

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**Thursday, 18th November, 2021, at 10.00
am**

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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

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- C1 Date of the next meeting
The next meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership will be held on 24 March 2022

COMFORT BREAK for 10 minutes

D -RESTRICTED ITEM(S)

Meeting not open to the press and public and reports not for publication

D1 Domestic Homicide Review Update

D2 Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board Update

D3 Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group Update

13:00 Meeting to Close

Wednesday, 10 November 2021

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held online on Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE (Chairman), Mr J Rivers (Vice-Chairman), Ms C Bright, Ms S Brinson, Mr M Burbeck Mrs C Collins, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Mr A Harper, Ms J Leney, Ms A Oates, Mr M Overbeke, Mr R McMullan, Cllr S Mochrie-Cox, Mrs J Mookherjee, Ms V Morgan, Mrs A Oates, Mr S Peerbux, Mr M Powell, Dr P Ramewal, Cllr M Rhodes, Mr J Ross, Mr N Wilkinson, Mr M Woodward and Mr T Woolmer,

IN ATTENDANCE: Anna Taylor (Scrutiny Research Officer), and Katy Reynolds (Democratic Services Officer).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**27. Introduction**

(Item A1)

28. Notes of meeting held on 25 March 2021

(Item A4)

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021 were correctly recorded and a paper copy be signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of Mr Mochrie-Cox's apologies.

29. Kent Community Safety Agreement and Action Plan Update

(Item B1)

Mr Peerbux introduced the report and advised that the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) has now been published and the CSA Action Plan has been reviewed and updated.

Ms Brinson explained in detail the review and refresh of the Kent Community Safety Agreement draft action plan for 2021/22.

Ms Brinson explained to the Board that the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Safer in Kent Plan, which helps inform the Community Safety Agreement refresh, had been extended for 12 months to take into account the unprecedented circumstances and recent PCC election.

Ms Brinson said that the CSA and Action Plan was a rolling document that was under constant review and includes some actions that have been retained from 2020/21.

Ms Brinson highlighted a couple of new activities included in the action plan particularly the InterAct Information Sharing Platform and also actions in relation to the Vision Zero Strategy.

Mr Powell made the Board aware that there was draft guidance published by the government regarding the Serious Violence Duty which requires Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to collaborate in the strategic planning and implementation of a unified approach to prevent serious violence. However, the full guidance is yet to be received.

In response to questions from the Board, it was noted that a Kent and Medway Strategy for Serious Violence Reduction should reflect a common vision while also respecting local variations in needs which should be identified once the strategic needs assessment is undertaken.

Mr Peerbux thanked the partners for attending the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 9th of June 2021 where the work of the Partnership was well received. The meeting had focused on three of the seven priorities of the Partnership's CSA: Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse, and Preventing Extremism & Hate which were identified as key areas of concern during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee had expressed interest in road safety issues and had also requested that Anti-Social Behaviour be considered at a future Scrutiny Meeting.

RESOLVED to note the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the refreshed Community Safety Agreement. KCSP members were invited to provide feedback on the content of the draft action plan via email to kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk by 31st July 2021.

30. Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update *(Item B2)*

Mr Peerbux introduced the report which provided an update on the key activities and projects being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group. He highlighted that the Council had received confirmation of the PCCs Crime Reduction Funding Allocation for 2021/22 and that suitable projects had been identified that support both the PCC and the partnerships priorities and were awaiting sign-off/approval from the Office of the PCC.

Mr Peerbux drew attention to the Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) whose aim is to support and reduce harm in town centres and provide conflict resolution training to shop owners and also the OSARA Problem Solving 'Train the Trainer' course which has already taken place back in April where 15 Community Safety colleagues attended and that the results of that course would be a monitored based on onward cascade of training to other partners.

Mr Peerbux highlighted that the Tactical Pot Funding could not be accessed until the completion of the previous year's projects had been delivered but that the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) was working closely with project leads to ensure that projects moved forward.

Mr Peerbux reminded the partnership that the KCST continue to share information through a variety of methods and encouraged partners to contact the KCST (via email: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk) if they would like to be added to the distribution lists for these.

RESOLVED to note the progress and actions undertaken by the Working Group and the work of the KCST.

31. KCSP and Subgroups Terms of Reference review

(Item B3)

Mr Peerbux introduced the paper which detailed the annual review of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the KCSP and its subgroups. Mr Peerbux said that there had been no legislative changes that would impact the governance of the Partnership. However, the Membership section of the KCSP ToR had been updated due to the merging of the National Probation Service and Kent Surrey Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company.

Mr Peerbux highlighted the Membership section of the KCSP Working Group had also been updated to reflect the merged providers of probation services and the addition of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). He also brought attention to the membership changes within the Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group and its additional responsibility to 'collaborate with KMSAB and KSCMP to triangulate common themes and recommendations and to work on a system wide approach recommendations and learning'.

