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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 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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