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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 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 A Conference sub group of the KCSP involving members from the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Kent County Council, Public Health, Medway Council and Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company was established to organise and deliver the 2017 event supported by the integrated Kent Community Safety Team (KCST).

- 2.3 This year's annual community safety conference for Kent and Medway is provisionally entitled: "*Working together to protect vulnerable people from organised crime*". It will take place on Tuesday 7th November at the Clive Emson Suite at Detling Showground, Maidstone with opportunity for approximately 200 attendees from a variety of partner agencies to attend.
- 2.4 The conference has been designed to inform delegates of the national perspective right down to the specifics at a local level. It is aimed at both strategic managers and frontline community safety practitioners across all relevant agencies within Kent and Medway, with a view to enable improved collaborative working in relation to vulnerabilities and organised crime. Further information and formal invites will be issued shortly.

3.0 Road Safety Workshop

3.1 A one day partnership workshop, "From Incident through Information to Improvement", was held on the 5th June for road safety data collecting partners including Kent Police, KCC Road Safety and Data teams, Medway Road Safety team, Highways England and Kent Fire and Rescue Service to come together to look at improving understanding and use of data relating to Road traffic collisions.

3.2. Outcomes from the workshop included:

- Better understanding of roles and practices, following presentations which included a Police crash investigator and data teams from Kent Police, KCC & Medway.
- Discussion of data issues, including quality and timelines.
- Business process mapping and planning, understanding the role of data.
- Updates from partners regarding future developments, for example Kent Police are developing an App for casualty recording and will include partners in the development of this.
- A number of immediate improvements were agreed, these included reinstating fatal road traffic casualty reviews and facilitating regular contact between each agencies data teams in order to avoid duplication and seek continued improvement.

4.0 E-safety Workshops

- 4.1 Since the 2014 Annual Community Safety Conference on 'E' Safety, ten awareness raising sessions have been organised by the KCST and delivered by KCC's Education Safeguarding Adviser (Online Protection) with over 500 staff attending from across a variety of partner agencies.
- 4.2 The most recent awareness raising sessions were held in March 2017 with over 120 staff from a variety of partner agencies in attendance.
- 4.3 These awareness sessions have always been well attended and have received positive feedback and as such the KCST is planning a further four more sessions throughout 2017/18.

5.0 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Workshops

- 5.1 Since the last report to the KCSP, the ASB Tools and Powers Workshops for Local Authority Community Safety Managers (CSMs) and Kent Police Community Safety Unit (CSU) Inspectors are now complete. The last two of these workshops were delivered at the end of March and early May covering Public Space Protection Orders and Closure Orders.
- 5.2 In June, a masterclass session on these tools and powers was also delivered to relevant police staff and some local authority/county community safety colleagues who were unable to attend the individual workshops.
- 5.3 The workshops were well attended and it provided a good opportunity for both the CSMs and the Kent Police CSU Inspectors to work together to implement and use the new powers more effectively.

6.0 KCSP Grant Update

- 6.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has allocated £39,661 to the KCSP for 2017/18 to fund pan Kent projects focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. Similar funding has also been provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 6.2 As mentioned in the last report, the bid application forms were reviewed and updated by the KCST ahead of the application process to reflect the strengthened funding criteria set by the PCC.
- 6.3 The bid application for the first half of the funding closed on 28th April 2017. The KCSP Working Group fully reviewed all bid applications and subsequently submitted their recommendations to the Chair of the KCSP for approval. As part of this process, the bids have also been discussed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure duplicate funding has not been awarded.
- 6.4 The KCSP agreed to support the bids listed below:
 - Online Safety (£738 – match funding) - to provide a further four online safety awareness sessions to partners.
 - License to Kill (£10,000) - Road safety education initiative aimed at young people/drivers.
 - Scams – True Call Devices (£3,000 – 30 devices) – Phone call blockers protect vulnerable people from considerable financial harm and harassment.
- 6.4 In addition, the partnership have agreed to fund the following project in principle but are undertaking further discussions to explore alternative delivery options to ensure value for money and synergy with the annual Community Safety conference in November:
 - Integrated Approach to Gangs (£10,500 – 7 workshops) - Training for professionals who work with young people linked to gangs to develop their knowledge and skills in this area.

6.5 The remaining funds will be available for the 2nd half of the funding application process which partners will be able to bid into between mid-July through to mid-August. Following the recent application process, it was identified that some additional questions within the bid application forms would be of benefit to the assessment process undertaken by the KCSP Working Group. As such the KCST will be revisiting and amending the forms to include questions around value for money and sustainability of the project. Invitations to apply will be sent out shortly and an update on the funding will be provided at the next meeting in October.

7.0 Kent Community Safety Team

7.1 As mentioned throughout this report, the integrated Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) helps to support the work of the KCSP, the KCSP Working Group and a variety of multi-agency projects.

7.2 The KCST coordinates Community Safety Information Sessions to share information with partner agencies from across Kent. The last session was held on 17th May and covered a variety of topics including Modern Slavery, Female Genital Mutilation, Misuse of Tracking Apps, Mental Health, Fire as a health asset and updates from the Office of the PCC and KCST; which were delivered to approximately 25 attendees from partner agencies including district/borough community safety units.

7.3 As part of the KCST's engagement with district partners, members of the KCST are in the process of developing a newsletter and the Safer Communities Portal to share information about good practice (examples from county and local partners), guidance and upcoming events etc.

8.0 Recommendations

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

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