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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 Since the previous update, work has continued to progress the three projects approved through the upfront funding allocation:

- **Hateful Extremism Learning Event (£4,000)**
  The event is scheduled to take place on 24 February 2027, brining partners together to increase awareness and understanding of hateful extremism and support shared learning across Kent and Medway. Planning and delivery arrangements are being progressed.
- **Supporting Young People Affected by Domestic Abuse: School Guidance & Helping a Friend (£4,000)**
  The guidance and handbook are being reprinted for distribution across Kent schools. The Operation Encompass resource has also been finalised and published on the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse website, with access to the associated online resource.

- **Youth Scam and Financial Exploitation Prevention Programme (£4,811)**
  The project is in the research and planning phase, with a multi-agency project team and delivery plan in place. Engagement with schools, colleges and youth organisations is underway, alongside preparations for research with young people aged 13–18 to inform the development of campaign materials and messaging.

2.2 As mentioned at the last KCSP meeting, four further project proposals were due for consideration by the KCSP Working Group at its meeting on 15th July 2026. Following presentations from project leads and discussions by Working Group members, three projects received support and were subsequently approved by both the Chair of the KCSP and the PCC. The fourth project has since been withdrawn and put on hold for future consideration:

- **End Domestic Abuse: Specialist Partnership Learning Webinars (£1,800)**
  Specialist-led webinars designed to improve professionals' knowledge, confidence and skills in responding to domestic abuse, with a focus on cultural competency, unconscious bias and intersectionality.
- **Let's Be Blunt: professional learning webinar (£1,250)**
  Webinar incorporating lived experience to increase understanding of knife harm, prevention opportunities and effective responses to exploitation and violence. Delivered as part of the Prevent and Serious Organised Crime Awareness Week.
- **The Manosphere and the Man Box: professional learning webinar (£395)**
  A professional learning session exploring harmful masculinity stereotypes, misogynistic online influences and radicalising behaviours affecting boys and young men, whilst promoting positive intervention approaches. Delivered as part of the Prevent and Serious Organised Crime Awareness Week.

2.3 Since that time, a further two proposals have been considered for Tactical Pot funding. Of these, the ASB Respect Order Training for Professionals project (see below) has been approved by the PCC, while the second proposal, which was submitted more recently, is currently awaiting a decision.

- **ASB Respect Order Training for Professionals (£2,500)**
  Specialist training for community safety practitioners on Respect Orders following their introduction under the Crime and Policing Act 2026. The training will improve understanding of the new powers, their place within the wider anti-social behaviour toolkit, and the legal and evidential requirements for their use.

2.4 To date, approx. £18,750 of the Crime Reduction Grant (CRG) allocation has been committed to approved projects, leaving just under £21,000 available within the Tactical Pot. As mentioned above, a further project proposal is currently awaiting a decision from the PCC and, if approved, the remaining Tactical Pot balance would reduce to approximately £11,000.

2.5 Partners are encouraged to continue identifying and submitting potential projects, funding opportunities, training proposals and collaborative initiatives to the KCST via kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk. Members should note that the Crime Reduction Grant funding closes at the end of December 2026; therefore, any project proposals should be submitted by mid/late November 2026 to ensure sufficient time for consideration and completion of the required approval processes.

3.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) Update

3.1 The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has continued to deliver Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS) covering a range of topical community safety issues and emerging priorities. Since the previous update, sessions have included an input from Kent Police in relation to Intensification Week and the *Slam the Brakes on Abuse* campaign, highlighting efforts to tackle domestic abuse and raise awareness of available support. Additional sessions have included a Home Office presentation providing an introduction to protective security for vulnerable communities, together with an overview of *Martyn's Law* and the protection of publicly accessible premises from terrorist threats. More recently, a session was delivered by Kent County Council's Safer Road Users Team, focusing on the Mature Road Users Course and the support available to promote safer driving and reduce road-related harm among older road users.

3.2 As part of its commitment to promoting good practice and supporting effective partnership working, the KCST continues to produce monthly e-bulletins featuring community safety updates, relevant national and local updates, legislative developments, learning opportunities and examples of partnership activity across Kent. These bulletins are circulated widely across community safety, safeguarding and criminal justice partners to support information sharing and collaborative working.

3.3 The KCSP commission Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDR) (formerly 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 This financial year four DHRS were published: DHR Lana, DHR Melissa, DHR Sasha, and DHR Faith. Learning from these reviews has been shared with partners through a range of channels, including briefing documents and learning webinars.

3.4 Since the previous update, the KCST has delivered two multi-agency learning webinars, both in September 2026. The first focused on learning from DHR Safta, and the often hidden nature of domestic abuse. The second was delivered jointly with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) and explored learning from the cases of DHR George and SAR Keita, with a particular focus on homelessness and multiple vulnerabilities. Over 250 professionals and front line practitioners attended the two webinars. Feedback was very positive, with 93% of respondents rating the events as excellent, very good or good.

3.5 A further learning webinar is scheduled for 8 December 2026, with a focus on domestic abuse and multiple disadvantages. The session will include contributions from the Independent Chair and a family member, providing both professional and lived-experience perspectives on the learning from the review.

3.6 Recordings from the learning webinars are available to partners via the Safer Communities Portal and future webinars will be prepared in line with cases that are going to be published over the next few months.

4.0 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Partnership Forum

4.1 Following the update provided to the KCSP in July 2026, the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Partnership Forum has now been established, with the inaugural meeting held on 16 September. The Forum brings together representatives from Kent Police, district and borough councils, the Kent Community Safety Team and other relevant partners to strengthen partnership working, share learning and best practice, and develop a broader understanding of ASB trends and emerging issues across Kent.

4.2 The first meeting considered the Forum's Terms of Reference and future priorities, including ASB data and trends, tools and powers, legislative developments, training needs and Public Spaces Protection Orders.

4.3 Updated Home Office statutory guidance on anti-social behaviour powers for frontline professionals was published on 6 October 2026, taking effect from 26 October. The implications of the revised guidance for local practice will form an important area of focus for the Forum.

4.4 The Forum will initially meet bi-monthly and will include guest speakers, where appropriate, to share best practice in tackling ASB. At the next meeting in November, colleagues from Hampshire's Crime Prevention Team will present their National Problem Solving “Tilley” Award-winning approach to tackling ASB, with further guest speakers planned for future meetings.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 Members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) are asked to:

a) Note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group, the work of the KCST and the establishment and ongoing development of the ASB Partnership Forum.

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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