KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT

2026/27 ACTION PLAN | AT-A-GLANCE SUMMARY

i This plan focuses on areas where the KCSP has a direct leadership, coordination or assurance role. It highlights where the partnership adds countywide value without duplicating operational plans led by other partnerships.

AIM 1: Stronger, safer and resilient neighbourhoods: addressing ASB, neighbourhood crime and local concerns

2026/27 PRIORITIES

- Prepare for legislative and policy change
- Establish an ASB Partnership Forum
- Share learning and effective partnership approaches
- Support wider partnership activity, campaigns and messaging

RELATED PARTNERSHIPS

- District and borough CSPs
- Kent & Medway Safer Roads Partnership
- Prevent Duty Delivery Board
- Kent Police Hate Crime Forum

AIM 2 : Reducing violence, abuse and high-harm offending

2026/27 PRIORITIES

- Manage DHR and DARDR cases and share learning across partner agencies
- Implement new DARDR statutory guidance with consideration of resource and funding implications
- Raise awareness and share messages and campaigns promoting wider partnership activity
- Support wider partnership activity to reduce offending and reoffending

RELATED PARTNERSHIPS

- Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group
- DHR / DARDR Steering Group
- Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board
- Reducing Reoffending Board

AIM 3: Protecting vulnerable people: reducing exploitation, susceptibility and repeat harm

2026/27 PRIORITIES

- Share learning from safeguarding and statutory reviews
- Support delivery of substance misuse priorities
- Improve awareness of exploitation and radicalisation risks
- Promote Prevent and Channel awareness
- Improve outcomes for victims and reduce repeat victimisation

RELATED PARTNERSHIPS

- Safeguarding Adults Board
- Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership
- Substance Misuse Alliance
- Prevent Duty Delivery Board

FUNDED DELIVERY	**Crime Reduction Grant projects: Aim 1 | Respect Order training • Aim 2 | 3 domestic abuse-related projects • Aim 3 | 3 exploitation, Prevent and SOC projects**
CROSS-CUTTING	**Data and intelligence • Strategic assessment and performance monitoring • Crime Reduction Grant management • Crime and Disorder Scrutiny**
WIDER PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY	**Road safety and Vision Zero • Domestic abuse and VAWG • Serious violence • Substance misuse • Safeguarding • Reducing reoffending • Prevent and Channel**

AIM 1	**Stronger, safer and resilient neighbourhoods: addressing ASB, neighbourhood crime, and local concerns** *This aim supports joint working on the issues most affecting residents' day-to-day experience of safety, while recognising that delivery primarily takes place through local partnerships.*

Ref.	Objective	KCSP actions	Evidence of success	By when	Lead
1.1	Partners are aware of and prepared for **legislative and policy changes affecting ASB,** neighbourhood crime and local concerns.	• Monitor relevant developments; • share proportionate briefings, guidance and implementation messages; • facilitate coordinated discussion where needed.	• Updates and guidance shared. • Partnership implications identified and addressed or escalated.	Ongoing	KCSP Working Group / KCST, with partner input
1.2	A countywide **ASB Partnership Forum** is established to strengthen collaboration, information sharing and strategic coordination.	Scope, establish and implement the forum, including membership, purpose, governance and initial priorities.	Forum operational, with agreed terms of reference, membership and priorities.	March 2027	Kent Police / KCST / district and borough CSPs
1.3	Partners **share learning, good practice** and effective approaches to ASB, neighbourhood crime and retail crime.	Disseminate learning and partnership initiatives through CSIS events, e-bulletins, the Safer Communities Portal and established networks.	Learning and resources shared, with evidence of partner engagement and feedback.	Ongoing	KCST / partners
1.4	**Support and promote campaigns, messaging** and wider activity undertaken by the relevant primary delivery partnerships including emerging community resilience and public safety risks.	• Share themes, learning, campaigns and resources; • Promote awareness of community resilience initiatives; • Support coordinated partnership messaging and activities where appropriate.	Briefings, campaigns and learning shared; partner engagement demonstrated; emerging risks considered through partnership discussions.	Ongoing	Relevant countywide partnerships / KCST
FUNDED DELIVERY | CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROJECTS					
CRG1	Professionals are prepared for the introduction and use of Respect Orders.	Deliver and disseminate the Respect Order Training project.	Project delivered and evaluated; learning and resources shared.	March 2027	KCST

AIM 2 — Reducing violence, abuse and high-harm offending

This aim focuses on preventing and responding to the most serious forms of violence and abuse, including domestic abuse, VAWG, serious violence and other high-harm offending.

