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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 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant**

- 2.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 to the KCSP in 2018/19 to fund pan Kent projects focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. Of that £27,042 was allocated for upfront expenditure and the remainder (£12,619) allocated to the tactical pot. To date £10,750 of the tactical pot has been allocated to delivering a conference (please see section 3) leaving £1,869 still to be allocated.
- 2.2 A number of the projects were asked to seek match funding to the sum of £9,000 enabling the KCSP to set aside sufficient funding within the tactical pot to address emerging issues in-year including the potential to deliver a conference if required.
- 2.3 A summary and update on the current projects are detailed below:
- Cybercrime and Online Safety (£2,912) - The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) has secured the Cyber Crime Protect Officer from Kent & Essex Serious

Crime Directorate to deliver the 'train the trainer' programme and awareness sessions. The full programme is being devised and training dates will be sent out to partners in due course. However, there is an initial Cybercrime Awareness Session taking place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week to highlight this training with partners and encourage them to sign up to the Train the Trainer sessions to disseminate these messages within their organisations and out in the community.

- Domestic Abuse Services Website (£5,000) - The KCST are working with the Domestic Abuse Tactical Group to refresh the current website and a Task & Finish Group has been set up to carry this forward and begin looking at the new website specification and content.
- Licence to Kill (L2K) (£5,000) - The L2K Working Group along with the Casualty Reduction Partnership Group are aiming towards delivery in Feb/March 2019 to allow time to develop the L2K programme. The development aims to provide the best educational value and to support behaviour change for students. This is being assisted by an external consultant and at the time of writing one partnership workshop has already been delivered with a second one planned.
- Financial Abuse Video (£6,000) - This project was partially funded by the KCSP. Additional funding was sought elsewhere by Kent Trading Standards, enabling the project to go ahead. Comments and feedback from the July KCSP meeting regarding this project have been passed to the project lead and a supplier for the video is currently being sourced through a commissioning process.
- Gangs Training (£8,130) - A number of local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) have also allocated funding to gangs related training, as such further discussions have taken place to ensure that the proposed project is still fit for purpose and will provide the best support to CSP colleagues across the county without duplicating delivery. Following these discussions the Working Group has agreed to complete delivery of the training which was provided to some districts in 2018/19 and to look into developing a small pilot within schools. If there are any significant changes to the original business case the PCC will be contacted to discuss further.

2.4 As highlighted above a business case was submitted to the PCC to use approximately £10,750 from the tactical pot of the Crime Reduction Grant to deliver a countywide Preventing Extremism and Hate conference for the benefit of partners across Kent and Medway. The Commissioner has approved the use of the funding and is keen that the outcomes of the conference are closely monitored for its wider impact. The Conference Planning Group has been advised of the feedback and the recommendations are being considered as part of the development of the conference.

2.5 It should be noted that feedback on the outcomes from all of the above projects and submission of a business case for 2019/20 must be completed by the 23 January 2019. As such the Working Group will be considering projects for the new financial year as well as the final spend of the current tactical pot at their next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. Recommendations will then be submitted to the Chair of the KCSP prior to submission to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in January 2019.

### **3.0 Preventing Extremism and Hate Conference**

- 3.1 Following discussions with partners and approval of funding by the PCC the Kent & Medway conference on 'Preventing Extremism and Hate' will be held on Tuesday 27th November 2017 at the Clive Emson Building, Detling Showground between 9:30am – 4:00pm.
- 3.2 The day will be interesting and informative and the conference working group are keen to ensure the most appropriate people attend with either a direct interest in the topic or an ability to influence working practices. Save the date emails have been sent to partners and official invites will be circulated shortly.
- 3.3 The morning session will include a key note speech on the national perspective delivered by Chief Superintendent Nik Adams (National Police lead for Prevent) followed by topics that include the local perspective, refreshed Contest Strategy, Prevent, the Channel process, interventions and case studies. The afternoon session will focus on community cohesion and working together to counteract hate and extremism.
- 3.4 As an integral part of the conference, delegates will be invited to interact with the speakers through the Question and Answer panel sessions and to feedback throughout the day. Delegates will also be expected to cascade learning from the conference within their organisations to ensure as many people as possible can benefit from the event.

### **4.0 Kent Community Safety Team**

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, members of the KCST deliver Community Safety Information Sessions throughout the year. The last session took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> July at Oakwood House with an identified theme of the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement and the recent General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). This also included a bespoke segment on Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) to feedback the lessons learnt from three of the most recently published cases for the benefit of KCSP members and other partners. Future information sessions are being planned and partners are encouraged to contact the KCST via [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk) if they have any suggested topics or would like to present anything to partners.
- 4.3 The fifth edition of the Kent Community Safety Newsletter is due to be published imminently to highlight and promote community safety work across the county. To subscribe to the newsletter or provide any articles for future editions, please contact the KCST via email at [communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafetyunit@kent.gov.uk).
- 4.4 The KCST are currently coordinating and delivering a number of events in 2018/19 including the Preventing Extremism and Hate Conference, three Domestic Homicide

Review (DHR) lessons learnt seminars (please see the DHR Update Paper), a number of Cybercrime Train the Trainer and Awareness Sessions and further Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS).

## **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.
- 5.2 The KCSP is also asked to note the submission date for the business case to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

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