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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 – End of Year Feedback for Crime Reduction Grant 2018/19**

- 2.1 As mentioned in the March report to the KCSP some of the projects for 2018/19 were not complete at the time of writing and a final update on delivery is provided below:
  - Cybercrime and Online Safety – In addition to the attendees at the Cybercrime Awareness Session in November 2018, a further 71 people from a variety of organisations attended four Cybercrime Awareness Train the Trainer Sessions held during March 2019. The attendees have committed to cascade this learning further within their organisations and wider where possible.
  - Domestic Abuse (DA) Services Website - The website has been designed and members of the Task and Finish Group are currently working with the DA Forum chairs to review and update the content. The refreshed website will be launched later this year.

- Financial Abuse Video – The video was launched on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and received 2.6k views in its first week. More information and the video can be viewed via [this link](#).
- Gangs Training – The project delivered five sessions of gangs training to approximately 200 frontline staff from a range of agencies and feedback has been positive. Work on the school's pilot is ongoing with local providers, schools and partner agencies and is linked to the 2019/20 projects in section 3.
- TrueCall Devices – An additional 44 devices were purchased at the end of March 2019, these will now form part of the multi-agency response to protect vulnerable victims from scams. TrueCall has reported that in 2018/19 a total of 5,264 nuisance calls were received, of which 5,085 were blocked (over 95%).
- Amelix 'App Amnesty'- The project will work with schools and young people to educate on the risks around online behaviour and will take place in 2019/20. It is being coordinated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) with input from Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) and relevant district CSPs.

### **3.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2019/20**

- 3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 to the KCSP in 2019/20 to fund pan Kent projects to address the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan with a particular focus on violence reduction. 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 As discussed at the March 2019 KCSP meeting, the following projects for 2019/20 were submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for approval. A total of £26,441 has been committed to help fund the seven projects detailed below with £13,220 remaining in the tactical pot to be spent in-year on emerging issues.
  - KCSP conference / seminar / workshop (£5,000) – Funding has been allocated to potentially delivering a multi-agency event during 2019/20 although this will be based on an identified need. Partners were initially keen to see the outcomes of the Violence Reduction Challenge (VRC) consultation and the impact of Brexit prior to making a decision about the need for an event, the focus and the format; although the delayed Brexit date is now impacting on timescales. It is likely that any event would not be delivered until the early part of 2020 and match funding will be sought from partners.
  - Trauma Informed Practice (£10,000) – A VRC related project with the aim to identify and commission services to young people who are involved in using or carrying weapons to allow them to have a greater understanding of the impact of youth violence, and knife crime in particular. This will be match funded by Youth Justice to deliver the project.
  - Trauma Informed Practice (£4,400) – A VRC pilot project to train and provide supervision for 32 professionals to deliver trauma-informed practice and enhanced case management to support positive outcomes for young adults (18-24) who are engaged in or at risk of contact with the criminal justice system as a

result of their perpetration of violence; with the aim that it can be scaled up following positive outcomes from the project.

- Knife Crime Retail Surveillance and Enforcement (Up to £2,000) – A VRC Project for Trading Standards to undertake work on underage sales of knives in identified areas of Kent with high incidents of knife crime. The funding will be used for printing appropriate publicity material to use in the education phase with retailers.
- Easy read leaflets for 'Raise a Brow' scams campaign (£500) - to provide simple guidance around scams and doorstep crime for adults with learning disabilities in relation to 'the raise a brow' scams campaign. The funding will provide printing of 15,000 easy read leaflets that can be distributed across Kent.
- Safeguarding and Violence Reduction Training for Taxi Drivers across Kent & Medway (£2,000) – Development and delivery of a countywide training programme for taxi drivers is currently being scoped, in partnership with district/borough licensing teams. It is envisaged that the training will be linked to operators' licences and hopefully over time will become mandatory training (cognisant of any legal aspects).
- Expansion of Gangs training within schools (£2,541) - following a review of the schools work linked to the current gangs project there is a potential to commission a piece of work for provision into more schools across the county. Most CSPs across the county are commissioning some type of gangs training either within schools or for staff, therefore there is an opportunity for the KCSP to work with local partners (CSPs, LCPGs, Education etc.) to potentially support and enhance local delivery and/or identify any gaps.

- 3.3 Stalking has been raised as a focus area for 2019/20 by a few CSPs across Kent, it has also been identified as an issue arising within Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and was included as a topic at the PCC's recent VRC summit. There is an opportunity for the KCSP to facilitate countywide coordination of an awareness raising programme linking in with local CSPs / DHR Steering Group and specialist victim services. There is potential for this to be considered for in year spending from the tactical pot and is an area of work that we would like to work with partners to scope the potential to coordinate / deliver some training in-year.

#### **4.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)**

- 4.1 The KCST coordinates and delivers a number of events aimed at promoting consistency of practice across the county and since the last KCSP meeting has delivered two Cybercrime Train the Trainer sessions, three Gangs Awareness Training and a Community Safety Information Session which had a safeguarding theme and included presentations on Loneliness, Self-neglect policy, contextual safeguarding, suicide prevention and some service updates from Young Addaction and Health Watch Kent. The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested topics for the information sessions, articles for the newsletter or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and /or collaborative working.

- 4.2 As agreed at the previous meeting, the KCST have been reviewing how partners can use new innovation to increase partnership working via information technology. In due course, the KCST will seek agreement in principle among partners to explore a cloud-based IT solution to ensure appropriate sharing of information amongst partners.
- 4.3 Further to the last meeting of the KCSP, where scoping of branding for the partnership and its subgroups was endorsed; the KCST Coordinator has researched and developed a proposed logo for the KCSP and a linked version for the KCST which illustrates the relationship between the Partnership and the Team (appendix one). Branding guidelines are being written to guide officers on how and where to use the logos once they are approved.
- 4.4 In addition to the above, the KCST has a new email address to be more inclusive of those partners included within the team. The new KCST email address is [kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk) and any emails sent to the old address will be automatically redirected for a period of time.
- 4.5 As part of the continuous improvement of the KCST, a consultation with the local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) will be undertaken to identify the areas where the KCST are doing well, where the team could do better and whether there are any gaps and potential to work together on particular projects etc.

## **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 asked to agree the branding logos for the KCSP and subgroups.

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## Appendix one: KCSP and KCST Logos

