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Summary This report provides an update on a selection of 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 Partnerships' to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle 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 their multi-agency working group formerly known as the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). The KCSP Working Group 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 Anti-Social Behaviour – New Legislation & Case Management System

- 2.1 As previously reported the case management system known as 'Themis', which is a joint Kent Police and KCC IT project, is currently in use by both Kent Police and the Kent Community Warden Service with the majority of districts now having access to the live system following training and vetting. The next phase of the project (phase 3) is currently in the planning process with a small three month pilot expected to start in 2016 to enable Housing Associations to come on board.
- 2.2 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 has overhauled the existing powers and tools that are available to deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB) reducing them from 19 to 6. A pan Kent 'tools & powers' workshop funded by the KCSP was delivered in May to provide districts with an opportunity to share case studies and best practice with each other and their police colleagues and look at further implementation of the new powers. The workshop focused primarily on the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and the Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and using the tools to tackle local problems. Representatives from all districts attended the workshop with discussions continuing after the meeting regarding further joint working and development of the processes. A number of local authorities are utilising these new tools and powers to tackle offences within the ASB Act and Kent Police are in the early stages of actively progressing ASB Civil Injunctions.

3.0 E-safety Workshops

- 3.1 Following last year's Kent and Medway Community Safety Conference on 'E' safety which was commissioned and funded by members of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) and Medway CSP, it was agreed that any excess funding would be used to run additional e-safety workshops for partners.
- 3.2 As of 1st October 2015 four workshops will have taken place with over 200 staff attending from across a variety of partner agencies. Feedback from all the workshops delivered to date has been very positive. Additional funding is available for further days of training to include either short workshops or more in-depth 'train the trainer' sessions. Dates and booking forms have now been circulated to partners for the remainder of the year. Training will be delivered by KCC's e-safety Officer.

4.0 Kent Community Safety Agreement – Action Plan Update

- 4.1 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 cross-cutting themes. The KCSP Working Group which meets as a sub-group of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is monitoring the activities set out in the Action Plan. The latest review of activities was undertaken at their meeting in early September 2015.
- 4.2 With regards progress to date work is ongoing with the majority of the planned activities with some being completed already. Some of the achievements to date include:
- Domestic Abuse – a 12 week domestic abuse perpetrator programme is being piloted by the Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company. In the future this could be a model that is adapted for use in the community if proven effective.
 - IRIS project - following the successful funding bid to the KCSP last year, a bespoke e-learning package on safe enquiry training for GPs in Kent and Medway has been developed and is now available on the Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (KMDASG) website.
 - Road Safety Experience – work is progressing on the development and will be open for visitors from April 2016. A number of visits have been booked including schools, youth groups and drink/drive reparation courses, promotion of the facility is ongoing and in early 2016 there will be open days for teachers, youth leaders and partner organisations. Facilities at the centre will include an office for road safety partners.
 - Road Safety Campaigns / Initiatives –partners ran a mobile phone campaign and a summer drink drive campaign linking to the Rugby World Cup; Biker Down & Ride Skills initiatives have been delivered to help reduce motorcycle casualties; A new cycle initiative has been piloted in Canterbury; and the Licence 2 Kill schools programme is almost fully booked across all venues for the upcoming events.
 - Substance Misuse – a multi-agency steering group has been developing a Drug Strategy for Kent and a first draft will be presented in October to KDAP (Kent Drug and Alcohol Partnership) which will be followed by a public consultation.
 - ASB and E-safety school tour – In the calendar year of 2015 it is anticipated that over 20,000 students will be reached with the E Safety Tour. The programme has been partially funded by the KCSP with the next two week tour due to start on 5th October 2015, any members of the KCSP are welcome to contact T/Supt Russell to attend. Planning for February 2016 is in progress and some schools have already booked.

5.0 Kent Community Safety Agreement – Performance Update

5.1 In addition to monitoring the action plan the KCSP Working Group is also monitoring a set of performance indicators chosen to represent the key priorities.