RESOLVED to:

- A. to agree the Terms of Reference for the Kent Community Safety Partnership, subject to any changes (i.e. membership) proposed by the Partnership and approve the Terms of Reference for the KCSPs two subgroups (KCSP Working Group and the DHR Steering Groups).
- B. To note that all KCSP member organisations shown in the Terms of Reference should ensure that they were signed up to the latest version of the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement.
- C. to note that the Terms of Reference for the KCSP and its subgroups will be reviewed annually and included as an agenda item at least once a year.

32. Kent Police and Crime Commissioners response to Mental Health

(Item B4)

Mr Harper introduced the paper which provided an update on developments relating to mental health and an overview of activity that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and his office have engaged in. He highlighted that there had been significant engagement and that there were early indications that the number of people in mental health crisis was returning to lower levels.

Mr Harper brought attention to the Reforming the Mental Health Act White Paper which had recently been consulted on and the PCC anticipates that the Government will publish a response to the consultation in the summer and that the subsequent Mental Health Bill will reflect the Advisory Panel's recommendations.

Mr Harper advised that the PCC has stepped down from chairing the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) lead for Mental Health as following the recent elections, there are new PCC's with experience in the mental

health arena. However, the PCC continues to chair the Kent and Medway Mental Health Crisis Care Board.

Mr Harper advised that there has been substantial work to reduce the number of Section 136 detentions (12% in 2020 compared to 2019) which has been driven by the work of the Crisis Care Board, including the investment into the 836-advice line which was implemented in December 2019 and also the Safe Havens.

Mr Harper highlighted that Safe Havens were being internally promoted by partners. The five Safe Havens across Kent and Medway are non-clinical environments with workers that were skilled in the de-escalation of crises. In response to questions, it was noted that the limited opening times and the number of Safe Havens was under continual review and based on intelligence, the structure of the Safe Havens was the most appropriate at the current time.

RESOLVED to note the update on the Kent Police and Crime Commissioners response to Mental Health.

33. Vision Zero The Road Safety Strategy for Kent Update *(Item B5)*

Mr McMullan introduced the paper which updated the Partnership on the Vision Zero - The Road Safety Strategy for Kent 2021 – 2026 which aims to reduce Road Casualties in Kent. He highlighted that the Road Safety Strategy had been approved for implementation. Mr McMullan said that the strategy also aligned with the United Nations Decade of Road Safety.

Mr McMullan explained that the internationally recognised Safe System approach was to be taken and that it had been well-received during the consultation. This system was based on the assumption of human error and aimed to reduce the risks associated with the anticipated mistakes, for example through automatic breaking.

Mr McMullan highlighted that community engagement was important for informing associated projects as local campaigns were anticipated to have the greatest impact on reducing the number of fatalities and hoped the partnership can help in this aspect of work.

Mr McMullan advised that the Safer Roads Partnership oversee this strategy and are developing a detailed delivery plan with partners.

In response to questions the following was noted:

- There was a need to engage with a wider range of community groups and for broader data collection. This would be taken into account in the next steps of the strategy implementation.
- Drug and alcohol related accidents were recognised as a problem and need further partnership discussions.

RESOLVED to note the Vision Zero Strategy update and to provide an update to the partnership at a later date.

34. Kent and Medway Gangs Strategy Update *(Item B6)*

Mr Powell introduced the paper which detailed the review of the existing Kent and Medway Gangs strategy and the proposed aims and objectives for 2021 - 2024. The paper provided a summary of the work conducted between October 2020 and February 2021 to review the existing strategy and the areas that required further attention in the new strategy.

Mr Powell said that the proposed aims of the new strategy remained the same as the 2018 Gangs Strategy: to protect and prevent young people from becoming involved with gangs, tackle gang-related harm and youth violence and pursue effective enforcement action to deal with those embroiled in gang activities but that there are six objectives which will be achieved through implementation of the strategy; including the need to develop and share a strengths-based approach to support and enforcement.

Mr Powell explained that, if agreed, the governance and oversight of the Gangs Strategy for 2012 - 2024 would sit within Violence Reduction Unit but update the partnership and other boards regularly. However, in response to questions from the Panel it was agreed that the governance and oversight of the strategy needed further clarification and if there were an overarching Kent and Medway Strategy, consideration for local differences needs to be considered. Mr Powell said that this would be reported back to the Partnership in due course.

RESOLVED to endorse the aims and objectives the Kent and Medway Gangs strategy, and to support the recommendation for the oversight of Gangs strategy to be provided by the VRU.

35. Date of meetings in 2021/2022

(Item C1)

RESOLVED that the future meeting dates be noted.

36. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) - update

(Item D1)

Mr Peerbux provided an update on the Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) cases.

