutting themes did not always reflect how community safety activity is delivered in practice.

- 2.2 The revised CSA is therefore structured around three broader strategic aims, which are not listed in order of priority:
- **Stronger, safer and resilient neighbourhoods:** addressing ASB, neighbourhood crime and local concerns;
 - **Reducing violence, abuse and high-harm offending:** including domestic abuse, violence against women and girls, and serious violence;
 - **Protecting vulnerable people:** reducing exploitation, susceptibility and repeat harm, including safeguarding, substance misuse, mental health, reoffending and reducing the risk of radicalisation.
- 2.3 The revised approach is intended to provide improved strategic clarity, stronger alignment with district and borough Community Safety Partnership plans and the Kent Police and Crime Plan, greater flexibility to respond to emerging risks in-year, and clearer links between local and countywide priorities.

3.0 Action Plan Development

- 3.1 In previous years, the July meeting has usually provided members with an opportunity to review the refreshed Kent Community Safety Agreement Action Plan for the year ahead. For 2026/27, the move from eight priorities to three broader strategic aims has required a more substantive review of both the content and format of the action plan. The revised plan is therefore still in development to ensure it reflects the updated CSA, while remaining proportionate and focused.
- 3.2 The intention is for the 2026/27 Action Plan to focus on strategic, partnership-led activity where the KCSP adds value. It will not seek to replicate delivery plans held by individual partnerships, statutory boards or specialist governance groups.
- 3.3 The draft structure currently being developed aligns activity under the three strategic aims and includes signposting to relevant existing partnership and governance arrangements. These include the Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership, the Kent and Medway Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group, the Kent and Medway Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board, Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships, the Kent Substance Misuse Alliance, the Prevent Duty Delivery Board, and other relevant countywide or multi-agency arrangements. This approach is intended to support strategic coordination, shared learning, assurance, and data-led problem solving.
- 3.4 Work is continuing with the Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group, and other relevant partners to identify the most appropriate actions and measures for inclusion. Consistent with previous years, the Action Plan will remain a live document and may be refined during the year as activity, data and priorities evolve.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that the 2026/27 Action Plan will be brought to the next meeting of the KCSP in November 2026. Members can be assured that partnership activity continues in the meantime through the KCSP Working Group, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST), and existing partnership boards, strategies and delivery arrangements across the county.

4.0 Outcome and Delivery Framework

- 4.1 Alongside the development of the revised action plan, work is also underway to develop an Outcome and Delivery Framework for the CSA. This reflects the Partnership's intention to strengthen its use of data and move towards a more intelligence-led approach to identifying issues, monitoring activity and understanding impact.
- 4.2 The Outcome and Delivery Framework is expected to include both indicators and delivery measures, recognising that some areas of activity will be easier to quantify than others. It will also need to reflect the availability, quality and limitations of different datasets, particularly where data is owned or provided by partner agencies. Partner input will therefore be important in shaping how non-Kent Police data is used and presented, including baselines, reporting frequency and any limitations.
- 4.3 Initial development is focussing on readily available data, including published Kent Police data, with the potential to incorporate additional partner datasets over time where these are available, appropriate and can be processed proportionately. Some data gaps are expected and will be worked through as the framework develops.
- 4.4 Further consideration will also be needed around how the framework, including any contextual indicators or dashboard, is shared or published. This will require clarity and agreement with partners on how any shared data is used, particularly where information is drawn from multiple agencies.
- 4.5 The development of the framework will be a gradual process. The initial focus will be on creating a useful first iteration that supports discussion with the Working Group and helps partners understand what information adds most value. Further refinement will follow once the 2026/27 Action Plan has been agreed.

