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Summary This report provides an update on the key activities, projects and documents being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group including the Community Safety Agreement.

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. The KCSP Working Group recently reviewed and updated their Terms of Reference which are attached (Appendix A).

2.0 Kent and Medway Annual Community Safety Conference

- 2.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) has delivered an annual Community Safety Conference for the benefit of partners across the county for a number of years. Topics covered by the conference have been varied with the most recent subjects covering dementia (2015) and e-safety (2014). This year's annual community safety conference for Kent and Medway is entitled: "*Drugs – Addiction, Treatment and the Journey Ahead in Kent and Medway*". It will take place at the Ashford International Hotel on 10th November 2016, with up to 200 attendees from a variety of partner agencies in attendance.
- 2.2 A sub-group of the KCSP involving partners from the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Kent County Council, Public Health and Medway Council was established to organise and deliver the event supported by the integrated Kent Community Safety Team (KCST). The conference has been designed to inform delegates of the issues

of drugs at a local level within districts, with a presentation from representatives of the Margate Task Force in Thanet, through to a wider county-wide and national perspective, including presentations from the National Crime Agency.

- 2.3 The sub-group wanted to ensure that the conference was able to deliver the 'human' impact of drugs, and in particular new psychoactive substances (NPS). Speakers from the 'Angelus Foundation' and 'Restore, Reform, Respect' have made themselves available to provide this perspective.
- 2.4 There will also be an opportunity to facilitate a 'round table' discussion on the new joint drugs and alcohol strategy for Kent, where delegates will be encouraged to comment on proposals.

3.0 Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA)

- 3.1 Following the annual review of the priorities and cross-cutting themes within the CSA earlier this year and the agreement of the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) in March 2016, the priorities have been amended. The changes resulted in the removal of 'violent crime' and 'acquisitive crime' and the introduction of 'serious and organised crime' and 'safeguarding'.
- 3.2 The updated version of the Community Safety Agreement for 2014-17 is available on the Kent.gov website and the changes made are detailed within the document, including reference to new legislation, an updated diagram, leads for the amended priorities and updated outcomes from the district/borough strategic assessments.
- 3.3 In order to reflect the changes to the CSA, the associated action plan was also updated. Therefore the actions that are now complete or have become part of everyday business have been removed and any relevant outstanding actions have been retained within the new plan.
- 3.4 The refreshed action plan is attached for information (appendix B) and includes some of the key pieces of work that are being delivered by community safety partners across the county linking in with other multi-agency groups where possible. The plan includes activities such as the annual conference, commissioning of domestic abuse services, Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), road safety awareness, the Drug & Alcohol Strategy, workshops, raising awareness, development of the serious and organised crime toolkit and local profiles etc. The action plan will continue to be developed by the KCSP Working Group as required, including working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner and other partners to identify any relevant activities in relation to mental health.
- 3.5 As a result of the changes outlined above the performance monitoring framework is currently being reviewed and the potential to monitor hate crime as part of the framework is being considered. However, based upon the current proxy measures, the partnership is asked to note the following:

Domestic Abuse - The number of reported incidents and visitors attending domestic abuse one stop shops continue to rise, which adds significant pressure to agencies (voluntary and statutory partners) that are facing reductions in staffing and resources

to manage the increasing demand for services. Work is being progressed around commissioning of services to try to bring more resilience.

Road Safety – Although the total number of people killed and seriously injured (KSI) on roads in Kent and Medway decreased overall in 2015 compared to the previous year, the number of 17-24 year-old KSIs increased, therefore it is recommended that casualty reduction remains a focus area. The multi-agency CaRe partnership continues to work together to identify and deliver collective interventions and campaigns targeting specific road user groups; the board is providing organisational strategic commitment to road safety and casualty reduction; whilst the new Road Safety Experience (RSE) is now operational and aims to provide essential road safety skills for young people across the county.

4.0 KCSP Grant Update

- 4.1 In 2016/17, the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 to the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) to fund pan Kent projects focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and supporting the Police and Crime Plan. Similar funding has been provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 4.2 So far the partnership has agreed to fund, or part fund, the following three projects:
- Licence to Kill (£6,000) – supporting delivery of a theatre based road safety show to raise awareness of the risks to young people on the roads and help identify ways of making themselves safer. The performances will be taking place in early November 2016; all secondary schools across Kent are invited with a total of 8,000 attendees expected.
 - Stop the Scammers (£1,000) – development of a postcard sized leaflet (*Scam - It's a Crime!*) to raise awareness about how to spot scams, recognise victims and where to report it. This builds on existing work already being undertaken across the county and is aimed at groups and individuals that may come into contact with victims in their everyday work. Leaflets have been distributed to taxi driver forums, ambulance drivers, royal voluntary service and pharmaceutical drivers with further dissemination planned for care providers, housing associations, meals on wheels, libraries etc.
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews (£12,000) – contribution on behalf of all CSPs in Kent for the cost of facilitating the statutory DHR process including independent chairs and practitioner seminars. Additional funding has been sought from a variety of partners to enable ongoing delivery of the process.
- 4.3 A further £20,661 is still available for the 2nd half of the funding process and partners are being invited to bid into the process. Applications are due to be received by the end of October and will be reviewed by the multi-agency KCSP Working Group to ensure they meet the grant funding criteria and contribute towards the delivery of the Kent Community Safety Agreement. Details of all allocated funding will be submitted to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for audit purposes and an update report provided to the KCSP at the next meeting.

5.0 Kent Community Safety Team

- 5.1 Following the development of the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) in 2015, work is ongoing to develop the team and deliver community safety in a collaborative way. The work of the KCST supports the activities of the KCSP and the Working Group and an action plan has been developed for the team which is regularly reviewed by the KCST Senior Management Team (SMT). Some of the areas identified for joint working include workshops and conferences as well as partnership support at district and county level.
- 5.2 As part of the KCST's engagement with district partners, members of the SMT are meeting with colleagues in the districts/boroughs to help identify any areas of work that the team can help support, any gaps in delivery, as well as what is working well. In addition members of the KCST continue to attend local CSPs to support delivery and act as a link between the organisations.
- 5.3 The KCST is also managing the co-ordination and delivery of the annual Community Safety Conference mentioned earlier in the report as well as a number of e-safety workshops on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership following the annual conference in 2014. Two e-safety awareness raising sessions have been delivered to partners across the County this year so far and further workshops are being planned for later in 2016/17.
- 5.4 In August 2016, the KCST delivered a Strategic Assessment Workshop for the benefit of community safety partners across Kent. Strategic Assessments are a statutory annual requirement for districts/boroughs to help identify community safety priorities for the local area and to refresh local community safety plans. The outcome from this process also helps to support the annual review and refresh of the Kent Community Safety Agreement.
- 5.5 The aim of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for partners to review the current process, look at examples of good practice from other parts of the country, consider how local partners such as Kent Police undertake their assessments, look at the data requirements and consider if there are opportunities to improve or streamline the process. Following the workshop it was agreed to set up two 'task and finish' groups with district partners and for the KCST/KCSP Working Group to undertake an horizon scanning exercise to help inform strategic assessments. One group has already met to agree a set of data that will be sourced by the KCST from partner agencies and this is now in progress. The second group is being set up to pilot the risk assessment matrix which is currently used by Kent Police. The horizon scanning is in progress and further work will follow in partnership with district colleagues to look at opportunities to streamline and simplify the process, where possible, for future years.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group

Attachments:

Appendix A: KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference
Appendix B: Community Safety Agreement Action Plan

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