Ref.	Objective	KCSP actions	Evidence of success	By when	Lead
2.1	**DHRs** and **DARDR** cases are effectively **managed** and **learning** is **shared** across partner agencies.	Commission and oversee cases; monitor recommendations and action plans; disseminate learning through briefings, events and partnerships.	Reviews progressed; recommendations monitored; learning activity delivered.	Ongoing	DARDR Steering Group / KCST
2.2	The new **DARDR statutory guidance** is implemented effectively across Kent and Medway including consideration of resources and funding .	Support implementation; review governance, processes and resource requirements; consider sustainable funding arrangements.	Implementation progressed; partners updated; funding and resource decisions taken through appropriate governance.	Ongoing	DARDR Steering Group / KCST
2.3	Partners receive consistent **awareness and prevention messages** relating to domestic abuse, VAWG and other relevant partnership activity.	Support dissemination of agreed campaigns, prevention messages, learning and resources, including 16 Days of Activism.	Campaigns and resources shared, with evidence of partner dissemination and engagement where appropriate.	Ongoing	Relevant countywide partnerships / KCST
2.4	Support wider partnership activity that contributes to **reducing offending and reoffending.**	Maintain links with the Kent and Medway Reducing Reoffending Board to share strategic issues and learning.	Relevant issues and learning shared, with cross-partnership matters identified and escalated where appropriate.	Ongoing	KMRRB / KCSP
FUNDED DELIVERY | CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROJECTS					
CRG2	Young people affected by domestic abuse have improved information and guidance.	Support delivery of school guidance and “helping a friend” resources.	Products delivered; reach, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison
CRG3	Practitioners have improved knowledge of domestic abuse and related risks.	Support delivery of specialist partnership learning webinars.	Webinars delivered; attendance, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison
CRG4	Partners have improved awareness of knife crime	Support delivery and dissemination of the “Let’s Be Blunt” webinar.	Agreed outputs delivered; reach, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison

AIM 3 — Protecting vulnerable people: reducing exploitation, susceptibility, and repeat harm

This aim focuses on protecting people who may be vulnerable to exploitation, repeat victimisation or other forms of harm.

Ref.	Objective	KCSP actions	Evidence of success	By when	Lead
3.1	**Learning** relevant to community safety **from safeguarding** and other statutory **reviews** is shared across partners.	Work with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board and the Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership to identify and disseminate cross-cutting learning, published reviews, local activity and learning opportunities.	Reviews and learning shared, with evidence of partnership discussion or application where available.	Ongoing	Relevant safeguarding partnerships / KCST
3.2	Community safety partners remain connected to **substance misuse priorities,** harm-reduction messages and reporting arrangements.	• Share strategy updates, campaigns, emerging risks and reporting routes; • facilitate links with local CSPs where useful.	Updates, alerts and campaigns shared, with evidence of CSP engagement where appropriate.	Ongoing	Kent Substance Misuse Alliance / KCC Public Health
3.3	Partners have improved **awareness of risks linked to exploitation, radicalisation**, susceptibility and repeat harm.	• Share learning, emerging risks, referral routes and awareness opportunities. • Promote information sharing and partnership approaches to exploitation and vulnerability.	• Relevant briefings, learning opportunities and resources shared. • Emerging risks and themes reflected in partnership discussions and planning.	Ongoing	Kent and Medway Prevent Team / KCST
3.4	Partners **understand Prevent and Channel** responsibilities and are aware of relevant referral pathways, learning and emerging risks.	Share updates, learning opportunities and resources from the Prevent Duty Delivery Board and Channel Panel.	Updates, learning and resources shared through established networks.	Ongoing	Kent and Medway Prevent Team / KCST
3.5	Promote wider partnership activity that improves **outcomes for victims and reduces repeat victimisation.**	Share themes, learning and resources; Promote awareness of relevant support and initiatives; Support coordinated partnership activity where appropriate.	Relevant information and learning shared; partner engagement demonstrated; opportunities to improve outcomes for victims and reduce repeat victimisation identified.	Ongoing	Relevant partnerships / KCST