5.0 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

- 5.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced the requirement for a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee to review the work of the partnership. KCC's Scrutiny Committee meets annually as the Crime and Disorder Committee to act as a critical friend, scrutinising and challenging the work of the partnership and the outcomes from the Community Safety Agreement.
- 5.2 Members were advised at the March 2026 meeting that the Crime and Disorder Committee was scheduled for 1 July 2026 and that representatives of the responsible authorities would attend to represent the KCSP and respond to any queries raised. A number of comments, observations and areas for further consideration were identified during the Scrutiny process. These will be reviewed by the KCSP Working Group and, where appropriate, reflected in the ongoing development of the 2026/27 Action Plan and the Outcome and Delivery Framework, with updates provided to the KCSP as work progresses.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members are asked to note:

- the progress made in developing a more data-led and evidence-based approach to support the work of the Partnership, including the development of an Outcome and Delivery Framework;
- the ongoing development of the 2026/27 Kent Community Safety Agreement Action Plan, aligned to the three strategic aims, which will be presented to the KCSP at the next meeting.

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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) – 23rd July 2026

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 2026/27

- 2.1 The funding allocation to the KCSP for 2026/27 by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), remains similar to previous years (£39,660). As previously, a third of the funding (£13,100) has been allocated to a Tactical Pot for in-year spending, with the remaining two-thirds (£26,500) 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 across Kent and Medway by the PCC to help deliver the priorities as set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029, which was launched on 1st April 2025. The key priorities of the plan are:

- Protecting People
- Protecting Places
- Protecting Property
- Productive Partnerships

- 2.3 To support these priorities the Crime Reduction Grant projects, services or interventions must align to one or more of the following areas;
- Working with residents, communities, and businesses to prevent and reduce public disorder, crime, and anti-social behaviour (ASB).
 - Reducing violence against women and girls (VAWG).
 - Safeguarding victims and providing support to help them cope and build resilience for the future
 - Protecting young people through education to keep them safe.
 - Reducing violence and knife crime.
 - Preventing road danger and supporting Vision Zero.
 - Preventing Cybercrime and fraud through education and awareness.
 - Preventing retail crime, vehicle crime, burglary, and robbery.
 - Delivering prevention work to reduce rural crime.
 - Tackling environmental crime.
- 2.4 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) strategic aims.
- 2.5 Four project proposals were received from partners for consideration by the KCSP Working Group at their meeting on 27th April 2026. Project leads were invited to attend the meeting to give an overview of their proposal and respond to questions from the multi-agency members. Following consideration by the Working Group, recommendations were forwarded to the Chair of the KCSP in line with the agreed process, prior to submission to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for formal consideration.
- 2.6 The following projects have progressed through the funding process and received approval from the OPCC, subject to some additional information relating to the Youth Scam project:
- **Hateful Extremism Learning Event (£4,000)**
A hybrid, multi-agency event that builds professional capability and partnership working to prevent radicalisation and serious harm.
 - **Supporting Young People Affected by Domestic Abuse: School Guidance & helping a friend (£4,000)**
This project will deliver clear, accessible Operation Encompass guidance for school safeguarding leads and youth-friendly domestic abuse resources to all Kent schools, strengthening support for children affected by domestic abuse.
 - **Youth Scam and Financial Exploitation Prevention Programme (£4,811)**
Targeted scam and financial exploitation prevention programme for young people aged 13–18, providing early safeguarding intervention through officer-led sessions, QR-enabled resources and targeted online content to prevent harm and criminal exploitation.