5.2 As reported at the last KCSP meeting in March, there are no unexpected results with regards the proxy indicators, however the partnership is asked to note that the following focus areas continue to be monitored:

Domestic Abuse - the number of reported incidents, MARAC referrals and visitors attending domestic abuse one stop shops (OSS) continue to rise. Over recent months many areas have managed to secure additional partner commitments to help support their OSS staffing rotas but the increasing demand for services continues to add significant pressure to agencies (voluntary and statutory partners). Work is currently being progressed to look at bringing more resilience into the MARAC structures to deal with the number of high risk cases now being identified and referred into this process. A verbal update regarding progress around joint commissioning will be given to the KCSP meeting.

Road Safety – the number of killed and seriously injured (KSI) road traffic casualties recorded in 2014 in Kent & Medway increased by 10% against the same period in 2013 from 650 to 715. Similar increases have been recorded across many areas of the country. It appears that much of the increase in Kent & Medway is due to road user behaviour and the multi-agency Casualty Reduction Partnership (*CaRe*) is well aware of the need to target resources towards research and a refocusing of education, enforcement and engineering interventions. Motorcycle and car occupant KSI casualties account for a large proportion of the recent increases and work is currently underway to target measures specifically at these road user groups.

6.0 Joint Winter Safety Campaign

6.1 Kent Fire and Rescue Service's (KFRS) main focuses over the winter includes promoting their home safety visits to vulnerable people, winter preparedness for severe weather and flooding, and publicising safety advice around key seasonal risks such as chimney fires. They will also be promoting sign up to their Clean Sweep alerts to encourage those with open fires and log burners to keep them well maintained to avoid chimney fires over the winter.

6.2 The fire service will also be playing a part, along with other partners, to help keep the most vulnerable safe and independent in their homes by asking friends and relatives to encourage them to book a free home safety visit. This year KFRS have linked up with KCC Public Health and they will be promoting KFRS home safety visits whilst reciprocating by promoting flu jabs.

6.3 KFRS are also working with other communications colleagues in the Kent Resilience Team to share winter safety messages, so we are prepared to do all we can to support each other's campaign messages, especially during any spells of bad weather.

6.4 KCC and KFRS will also be reminding drivers to prepare their vehicles for the winter. Using conventional leaflets, face-to-face engagement and social media, staff will be reminding vehicle owners the importance of having their vehicles serviced, as well as a number of maintenance checks that can be completed themselves. These include fluid levels being topped up, lights being in full working order and clean, windscreen wipers being in good working order and tyres being in good condition. Drivers will be advised to take note of the

weather conditions before travelling and in the case of snow or severe ice avoid making unnecessary journeys.

7.0 KCSP Grant Update

- 7.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has allocated £39,661 to the Kent Community Safety Partnership to fund pan Kent projects in 2015/16 focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement.
- 7.2 In 2015/16 to date the partnership has funded the following projects:
- ASB Tools & Powers Workshop (£1,500) – partnership event to share good practice between Police and district authorities and discuss implementation.
 - Joint Kent CaRe / CSP Cycle Safety Campaign – pilot initiative taking place in Canterbury City Centre in mid-October to promote cycle safety.
 - ASB & E-safety Schools Tour (£10,000) – contribution to the £60,000 programme which works with young people in schools to tackle the issues of crime and ASB.
 - Licence to Kill (£8,000) – road safety education initiative aimed at young people/drivers.
- 7.3 The remainder of the funding (approx. £17,000) is yet to be allocated and the Working Group is currently inviting bids from partners for consideration. Details of additional projects and the outcomes will be presented to the next KCSP meeting.

8.0 Partner Update: Integrated Offender Management

- 8.1 Integrated Offender Management (IOM), which is a multi-agency response to managing the most persistent and problematic offenders in the local communities, is moving to co-location in Kent with four hubs across the county housing the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), the National Probation Service (NPS) and the Police with other partners having access to hot desk facilities. The purpose of the co-location is to provide resilient and robust management of the IOM Cohort and it is anticipated that this will be active in autumn 2015.
- 8.2 Alongside the co-location work, the governance for IOM has been fully reviewed with the Kent Criminal Justice Board having overarching governance, the Kent and Medway Reducing Offending Board sits beneath this with the IOM Performance and Delivery Group feeding upwards. The Reducing Offending Strategy is in the process of being reviewed and once agreed this will facilitate production of an action plan; an IOM Operational Guide is in production; and a new performance measurement tool to assess the effectiveness of IOM is being introduced.

9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by partners with regards the Community Safety Agreement and associated activities.

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