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Subject: Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update

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 KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference Update

- 2.1 Following the last KCSP meeting in July, the KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference (ToR) have been amended to reflect the changes made to the KCSP ToR particularly around the responsibilities and membership.
- 2.2 The updated KCSP Working Group ToR were included within the letters that the Chair of the KCSP sent to all members of the KCSP to formally advise them of the refreshed KCSP Terms of Reference and which requested confirmation of their nominated representatives for the KCSP and its sub-groups.
- 2.3 A number of suggestions were received regarding the KCSP Working Group ToR (see Appendix 1) and where appropriate, these have been incorporated. In the case of those that represent a collective group or number of authorities/bodies, it will be the

responsibility of the nominated representative(s) to obtain approval from each of the individual authorities or bodies they represent in order to be able to make decisions, implement change and commit resources on behalf of the group.

3.0 Annual Community Safety Conference

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 A Conference sub group of the working group 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 joint Kent Community Safety Team (KCST).
- 3.3 This year's Community Safety Conference has the theme of 'Protecting Vulnerable People from Organised Crime' and is being held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at the Clive Emson Building, Detling Showground between 9:30am and 4pm; with the opportunity for up to 230 delegates to attend.
- 3.4 The day will be interesting and informative with talks on specific topics delivered by a range of key note speakers looking at the impact of organised crime groups on vulnerable people. The day will also include case studies and roundtable discussions/interactive exercises to look at how partners can organise themselves to deal with these issues. More information is available from the Kent Community Safety Team.

4.0 KCSP Grant Update

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Following the internal audit and first half bid application process, the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) amended the bid application forms to include questions around value for money and sustainability of the project.
- 4.3 The bid application for the second half of the funding closed on Wednesday 23rd August. The KCSP Working Group reviewed all bid applications and agreed in principle, subject to further reassurances, to recommend funding the following projects:
 - Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) - £9,800
The project focuses on adolescents who have lived with domestic abuse and are already showing signs of disengaging in their communities and/or have unhealthy relationships with their peers/families.

- Scam Awareness for All - £8000
A six month countywide, online and offline Scam Awareness Campaign including a targeted digital marketing campaign that aims to reach a minimum 400,000 residents.

4.4 These recommendations will be sent to the Chair of the KCSP for approval once the necessary assurances have been provided by the applicants. As part of this process, the bids have been discussed with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure duplicate funding has not been awarded.

4.5 Some updates on the funding provided from the first half include:

- Online Safety Awareness Sessions – The four sessions are going to take place between January – March 2018 with dates and venues to be confirmed.
- License to Kill – Dates are scheduled from November onwards to deliver this project.
- Scams True Call Devices - Training for Community Wardens is booked for the 9th October to coincide with Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week. There have been 32 devices purchased, 2 of which have been placed in suitably identified homes.
- Integrated Approach to Gangs (7 workshops) - Training for professionals who work with young people linked to gangs to develop their knowledge and skills in this area. Further discussions were had which amended this project. There are now two parties delivering the training at a significantly reduced cost whilst still meeting the project aims and objectives. Work is currently underway to confirm venues and dates for delivery of the training, estimated to start in November 2017.

4.6 In 2016/17, the KCSP funded some research on Mental Health and the report is a very comprehensive analysis of the Section 136 incidents which were recorded in the Kent Integrated Dataset (KID). While not all incidents are recorded on the KID, the analysis covers 1091 separate Section 136 incidents involving 821 people. The analysis provided a detailed picture of the Section 136 cohort, for instance, it shows that while 57% of section 136 incidents involve men, those individuals with multiple incidents are more likely to be women. Another interesting statistic is that only 21% of individuals involved in a section 136 are currently flagged as having a serious mental illness by their GP. There are also sections on substance misuse and living arrangements. The report has been discussed by Public Health colleagues and has shaped conversations with Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) about the way in which they report incidents. It is expected that it will also be presented to multi-agency partners at a Crisis Care Concordat meeting in the near future. The full report is available upon request from KCC Public Health.

5.0 Kent Community Safety Team

5.1 The joint Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) helps to support the work of the KCSP, the KCSP Working Group and a variety of multi-agency projects. It consists of Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) and Kent County Council (KCC) staff.

- 5.2 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, members of the KCST are in the process of developing the Safer Communities Portal and a Kent Community Safety Newsletter.
- 5.2.1 The Safer Communities Portal has been migrated onto a SharePoint platform which will provide much more opportunities for developments in the future particularly around the use of calendars for listing campaigns, training and upcoming events. KCST Officers have received training on its functions and are currently reviewing and updating the existing content and layout to be more user friendly and aesthetically pleasing.
- 5.2.2 The first edition of the Kent Community Safety Newsletter was produced by the team in July and included articles on Mental Health Team, Scams, Safer Care Service, Op Sceptre (knife crime) and others. The next edition is due out in October and the team are currently liaising with partners for suitable articles for inclusion to highlight and promote community safety work across the county. To subscribe to the newsletter, please contact the KCST via email at communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk.
- 5.3 The team are currently coordinating and delivering a number of events in 2017/18 including the annual community safety conference in November, three Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) lessons learnt seminars in October, November and another planned for early 2018, four online safeguarding awareness sessions that will be held between January to March 2018 and a further Community Safety Information Session (CSIS) for January 2018 to share community safety information with partner agencies from across Kent and Medway.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group.
- 6.2 The KCSP is asked to approve the updated KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference.

Attachments:

Appendix 1 – KCSP Working Group Terms of Reference

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