- 2.7 To date, £12,811 of the Crime Reduction Grant (CRG) allocation has been committed to the projects outlined above. The remaining upfront allocation has been transferred to the Tactical Pot which currently totals £26,849 and is available to support suitable in-year projects.
- 2.8 A further four project proposals will be considered by the KCSP Working Group at their next meeting on 15 July 2026.
- 2.9 Partners are encouraged to continue identifying and submitting potential projects for consideration 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. In 2025/2026 the KCST delivered nine CSIS sessions as an hour long drop-in lunch time learning event. All sessions were well attended and received positive feedback. In 2026/27, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has delivered three CSIS events to date. These sessions have covered a range of topics, including Stop Loan Sharks, delivered by the England Illegal Money Lending Team; Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Heritage Crime, delivered by Historic England; and most recently, cybercrime prevention, presented by Kent Police. Further CSIS sessions are planned for later in the year, with topics and guest speakers currently being developed.
- 3.2 As part of the KCST's commitment to promoting good practice and partnership working, the team produces a monthly e-bulletin highlighting community safety updates, legislative and policy updates, partner initiatives, training opportunities, campaigns and resources. The most recent edition included updates on cybercrime awareness, learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews, domestic abuse and honour-based abuse, antisocial behaviour (ASB), violence against women and girls, modern slavery, and safeguarding people with learning disabilities.
- 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 process managed by the KCST. Published DHRs are available on the [KCC](#) and Medway Council Websites. During 2025/2026 three DHRS were published: [Rita](#), [Lesley](#) and [Safta](#). Learning from these reviews has been shared with partners through a range of channels, including briefing documents and learning webinars.
- 3.4 A learning webinar was delivered jointly with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board on 25 March 2026, exploring key learning from the cases of DHR Lesley and the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Renee, including the distinction between carer breakdown and domestic abuse. The webinar featured a guest speaker from Hourglass, a specialist domestic abuse service supporting older people. Feedback was very positive, with all respondents rating the session as excellent, very good or good.

- 3.5 Two further learning webinars are scheduled for September 2026 to disseminate learning from recent DHRs and SARs. The first session will explore the case of Safta and the often hidden nature of domestic abuse. The second will examine the cases of George and Keita, focusing on homelessness and multiple vulnerabilities. The webinars will include contributions from independent review Chairs, specialist services, family members, and partners involved in supporting individuals with complex needs. Recordings of previous events can be accessed via the Safer Communities Portal and further learning events are being developed as additional reviews are published throughout the year.
- 3.6 Finally, on 8 July 2026, the Kent Community Safety Team brought together partners and colleagues to mark the team's first decade and reflect on how community safety partnership working has evolved in that time. The event provided an opportunity to showcase the work delivered over the last 10 years and recognise the contribution of partners, while also looking ahead to future challenges, opportunities and priorities for community safety. The KCST would like to thank all partners, past and present, for their continued support, collaboration and commitment.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) are asked to:
- a) Note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.
 - b) Contact the KCST kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk with any:
 - Project proposals for the Crime Reduction Grant funding.
 - Suggestions for future speakers / topics that might be of interest for the Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS).
 - Key updates that might be appropriate to include in future editions of the KCST e-bulletin.

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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 23rd July 2026

Classification: For Decision

Subject: KCSP Terms of Reference Update 2026

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 2025. Since that time, there have been no legislative changes enacted that would impact the governance arrangements for the Partnership.
- 2.2 However, the Partnership should note that the section of the [Victims and Prisoners Act 2024](#) which changes the name of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) to Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs), along with changing the criteria is due to come into force. As such, the ToR does now include reference to the Act and acknowledges that compliance will be continued once the legislation is fully enacted and new updated Statutory Guidance issued.
- 2.3 The remaining ToR for the KCSP (See Appendix A) have been reviewed and updated.

- 2.4 The 'Responsibilities' section has been updated to ensure it reflects the move to a data-led and evidence-based approach with a performance framework to measure impact and outcomes.
- 2.5 The 'Membership' section has been updated to reflect minor changes to organisational names.
- 2.6 The 'Roles and Responsibilities of Members' has been updated to strengthen the responsibility of members to *"have responsibility for proactively sharing relevant information, intelligence, updates and/or feedback from their agencies and associated partnerships, boards and groups to inform the work of the KCSP. Members will also act as a two-way conduit between the KCSP and the organisations and partnerships they represent, ensuring timely communication, effective information sharing, and alignment of priorities and activities"*.
- 2.7 The 'Meetings' section has been updated to ensure that partners are able to suggest/request substantive items on the agenda or as any other business at discretion of the Chair, to facilitate the cross communication and sharing of information between the KCSP and other organisations/partnerships/boards etc.

