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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 2025/26

- 2.1 The funding allocation to the KCSP for 2025/26 by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), remained the same as in previous years (£39,661). As part of the terms and conditions a third of the funding (£13,221) was placed in a tactical pot for in-year spending. Similar funding was also provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 2.2 In late April 2025, the KCSP Working Group reviewed six projects suggested by partners. All six projects (listed below) received a consensus of support and the PCC approved upfront spending of £24,108.20. A short summary about each of the projects was included in the last report to KCSP members in July 2025, further progress updates can be found in *Appendix 1*.

- Hateful Extremism Learning Event (£4,000)
 - Countering the Extreme Right-Wing Training (£4,182)
 - Kent Community Domestic Abuse Champions – Branding & Resources (£3,703)
 - Teacher in Your Pocket (TEPO) – Scams Module (£5,223)
 - Responsible Authority Training on the Licensing Act 2003 (£5,000)
 - Workshop – Involving men and boys in tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (£2,000)
- 2.3 The remaining upfront budget of £2,332.26 was added to the Tactical Pot leaving the KCSP with £15,553.26 for in year use. Further project proposals were subsequently submitted by partners and considered by the KCSP Working Group across two meetings. (See Appendix 2 for details of the recommended tactical pot projects)
- 2.4 Two projects were discussed at the July meeting and following clarification of a few queries, the PCC has approved funding for:
- British Sign Language (BSL) Interpretation to TEPO – Doorstep Crime and Scams Modules (£5,500)
 - Local Vape Action Retailer Packs (£2,000)
- 2.5 Additional projects were presented and discussed at the October meeting. However, due to limited funding, a voting process was undertaken to prioritise them. Two projects were selected to proceed and have been endorsed by the KCSP Chair and submitted to the PCC for consideration:
- Violence Against Women & Girls Support Champions (£6,095)
 - The Anti-Racist School (£1,950)
- 2.6 At this point it was anticipated, that if all projects received approval from the PCC, the majority of the Tactical Pot funding would have been allocated, with approximately £7.80 remaining. However subsequent to these discussions, and as part of the mid-year monitoring, the KCST has been advised that the VAWG workshop, for which £2,000 had initially been allocated, is unable to proceed as originally planned within the required timeframe. The OPCC has been informed of the change in delivery plans and it is anticipated that the £2,000 will be returned to the tactical pot.
- 2.7 As a result, the KCSP Working Group will continue to work with partners to review any potential projects that could benefit from the remaining funding. However, it should be noted that access to the funding will close at the end of December 2025. 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 In 2025, the KCST delivered eleven well-attended lunchtime Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS), covering a range of topics. Since the last update to KCSP members in July, sessions have featured inputs from the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), Kent Police's Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Hub, Dangerous Dogs, Rogue Trading, catapult-related concerns (with legal and RSPCA input), KCC's Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Strategy (2026–2031), the Domestic Abuse Champions project, and the 16 Days of Activism. Two final

sessions are scheduled for 21st January and 26th February 2026, with topics and speakers being confirmed.

3.2 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. So far two DHR has have been published this financial year [DHR RITA](#) and [DHR SAFTA](#).

3.3 During the current financial year, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has delivered three Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) learning webinars. Since the last update to Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members, two further sessions have taken place.

- **30th June Webinar – Caring Dynamics and Dementia**

Delivered in partnership with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB), this session focused on the complex dynamics of caring relationships and dementia. It featured specialist input from Aberystwyth University on the intersection of domestic abuse and dementia, and was attended by 286 frontline professionals.

- **3rd October Webinar – The Case of ‘Angela’**

This session explored the case of ‘Angela’, highlighting the impact of child separation, suicide, and domestic abuse, with a particular focus on the established links to suicidality. Guest speakers included Liz Hanlon, Independent DHR Chair, and Dr Rachael Grey from Project Lighthouse, a charity dedicated to understanding the effects of child removal in the context of domestic abuse. The webinar was attended by 170 frontline professionals. Of the 61 attendees who completed the evaluation, 100% rated the session as either excellent, very good, or good.

