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**Summary** This report provides an update on the Kent Community Safety (CSA) Action Plan and the performance monitoring process. This report also includes the annual review of the countywide priorities.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the countywide community safety priorities for 2014-17, along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities.

### **Priorities**

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

- Early intervention, prevention & education
- Reducing Re-Offending
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Supporting Victims and Vulnerable Households / Individuals

1.2 The Action Plan which was agreed by the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) at the last meeting is being progressed and the Performance Monitoring framework has been finalised with a number of proxy indicators being monitored by the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). As requested by members of the KCSP in response to recent national issues, Child Sexual Exploitation is now referenced in the Agreement on page 14 along with a number of other safeguarding issues and a new action has been added to the partnership action plan. The Agreement is available on Kent.gov.

1.3 As mentioned in previous papers to the KCSP although the Community Safety Agreement covers a three year period (2014-17), the priorities are reviewed annually and refreshed as appropriate.

## **2.0 Review of the County Priorities**

2.1 During 2014, KCC's Community Safety Unit sourced data from statutory partners for use by the district Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) in their strategic assessments to help identify key community safety issues. The data was compiled into a county level data pack incorporating both district, county and national figures if available.

2.2 A comparison of the volume, trends and other criteria has enabled an initial assessment of the CSA priorities to be undertaken and any new areas of concern to be identified, this will be finalised shortly but indications are that the current priorities are still relevant. Additional work has also been undertaken by the KCST to identify emerging issues that the partnership might need to take into consideration during the forthcoming year.

- 2.3 Districts are currently finalising their strategic assessments and developing plans for 2015/16, once these have been agreed and signed off at each local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting the priorities can be incorporated into the annual review of the CSA priorities.
- 2.4 At this time it is recommended that the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes remain unchanged, however, if the outcome of the local strategic assessments or further analysis raises any new issues/priorities then the CSA will need to reflect these and they will be presented at the next KCSP meeting.

### **3.0 Action Plan Progress**

- 3.1 Partners are working towards the activities identified in the CSA action plan linking in with various organisations and multi-agency groups across the county to help tackle the identified priorities and themes. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) which meets as a sub-group of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is monitoring the activities set out in the Action Plan and has reviewed the latest update at their meeting in February 2015.
- 3.2 As mentioned in section 1.2 above, Child Sexual Exploitation has been added to the action plan with the initial aim to review the refreshed Strategy that is being produced by the Kent & Medway Safeguarding Children Boards and identify areas where partners can support this area of work.
- 3.3 With regards progress at the end of quarter 3 (2014/15) work has begun on the majority of the planned activities with some being completed already. Some of the achievements to date include:
- ASB Case Management (Themis) - All 12 districts, plus Medway UA have had training for THEMIS which took place at a Partnership Training Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Local Authorities are now able to access Themis subject to completion of the vetting process.
  - ASB trigger - Local Authority websites have all been updated with details of the application process. The request made to the KCSP for county partners to provide a link to each district's trigger process has been actioned and is now available on the websites of Kent Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent County Council.
  - Domestic Abuse e-learning - an e-learning package for partners has been developed and is available for staff use via the Kent Safeguarding Children Board website.
  - IRIS project - following the successful funding bid to the KCSP, a bespoke e-learning package on safe enquiry training for GPs in Kent and Medway is currently being developed for use and should be finalised by the end of March.
  - Road Safety Campaigns - throughout December members of the CaRe (Casualty Reduction) group held a drink drive campaign, activity included arrest Tweets, town centre events and social media promotion of key messages.
  - Licence 2 Kill - this programme has taken place at 3 different venues and has been really well attended by schools with 6,000 students in attendance. Feedback via social media has been very positive and the events attracted good media coverage.
  - Alcohol Strategy - has been presented and discussed at local health and wellbeing boards and community safety partnership meetings around the county. Each local area is now working to develop an action plan which takes into account local priorities and differences.
  - ASB and E-safety school tour – the first two week run of the tour focusing on ASB and e-safety took place in February and visited 16 schools, delivered 34 shows and engaged

over 6,000 students. The tour has been partially funded by the KCSP with the next programme due to start in July 2015.

#### **4.0 Performance Monitoring**

4.1 In addition to monitoring the action plan the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is also monitoring a set of performance indicators chosen to represent the key priorities. As agreed at the last KCSP meeting the detailed report about performance data is reviewed and discussed by the KCST allowing a more operational forum in which to discuss progress and raise any concerns as well as looking at potential solutions. Any significant issues will be reported to the KCSP.

4.2 At this stage, there are no unexpected results with regards the proxy indicators, however the partnership is asked to note that the following focus areas are being monitored:

Domestic Abuse - the number of reported incidents, MARAC referrals and visitors attending domestic abuse one stop shops all continue to rise. This continues to add significant pressure to agencies (voluntary and statutory partners) that are facing reductions in staffing and resources to manage this increasing demand for services. Over the coming months work will be progressed to try to bring more resilience into the MARAC structures to deal with the number of high risk cases now being identified and referred into this process. A separate update on MARACs will be presented to the KCSP meeting.

Road Safety - early indications suggest that 2014 will record an increase against 2013 which is currently consistent with national and regional projections. The Casualty Reduction Partnership (*CaRe*) which is a multi-agency group delivering a number of collective interventions is currently working on campaigns to target specific road user groups.

#### **5.0 Next Steps**

5.1 Ongoing monitoring of the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan and Performance Measures, as well as ongoing assessment and identification of any emerging issues.

5.2 Review of the current reports from the Kent Community Safety Team with consideration given to combining the CSA update report with the general update provided by the KCST.

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

6.1 The existing priorities and cross-cutting themes within the Kent Community Safety Agreement 2014-17 should remain unchanged at this stage subject to feedback from local assessments or further analysis.

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