3.0 KCSP Subgroups Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The KCSP has two subgroups which it is responsible for overseeing. The KCSP Working Group (KCSP WG) 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 in lieu of the enactment of the Victims and Prisoners Act and associated Home Office statutory guidance for the conduct of DHRs.
- 3.3 The 'Purpose' section has been updated to reflect the need for *'Steering group members and partners to deliver their safeguarding duties in relation to assurance that the services they are responsible for, identify, respond and learn from domestic abuse and safeguarding related harm'*. These changes have been reflected throughout the 'Responsibilities' and 'Member Responsibilities' sections, ensuring a consistent emphasis on safeguarding accountability, learning, and continuous service improvement.
- 3.4 Additionally, the 'Membership' section has been updated to recognise that the current Home Office Statutory DHR Guidance does not take into consideration the reorganisation of the National Health Service and the unification of Probation providers.
- 3.5 The KCSP Working Group members also recently reviewed their ToR (see Appendix C) and much like the main KCSP ToR, has been updated to reflect

the move to a data-led and evidence-based approach with a Performance Framework to measure impact.

- 3.6 The 'Overarching Purpose' has been expanded to include the *'development and implementation of a Community Safety Agreement Performance (Outcome and Delivery) Framework to measure impact, outcomes and direction of travel'*.
- 3.7 The Responsibilities Section has been expanded to reflect the move to data-led and evidence-based approach ensuring effective use of data, intelligence and analytical insight, a performance framework to measure impact and also to *'provide strategic input into the development and delivery of CRG-funded projects and initiatives, including contributing to priorities, planning and (where appropriate) events or partnership activity'*.
- 3.8 The 'Membership' section has been updated to reflect minor changes to organisational names and also the need to *'review periodically to ensure appropriate representation aligned to strategic priorities and emerging areas of focus'*.
- 3.9 The 'Responsibilities of Members' section has been updated to reflect that *'all members are responsible for proactively sharing relevant information, intelligence and updates from their respective agencies and any partnerships, boards or groups they represent, ensuring this informs the CSA Action Plan, Performance Framework and wider partnership activity. Members will act as a two-way conduit between the KCSP Working Group and the partnerships they are connected to, ensuring consistent communication and alignment'*.
- 3.10 The KCSP WG 'Meetings' will *'include a focus on emerging risks, performance insights and strategic alignment across partnership activity'*.
- 3.11 The ToR emphasises that *'Communication will support effective information sharing and coordination across partner agencies and associated partnerships'*.

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 (KCSP) ToR

Appendix B – Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group (DHR SG) ToR

Appendix C – Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group (KCSP WG) 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, having due regard to the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan,
- 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 in a data-led and evidence-based approach to achieve county wide priorities as set out in the Kent Community Safety Agreement,
- To performance manage the community safety agreement and the associated action plan on behalf of the responsible authorities for Kent to measure impact and outcomes.
- 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. (For compliance to be continued once the move to Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDR) under the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 has been enacted, and the supporting updated Home Office statutory guidance released and implemented).
- 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)
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS)
- NHS Kent and Medway
- The Probation Service
- Chairs of Local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

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 but not limited to 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 proactively sharing relevant information, intelligence, updates and/or feedback from their agencies and associated partnerships, boards and groups to inform the work of the KCSP. Members will also act as a two-way conduit between the KCSP and the organisations and partnerships they represent, ensuring timely communication, effective information sharing, and alignment of priorities and activities.

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 every 2 years.

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 four of the responsible authorities are represented.

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

To ensure meetings remain focused and effective, substantive items should be submitted in advance for inclusion on the agenda. Any Other Business will be limited to urgent matters and accepted at the discretion 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.
- DARDR Steering Group ensures that the requirements of Section 9 of the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act (2004), the upcoming Victims and Prisoners Act once enacted and the updated Home Office Statutory Guidance with regards to the initiation, undertaking and monitoring of actions from DHRs/Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews 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). To enable steering group members and partners to deliver their safeguarding duties in relation to assurance that the services they are responsible for, identify, respond, and learn from domestic abuse and safeguarding related harm. For compliance to be continued once the move to Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews under the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 has been enacted, and the supporting updated statutory guidance released and implemented.

