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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.

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## **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. This year's theme was 'Protecting Vulnerable People from Organised Crime'. It was held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at Detling Showground for the first time with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- 2.2 The day included talks on a variety of topics looking at the impact of organised crime groups on vulnerable people, including a national perspective on tackling vulnerabilities delivered by the National Crime Agency; modern day slavery; mental health; operation willow which focuses on child sexual exploitation; partnership working and the emotional impact of crime. In addition, there were marketplace and networking opportunities, as well roundtable discussions/interactive exercises to look at how partners can organise themselves to deal with these issues.

- 2.3 Feedback from discussions undertaken on the day, supported by a follow up survey, were collated into a report and the recommendations detailed within it covered the following five themes: *Improved information sharing and reporting mechanisms; Increasing training; Raising awareness amongst young people of the issues and supporting services; Raising public awareness to recognise and respond to organised crime; and Strategic responses.*
- 2.4 The KCSP Working Group has considered the themes identified and the recommended actions which sit beneath them, including some of the following:
- Stronger links between the Safeguarding Boards and local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs);
  - A reporting mechanism for intelligence to feed into;
  - Agencies to consider how they can roll out training to their workforce and partners;
  - CSPs to map local youth support and outreach services within their areas;
  - Consider development of public campaigns to raise awareness;
  - Agencies to review strategic documents, guidance and pathways
- 2.5 The KCSP Working Group will be asking partners to assist in delivering these recommendations where possible and the group will monitor the progress and provide an update at a future KCSP meeting.

### **3.0 KCSP Grant Update – 2017/18**

- 3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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 (*Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan 2017-21*). 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.
- 3.2 The partnership has helped to fund a total of six projects in 2017/18:
- Licence to Kill: (£10,000) - theatre based road safety show to raise awareness of the risks to young people on the roads and ways of making themselves safer. Approximately 6,000 students (aged 16-19) from 50 Kent schools attended the productions in 2017.
  - Online Safety Awareness Sessions – (£738) - Four sessions are taking place between January and March 2018 for partners across the county. To date three sessions have been delivered with a capacity of approximately 400 people in total although it should be noted that a number of attendees who booked onto the course did not turn up.
  - Scams TrueCall Devices (£3,000) - A total of 33 TrueCall devices have been purchased and Kent Community Wardens have received training to enable them to install the devices. To date 11 have been installed in identified properties. Kent Fire and Rescue Service are also supporting the scheme and will be referring potential recipients as appropriate following 'safe and well' visits.
  - 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 (£8,000) - A six month countywide, online and offline Scam Awareness Campaign including a targeted digital marketing.
- Integrated Approach to Gangs – Training is being provided for professionals who work with young people linked to gangs to develop their knowledge and skills in this area. Since the initial planning phase there have been some changes in staffing and resourcing which has caused a slight delay in the delivery of some of the workshops. However, to date four workshops have been delivered which have been well received by the attendees and a further three are being planned.

#### **4.0 KCSP Grant Funding – 2018/19**

- 4.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has confirmed that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will retain its current level of funding for 2018/19 of £39,661 however changes have been made to the funding criteria for the 'CSP Crime Reduction Grant'.
- 4.2 Instead of submitting project funding requests twice a year and receiving two payments, a business case must now be submitted to the PCC ahead of the start of the financial year forecasting in detail the projects that the KCSP will be supporting during 2018/19. This process is the same for all CSPs and will enable the PCC to review all proposed projects to ensure duplicate funding does not occur. Once approved by the PCC, one lump sum payment will be made to deliver the projects stated. It should be noted that one third of the funding can be allocated to a tactical pot at the start of the year enabling the KCSP to submit additional business cases in year to address new projects and emerging issues.
- 4.3 All projects funded through the grant must be approved by the Cabinet Member responsible for community safety, or another nominated individual. In the case of the KCSP this is the Chair of the Kent Community Safety Partnership who is also KCC Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services.
- 4.4 As a result of the changes to the funding criteria for 2018/19 the KCSP Working Group has developed an interim project proposal form for partners to submit ideas regarding potential projects for 2018/19 and these are currently being collated and considered. In addition, as part of this process the Working Group is looking at alternative approaches of delivering projects including opportunities for working more closely with local CSPs to jointly deliver projects using pooled resources.
- 4.5. Some of the projects currently being considered for 2018/19 include: *updating the Domestic Abuse Services website; the Licence to Kill programme; the annual Community Safety Conference; further gangs training and online safety/cybercrime awareness training and train the trainer courses*. Suggested projects will be considered by the KCSP Working Group for inclusion within the business case and the recommendations will be sent to the Chair of the KCSP for approval.
- 4.6 It should be noted that the PCC has already confirmed the submission dates for the 2019/20 business case which must be returned between 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup>

March 2019. As such the project planning process for next year will begin much earlier.

## **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 delivered a Community Safety Information Session in early January. The morning included presentations on Cyber Crime, Dangerous Dogs, Unauthorised Encampments and a demonstration of the newly migrated Kent Connects Portal. Future information sessions are being planned for 2018/19 and partners are encouraged to contact the [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk) if they have any suggested topics or would like to present anything to partners.
- 5.3 The second and third editions of the Kent Community Safety Newsletter were produced in October and December including season appropriate articles on Fireworks safety, reducing social isolation and Safeguarding Adults Awareness week, amongst others. The next edition is due out the end of March and the team is 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](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk).
- 5.4 The KCST have delivered a total of three Domestic Homicide Lessons (DHR) Learnt seminars this year to over 300 frontline practitioners and professionals. Following these events attendees were asked for their feedback with 85% stating that the seminars were either 'excellent' or 'very good' and this figure rises to 97% if the category of 'good' is included. In addition 99% of respondents wished to see future seminars on completed DHRs.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group.

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