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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 2019/20**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 As discussed at the July meeting, the KCSP is currently supporting seven projects in 2019/20 as agreed with the Police and Crime Commissioner. A total of £26,441 has been committed to help fund these seven projects and there is £13,220 remaining in the tactical pot to be spent in-year on emerging issues. The funding is being monitored by the KCSP Working Group but if any partners have a suggestion about potential projects that support the KCSP and PCC priorities, please contact the Kent Community Safety Team ([kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk)) with details.

- 2.3 The following is a brief update on some of the 2019/20 funded projects:
- KCSP conference / seminar / workshop (£5,000) – Funding has been allocated to potentially delivering a multi-agency event during 2019/20 based on an identified need. However, the uncertainty surrounding Brexit has impacted on timescales and it is likely that any event will not be delivered until the early part of 2020.
  - Trauma Informed Practice knife crime, first aid and developing young people's skills in responding to harm (£10,000) - The training requirements to be delivered by the provider are being designed and will go out for procurement via KCC Commissioning once these details are finalised.
  - Safeguarding and Violence Reduction Training for Taxi Drivers across Kent & Medway (£2,000) – Scoping work is being conducted with the local authorities due to Taxi licensing being their responsibility and a working group has been set up to progress this.

Updates in relation to the other projects will be provided at future meetings: Expansion of Gangs training within schools (£2,541); Trauma Informed Practice (£4,400); Knife Crime Retail Surveillance and Enforcement (Up to £2,000); and Easy read leaflets for 'Raise a Brow' scams campaign (£500).

- 2.4 In addition to the 2019/20 projects there are some ongoing projects from 2018/19 which are still in progress, including:
- TrueCall (£4,000) Devices – a few of the new devices have been installed this year so far but further work will be done to review the use of the devices and the ongoing monitoring.
  - App Amnesty (£3,342.93) – The CSP areas taking part in the project have met with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the project provider (Amelix) and are exploring the most suitable schools for engagement in the project. It has been confirmed that the Youth Engagement Officers can be utilised as a support with the project.
  - Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Website Refresh (£5,000) - Work is ongoing between partners to agree and approve the content before user-testing can commence.
- 2.5 As mentioned at the last meeting, stalking has been raised as a focus area for 2019/20 by a few CSPs across Kent and has been identified as an issue arising within Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). The KCST has met with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss whether there is a potential opportunity for the KCSP to facilitate or support countywide coordination of an awareness raising programme or possibly training. If appropriate this could be considered for in-year spending from the tactical pot. Discussions are ongoing.

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

- 3.1 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, members of the KCST deliver Community Safety Information Sessions (CSIS) throughout the year. The next CSIS is due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Road Safety Experience and has a main focus on Brexit preparation and implications such

as community tensions and PREVENT; and will finish with a tour of the Road Safety Experience.

- 3.2 The last edition of the Kent Community Safety Newsletter was published in August and highlighted many examples of partnership working, good practice and campaigns across the County. The next edition is due to be published in early October to continue to promote the vast amount of community safety work underway. However, the number of articles submitted by partners has grown significantly since the first edition and the KCST are now exploring the best way to portray the information to achieve the required effect without being too overwhelming for the reader.
- 3.3 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST via the new email address of [kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk) 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.
- 3.4 The KCST is currently working with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) on the annual Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (SAAW) campaign (7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October). The KCST has engaged with colleagues within the Community Warden service and at a local district level to ensure that events/activities are taking place during the week as well as sharing the SAAW toolkit. In addition, the team are also working with colleagues to support and promote Hate Crime Awareness Week (12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October) which takes place the week after SAAW. In particular, the KCST (on behalf of the KCSP) is producing a partner information pack including key contacts, resources and reporting lines in relation to preventing extremism and hate. The pack is being developed as part of the ongoing awareness raising following the KCSP conference last year.
- 3.5 As mentioned at the last meeting, as part of the continuous improvement of the KCST feedback will be sought from local district Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to identify 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. The questionnaire has been finalised and will be circulated to partners shortly.
- 3.6 Some upcoming key areas of work include supporting the districts with the Strategic Assessment process namely by coordinating the collection of data but also by delivering a strategic assessment workshop to discuss said data with the data providers.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.

#### **For Further Information:**

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