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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 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 with a different focus each year. Last year's conference for Kent and Medway was entitled: "Drugs – Addiction, Treatment and the Journey Ahead in Kent and Medway" and took place at the Ashford International Hotel on 10th November 2016 with over 150 delegates from partnership organisations in attendance.
- 2.2 The conference working group wanted to ensure that delegates were informed of the national and local issues surrounding drugs but also the 'human' impact. Therefore, presentations were given by the Margate Task Force, an ex-gang member, a current serving prisoner and a prison officer. The conference provided the opportunity to look at dual diagnosis and the links between substance misuse and mental health. The new Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy was presented and delegates participated in

discussions for ideas to be fed into the strategy consultation. The feedback showed that the day was very well received and attendees described the day as “informative and engaging”.

- 2.3 The multi-agency conference working group organise and deliver the conference supported by the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) and are due to meet shortly to begin planning the 2017 conference. Some of the suggested themes so far include vulnerabilities, mental health, serious and organised crime and domestic abuse.

3.0 Kent Community Safety Team

- 2.1 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. Some of the areas identified for joint working include workshops and conferences as well as partnership support at district and county level.
- 2.2 Following the last update to the KCSP meeting regarding the Strategic Assessment Workshop the KCST has since facilitated a pilot of the MoRiLE risk assessment matrix (*Management or Risk in Law Enforcement*) with six of the local district/boroughs taking part. MoRiLE is currently used by Kent Police and other Forces across the county to determine the priorities for their own organisations; however partners were interested in trialling the process to see whether it could also be used in a multi-agency setting. The pilot group agreed a number of issues to be reviewed within MoRiLE including topics such as child sexual exploitation, anti-social behaviour etc. The matrix enabled each district to rank the specific issue based on threat, risk and harm and to incorporate the outcomes into the local strategic assessments to support the selection of priorities. Feedback from the pilot group has been generally positive but some changes have been recommended for future use by multi-agency partnerships and these will be fed back to the national pilot group which Kent has been involved in.
- 2.3 As part of the KCST’s engagement with district partners, members of the KCST are in the process of developing the Safer Communities Portal not only to share partnership data but also to share information about good practice, guidance and upcoming events etc.
- 2.4 The team are currently coordinating and delivering a variety of workshops including two upcoming e-safety awareness sessions and a series of four Anti-Social Behaviour Workshops for district/borough community safety managers and the local CSU police inspectors. The ASB workshops are focusing on Community Protection Notices (CPNs); Civil Injunctions & Criminal Behaviour Orders; Public Space Protection Orders; and Closure Orders.
- 2.5 In addition, the KCST coordinates regular Community Safety Information Sessions to share community safety information with partner agencies from across Kent. The last session was held on 1st December 2016 and covered a variety of topics including Serious Organised Crime and Gangs, Domestic Abuse Commissioning, Kent Drug

and Alcohol Strategy, Child Sexual Exploitation, Integrated Offender Management, and the Kent Police Change Programme; which were delivered to approximately 40 attendees from partner agencies including district/borough community safety units. A further three sessions are being organised for 2017/18.

3.0 KCSP Grant Update

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The partnership contributed funding to the following eight projects:
- Licence to Kill (£6,000) – theatre based road safety show to raise awareness of the risks to young people on the roads and ways of making themselves safer.
 - Stop the Scammers (£1,000) – development of a postcard sized leaflet (*Scam - It's a Crime!*) to raise awareness with staff and the public to spot scams, recognise victims and where to report it.
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews (£12,000) – contribution to the cost of facilitating the statutory DHR process including independent chairs. Additional funding has been sought from a variety of partners.
 - Small Steps (£3,100) - Child pedestrian training scheme designed to teach children as young as five the essential skills needed to cross the road. This is a countywide project targeting KSI hotspot areas.
 - Project Liberty (£7,535) - Kent initiative mainly funded by the Big Lottery Fund to support at least 270 girls (aged 11 to 24) and their parents who are at risk of exploitation and abuse.
 - DA Perpetrator Programme – Support Work (£1,080) - Provision of additional support work for the partners/families of the attendees at the 12 week perpetrator programme.
 - Mental Health - Section 136 research (£2,250) - research project aiming to reduce the number of individuals detained by Police under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act and to understand where interventions could be most effective.
 - 'Is it Worth It' School Tour (£6,696) - educational show visiting secondary schools delivering messages to young people around internet safety, raising awareness of the potential risks associated with online activity and behaviour.
- 3.3 PCC funding at its current level has been confirmed for 2017/18 but the criteria has been strengthened to ensure that funding bids support the priorities of the new police and crime plan and there is no duplication of effort across the County. Funding will also be withheld or withdrawn if conditions are not adhered to and monitoring forms are not returned within the deadline. The KCST are reviewing the bid application forms and finalising the timelines to reflect the PCC's criteria. The bid process for 2017/18 will open shortly and the details will be circulated to partners.

4.0 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee met as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee on the 15th December to look at the work of the KCSP in particular the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) and associated action plan.
- 4.2 A number of representatives from KCC, Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue were given the opportunity to present each of the priorities within the CSA in more detail.
- 4.3 The role of the KCST was explained and that the goal of the unit was to be a centre of excellence and a strategic co-ordinator to allow for more efficient and effective working on local areas particularly when the community safety landscape is continuing to change and develop, bringing new challenges.
- 4.4 The response from the Scrutiny Committee members was very positive and they welcome an update on the CSA again in the future.

5.0 Recommendations

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

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