FUNDED DELIVERY | CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROJECTS					
CRG5	Practitioners have increased awareness and understanding of hateful extremism.	Support delivery of the Hateful Extremism CPD event.	Event delivered; attendance, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison
CRG6	Young people have increased awareness of scams and financial exploitation.	Support delivery of the Youth Scam and Financial Exploitation Prevention Programme.	Programme delivered; reach, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison
CRG7	Partners have improved awareness of Prevent and serious organised crime risks.	Support the speaker contribution to Prevent and SOC Awareness Week.	Input delivered; attendance, feedback and learning reported.	March 2027	Project lead, with KCST liaison

4 Cross Cutting Activities

Activities undertaken by the KCSP members, KCSP Working Group and the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) to support delivery of the strategic function of the KCSP as set out in the Terms of Reference for the group.

Ref.	Objective	KCSP actions	Evidence of success	By when	Lead
4.1	Shared data and intelligence support strategic assessment, planning and performance monitoring.	Coordinate partnership data; deliver a partner data workshop; produce the county strategic assessment and proportionate performance updates.	Partner data received and shared; workshop, assessment and performance updates completed.	March 2027	KCST
4.2	Crime Reduction Grant funding supports delivery of agreed community safety priorities.	Manage the PCC grant allocation, project liaison, monitoring and reporting; raise awareness of other funding opportunities.	Funding allocated and monitored; project delivery and learning reported through appropriate governance.	March 2027	KCST
4.3	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny arrangements provide effective oversight and assurance.	KCSP member input and consideration of recommendations relevant to the partnership.	Recommendations progressed through appropriate KCSP routes.	As required	KCST / KCSP / KCSP Working Group

5 WIDER PARTNERSHIP LANDSCAPE

The programmes below contribute to the CSA aims but remain accountable through their existing partnership arrangements. They are included to provide wider context and visibility of delivery, without creating additional KCSP actions, targets or reporting requirements.

Strategic aim	Major programme or area of activity	Primary governance or delivery arrangement	Connection to the CSA
Aim 1	Vision Zero and Safe System approach	Kent and Medway Safer Roads Partnership	Supports the reduction of road harm and safer communities.
	Local neighbourhood crime, ASB and community safety activity	District and borough CSPs and relevant operational partnerships	Addresses local concerns and helps inform the countywide picture.
Aim 2	Domestic abuse strategy, services and commissioning	Kent and Medway Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group and associated arrangements	Supports prevention, services, risk reduction and coordinated partnership delivery.
	Serious Violence Duty and strategy delivery	Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Board and the Violence Reduction Unit	Supports the coordinated prevention and reduction of serious violence.
	VAWG prevention, partnership programmes and coordinated communications	Relevant lead agencies and partnerships, including Kent Police and KCC public protection arrangements	Supports prevention, awareness and coordinated activity addressing violence against women and girls.
Aim 3	Substance misuse strategy and delivery priorities	Kent Substance Misuse Alliance and associated delivery groups	Supports the reduction of drug- and alcohol-related harm and vulnerability.
	Reducing reoffending, resettlement and multi-agency offender management	Kent and Medway Reducing Reoffending Board, with relevant offender management and public protection arrangements	Supports effective resettlement, reduced reoffending and repeat harm, including coordinated responses to cross-cutting barriers and emerging risks.
	Learning from safeguarding reviews and local multi-agency activity, including DCSMs and the Families First programme	Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB), Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership (KSCMP) and associated delivery arrangements	Supports protection from exploitation, abuse and repeat harm, and strengthens links between countywide safeguarding priorities and local delivery.
	Prevent and Channel activity	Prevent Duty Delivery Board and Channel Panel	Supports early identification, referral pathways and reduction of radicalisation risk.