3.4 The recordings of the events are available on the [Safer Communities Portal](#)*. Further webinars are being prepared in line with cases that are going to be published over the rest of the financial year. **Partner agencies accessing the portal for the first time will be notified that they need permission to access the relevant item. Once approved, officers should be able to view future items posted on the portal.*

3.5 As part of its commitment to promoting good practice and supporting partnership working, the KCST produces monthly e-bulletins featuring the latest community safety updates, relevant news, publications, and legislative changes. The most recent edition ([KCST Bulletin October 2025](#)) included updates from partners such as Teacher in Your Pocket (TEPO) on scam prevention, the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board on newly published Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) and their revised online referral form, as well as updates on Prevent, training opportunities, upcoming events, partner newsletters, and awareness campaigns. These included Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week and 16 Days of Activism Against Violence and Abuse.

3.6 The KCST is currently working with partners in the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) on the annual [Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week](#) (SAAW) campaign (17th - 21st November). The KCST has engaged with colleagues within the Kent Community Warden service and at a local district level regarding events/activities which are taking place during the week as well as sharing details about the resources and social media plan.

- 3.7 In addition, the team are working with colleagues to support and promote the 16 days of activism which runs 25th November to 10th December 2025. This year's theme is 'UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls', and the team will be sharing information with colleagues across Kent and Medway about the webinars that are taking place and available resources.

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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Appendix 1: Summary of approved projects with current progress updates (Initial Business Cases)

- **Hateful Extremism Learning Event**
The venue has been secured for the event, which is scheduled to take place on 25th February 2026. A sound company has also been contracted, as their support will be essential to the successful delivery of the hybrid format. Work is currently underway to draft the agenda and identify suitable speakers.
- **Countering the Extreme Right-Wing Training**
Liaison with Small Steps is ongoing to support project delivery. A total of 11 sessions have been allocated, with dates and times currently being finalised in coordination with trainers to ensure optimal coverage of target locations.
- **Kent Community Domestic Abuse Champions – Branding & Resources**
142 individuals are now trained Kent Domestic Abuse Champions, including professionals, volunteers, VCS organisations, churches, and non-professionals. Monthly training and quarterly Communities of Practice sessions support ongoing development. The design specification has been drafted and discussed with the designer with final amendments underway before design begins.
- **Teacher in Your Pocket (TEPO) – Scams Module**
The project is on track. The campaign website is live with 560 views and 73,913 video plays. Over 6,000 emails have been sent (42% open rate), targeting internal KCC teams and external partners. Social media content is live, with ads running until March 2026. The email campaign is scheduled through January 2026. Leaflets are in design and a press release is pending approval.
- **Responsible Authority Training on the Licensing Act 2003**
Event planning is underway, with delivery scheduled for February 2026. The suitability of a venue in Maidstone has been assessed and is now in the process of being confirmed. Planning and preparations are progressing and remain on track.
- **WITHDRAWN: Workshop – Involving men and boys in tackling Violence Against Women and Girls**

Appendix 2: Summary of Projects (Tactical Pot)

- **British Sign Language interpretation to TEPO (teacher in your pocket) modules - Doorstep Crime and Scams (£5,500)**
Funding to add British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation to two Teacher in Your Pocket safety video modules (Doorstep Crime and Scams) making them fully accessible to Deaf users
- **Local Vape Action Retailer Packs (£2,000)**
Funding to produce and distribute Local Vape Action retailer packs, supporting efforts to prevent underage vape sales in Kent. Led by local authorities and the IBVTA, the initiative equips retailers with legal guidance, safety tips, and de-

escalation tools, while reinforcing police presence in hotspot areas. The pilot will inform a national rollout, promoting youth safety, responsible retailing, and community wellbeing.

- **Violence Against Women & Girls Support Champions (£6,095)**

The project aims to fund 39 Kent secondary schools to become White Ribbon supporters, promoting respect and safety for women and girls. Each school will appoint VAWG Support Champions (two per year group) and a lead. Working with child-centred policing officers, and collaborating with local partners to address concerns. The initiative aims to reach over 41,000 students and includes funding for White Ribbon support membership, badges, posters, and leaflets.

- **The Anti Racist School (£1,950)**

This is a video-based training initiative aimed at teachers, and professionals working in schools, to give foundational knowledge to recognise how racism shows up in the classroom, curriculum and school settings. The project will deliver sessions to 30 schools, reaching up to 900 educators. Those involved will be able to work through a toolkit of resources to deal with everyday racism and includes school-based scenarios and case studies including safeguarding reviews.