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. Ensuring recommendations and actions for services that steering group members are responsible for, supporting assurance, service improvement and prevention.
- 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](#), [KSCMP](#), and [MSCP](#) to avoid duplication with other statutory review processes and triangulate common themes and recommendations and to work on a system wide approach for 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 (for Kent and Medway (K&M) this includes K&M Integrated Care Board, NHS England, NHS Trusts, NHS foundation Trusts and other NHS funded providers) 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:

- Support the DHR protocols and processes by co-ordinating the contributions from the services they are responsible for. Ensure that their organisation provides timely, accurate and sufficiently senior contributions to scoping, information requests, Individual Management Reviews, and action plan updates.
- Provide assurance reporting, including confirmation that recommendations and learning have been embedded in policy, practice, training, supervision, commissioning or contract management arrangements where applicable.
- 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.
- Nominate substitutes to attend meetings and provide Action Plan updates.
- Ensure DHR learning is taken into their organisations' safeguarding, domestic abuse, quality, safety, commissioning, assurance, risk and escalation policies and processes.

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 agencies with a statutory duty – see Membership section) 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.

Review of Terms of Reference

- These Terms of Reference are reviewed annually. Additional review may be required earlier should there be changes to legislation, statutory guidance, Home Office DHR/Domestic Abuse Related Death Review arrangements, member safeguarding requirements, or local partnership governance arrangements.

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. GUIDING PRINCIPALS

All work undertaken by this group will be guided by the following principles:

- Evidence Led - through using shared data, intelligence, and insight to understand problems and measure impact.
- Prevention Focused - focussing on prioritising early intervention and addressing the root causes of crime, harm, and vulnerability.
- Community Centred - by placing the needs, voices, and safety of our residents at the heart of our decisions and actions.
- Collaborative - working jointly across all sectors to achieve shared outcomes and maximise resources.
- Accountable - being transparent about our activities, performance, and the difference we are making.

3. OVERARCHING PURPOSE

To support the delivery of the Kent Community Safety Partnership's (KCSP) strategic priorities, ensuring a collaborative, data-led and evidence-based approach to reducing crime, preventing harm, and increasing feelings of safety for all residents in Kent.

This will be achieved 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 annual review process.
- (iii) Supporting the development and implementation of a Community Safety Agreement Performance (Outcome and Delivery) Framework to measure impact, outcomes and direction of travel.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Develop and maintain the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA), informed by annual Strategic Assessments from local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), and undertake an annual review and refresh (as required).
- Develop and maintain the CSA Action Plan to provide strategic oversight and coordination of partnership activity, monitor agreed performance measures, and ensure any exceptions or areas of concern are escalated to the KCSP.
- Lead on the development and ongoing refinement of the CSA Performance (Outcome and Delivery) Framework, including identifying indicators of success, supporting data sharing and helping to evidence impact.
- Ensure that relevant intelligence, activity and learning from partner agencies and associated boards/groups is shared, to inform delivery of the CSA Action Plan and Performance Framework.
- Provide support, guidance and sharing of information to ensure delivery of the annual Strategic Assessment process.
- Maximise coordination and cooperation at a strategic level, with appropriate links to operational delivery, to support alignment with the CSA and minimise duplication.
- Promote a preventative, early intervention approach, including identifying opportunities to address the root causes of issues that impact community wellbeing and safety.
- Facilitate the delivery of community safety conferences, seminars and events (subject to identified need), promoting learning, innovation and the dissemination of effective practice across the partnership.
- Ensure robust financial monitoring and budget arrangements are in place to support and manage the available funding streams.
- Provide strategic input into the development and delivery of CRG-funded projects and initiatives, including contributing to priorities, planning and (where appropriate) events or partnership activity.
- Advise the KCSP on emerging local, regional and national issues, policy developments 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, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government) 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, ensuring a data-led and evidence-based approach to community safety. Ensuring the effective use of data, intelligence and analytical insight to inform priorities, identify emerging risks and support evidence-based decision-making.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of 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, Kent and Medway Prevent Team, Serious Organised Crime Team, Commissioners for Domestic Abuse services and the Domestic Abuse Projects and Partnership Team.
- NHS Kent & Medway
- 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 Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership etc.

