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**Summary** This report includes details of progress with regards the Kent Community Safety Agreement action plan and the upcoming strategic assessments

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## **1.0 Background**

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities (KCC/District/Boroughs), Kent Police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (now Community Safety Partnerships) were required to carry out 3 yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies. A formal review of the 1998 Act took place in 2006, with the result that three year audits were replaced with annual partnership strategic assessments and rolling partnership plans, whilst in two tier authority areas a statutory County Community Safety Agreement was introduced.

## **2.0 Introduction**

2.1 The Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) outlines the key community safety priorities for the county along with the cross-cutting themes that support the identified priorities. It is a rolling document which is reviewed and refreshed annually with the relevant Chapters and appendices being updated as required. The current CSA was discussed and agreed at the March meeting of the KCSP and took effect from April 2019. The CSA is available on [kent.gov](http://kent.gov).

### **Priorities**

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety

### **Cross Cutting Themes**

- Early Intervention, Prevention & Education
- Reduce Re-Offending and Support Victims
- Improve Quality of Life and Enhance Community Resilience
- Support Mental Health and Wellbeing

## **3.0 Action Plan and Performance Monitoring**

3.1 At the last meeting of the KCSP, members were asked to review and approve the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the CSA priorities. Following the agreement of the plan the KCSP Working Group is monitoring the activities identified and reviewed the latest updates at their meeting in September 2019.

- 3.2 One new action has been added to the CSA action plan to 'support and implement changes to the Kent Community Safety Partnership as a result of new legislation around tackling serious violence'. The action follows the publication of the Government's consultation findings regarding "*a new legal duty to support a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence*". The Government plans to introduce a new duty for specific organisations via primary legislation as well as introducing a new duty for CSPs via an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Act. The development of these pieces of legislation will be monitored by the KCST and the KCSP Working Group as part of the CSA action plan to keep partners informed and support implementation of any changes required by CSPs.
- 3.3 At this early stage only one action from the refreshed plan has been fully completed which is delivery of the final gangs awareness training sessions for district colleagues. Feedback from the events has been positive with 75% of attendees who completed the questionnaire rating the training as excellent. Work is ongoing to scope the need for further training including discussions about potential schools educational packages.
- 3.4 As discussed at the last meeting some of the actions and projects in the current plan have been retained despite being complete to enable ongoing monitoring. One of these was the Financial Abuse Video which launched in mid-April and between then and the end of July '19 there have been in excess of 60,000 views via KCC Social Media accounts with more views via partner accounts. This will continue to be monitored throughout the current year.
- 3.5 Other ongoing actions that partners are involved in delivering include Domestic Homicide Reviews, Adult Safeguarding Awareness Week, Hate Crime Awareness Week, intel based operations, information sharing, and a variety of projects that received funding from the KCSP / Police and Crime Commissioner. Greater detail relating to many of these activities will be covered within other reports that will be presented at the meeting.
- 3.6 In addition to monitoring the action plan the KCSP Working Group also monitors a set of performance indicators chosen to represent the key priorities. Following a recommendation that the report should also monitor the quantitative outcomes from the action plan alongside qualitative outcomes the performance report is being refreshed. Discussions at the recent Working Group in September have helped the development of the refreshed performance report with an aim to fully review the measures and progress at their next meeting in November.

#### **4.0 Strategic Assessments**

- 4.1 The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is beginning work on the annual strategic assessment process. The team will be working with statutory partners to source and collate data for use by the district Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) in their strategic assessments to help identify key community safety issues. This data and the outcomes from the local assessments will help inform the annual review of the CSA priorities.

- 4.2 The time frame for the strategic assessment process is as follows:
- October - Data requested by the KCST for the most recent year data available and previous 2 years (or whatever is available).
  - October/November - Data submissions received.
  - Mid November to January - Strategic Assessments undertaken by districts.
  - January/February - Draft local CSP priorities shared with the KCST to contribute to the CSA review and refresh.
  - March/April - Strategic Assessment signed off by the district Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.3 The KCST will also be revisiting the use of the MoRiLE risk assessment matrix (*Management of Risk in Law Enforcement*) to help identify the priorities for the CSA along with the PESTELO horizon scanning analysis undertaken by the KCSP Working Group to identify existing or emerging issues and opportunities.
- 4.4 The outcome of the next strategic assessment process and the review of the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes will be presented at the next KCSP meeting in 2020.

## **5.0 Next Steps**

- 5.1 Continued monitoring of the Community Safety Agreement (CSA) Action Plan and Performance Measures, as well as ongoing assessment and identification of any emerging issues.
- 5.2 Collation of data for the annual strategic assessment process and review of the CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress with regard the Community Safety Agreement.

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