Membership will be reviewed periodically to ensure appropriate representation aligned to KCSP strategic priorities and emerging areas of focus.

6. 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 are responsible for proactively sharing relevant information, intelligence and updates from their respective agencies and any partnerships, boards or groups they represent, ensuring this informs the CSA Action Plan, Performance Framework and wider partnership activity. Members will act as a two-way conduit between the KCSP Working Group and the partnerships they are connected to, ensuring consistent communication and alignment.

7. CHAIRPERSON

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

8. 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.

Meetings will include a focus on emerging risks, performance insights and strategic alignment across partnership activity.

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

9. 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.

10. COMMUNICATION

Communication will support effective information sharing and coordination across partner agencies and associated partnerships.

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

By: Inspector James Ross, Kent Police

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 23rd July 2026

Classification: For Information

Subject: Countywide Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership Forum

Summary This report outlines work being undertaken to explore the establishment of a countywide Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Partnership Forum. The proposed Forum aims to strengthen partnership working and provide a regular opportunity for practitioners to share information, discuss emerging issues and exchange learning and good practice relating to ASB across Kent.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Anti-social behaviour (ASB) continues to have a significant impact on communities across Kent and remains a key issue for Community Safety Partnerships and other responsible authorities. Effective responses often require coordinated multi-agency working, information sharing, and the exchange of learning and good practice.
- 1.2 As part of its commitment to promoting good practice and strengthening partnership working, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is currently exploring the establishment of a countywide ASB Forum for partners. The proposal is at an early stage of development and initial discussions have taken place with police colleagues and a number of local authority Community Safety Managers. It reflects an identified need for a regular countywide arrangement to support practitioners working across the community safety and ASB agenda.

2.0 Proposed Countywide ASB Forum

- 2.1 The proposed Forum would provide a regular multi-agency meeting for police and local authority staff working on ASB to develop a shared understanding of the ASB picture across Kent, share intelligence and emerging issues, identify opportunities for joint activity, and exchange learning and good practice.
- 2.2 The Forum would also provide a central mechanism for sharing resources, guidance, templates and other relevant materials, helping practitioners to access information, learning and examples of practice from across Kent.
- 2.3 Draft Terms of Reference have been developed but will be subject to further discussion and refinement with partners.
- 2.4 The proposed membership initially includes representatives from Kent Police, district and borough councils, and the Kent Community Safety Team. The intention is to establish a focused and manageable forum in the first instance, with membership and representation reviewed over time as the Forum develops.

- 2.5 Initial discussions with a number of Community Safety Managers have indicated a broad interest in exploring the development of a countywide ASB Forum. Further engagement is planned to gather feedback on the draft Terms of Reference, including any governance arrangements, membership and meeting frequency (the current proposal is for the Forum to meet quarterly).

3.0 Links to the Community Safety Agreement

- 3.1 The proposed Forum aligns closely with the revised Kent Community Safety Agreement approach, particularly the strategic aim of creating stronger, safer and more resilient neighbourhoods. The Forum would provide an opportunity to strengthen professional networks, promote shared learning and improve awareness of ASB issues and emerging themes across Kent.
- 3.2 Subject to further development and agreement, the Forum is expected to form part of the 2026/27 Community Safety Agreement Action Plan and support the Partnership's understanding of anti-social behaviour issues affecting communities across Kent.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 Further engagement will be undertaken with police, local authority and other relevant partners to refine the Terms of Reference.
- 4.2 Subject to partner support, it is anticipated that the Forum will be established during 2026/27, with updates provided to the Kent Community Safety Partnership as work progresses.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members are asked to note the work being undertaken to explore the establishment of a countywide Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership Forum.

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