RESOLVED that the update and progress on all cases be noted.

37. Domestic Homicide Review Briefing on Case - Martin 2018

(Item D2)

Members received a briefing on the recently published case of Martin and the overview report can be found on the Kent and the Medway websites.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/kent-community-safety-partnership/domestic-homicide-reviews#tab-1>

RESOLVED that the briefing on DHR case Martin/June 2018 be noted.

38. Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board Update

(Item D3)

Members received an update on the PREVENT Duty Delivery Board.

RESOLVED that the update on the PREVENT Duty Delivery Board be noted.

39. Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group Update

(Item D4)

Members received an update on the Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group.

RESOLVED that the update on the Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group be noted.

From: Mark Powell and D/Ch. Insp. Ben Loose, Directors, Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th November 2021

Classification: For Information

Subject: Update on the work of the Kent & Medway Violence Reduction Unit

Summary: This report provides an update on the work of the Violence Reduction Unit. Attendees are asked to note the contents of the report.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Kent & Medway Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is funded by the Home Office to develop a public health, preventative approach to serious violence across the County. The VRU focusses on those aged under 25 involved in public place violence, including those involved in County Lines and weapons related harm.
- 1.2 The core function of the VRU is to offer leadership, establish a Core Membership and, working with all relevant agencies operating locally, provide strategic coordination of the local response to serious violence.
- 1.3 The public health approach to tackling violence is informed by the work of Public Health England as set out in ‘A whole-system multi-agency approach to serious violence prevention’ (Public Health England, 2018). The report proposes a 5C approach to violence prevention which includes Collaboration, Co-production, Co-operation in data and intelligence sharing, Counter-narrative and a Community consensus approach.

2. Impact on Serious Violence

- 2.1 Serious violence within the remit of the VRU is defined as that which involves public place offences primarily including murder or attempted murder, grievous bodily harm, offences where a knife or weapon has been used and offences where injury has been caused.
- 2.2 Figure 1 below shows that levels of public place serious violence are lower than the two previous years and remain lower than 2019 before lockdown restrictions were in place.

Serious violence (SVC) involving those aged under 25 (excluding DA)

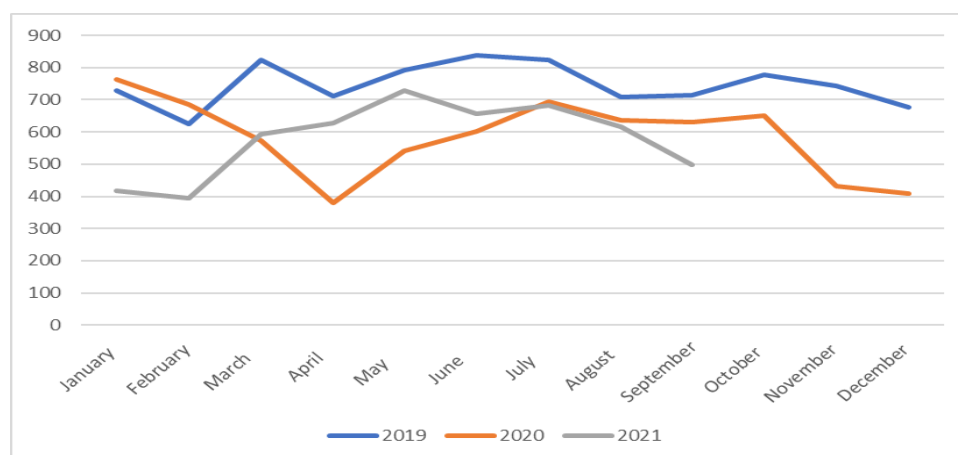


Figure 1. VRU SVC victim or suspect aged U25, excluding DA

3. Activity

3.1 Data sharing. VRU analysts use data from Kent Police, KCC, Medway Council and the Probation service to map and analyse individuals, groups and places where serious violence occurs. The work now includes the regular identification and mapping of young street groups. These groups are those with the following characteristics

- a) see themselves (and are seen by others) as a discernible group
- b) engage in criminal activity and violence
- c) operate in a defined geographical area
- d) have some form of identifying structural feature
- e) may conflict with other, similar, groups

The groups do not meet the threshold to be considered a 'gang' but the behaviour and impact on their community requires a coordinated multi-agency approach to reduce the harm caused and to offer support to individuals.

3.2 The VRU, Kent Community Safety and the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner's team are developing the InterACT data sharing platform. The work will allow data to be shared and analysed across organisations and will support a clearer view of the patterns and trends of harm which affect communities.

3.3 Knives & weapons. The VRU are focussing on reducing knife and weapon harm as a priority for the current year. Discussions between VRU partners have supported the development of a plan which will allow better information sharing on the patterns and trends of knife crime, a suite of agreed resources that can be used by professionals and interventions that can be used either with first time offenders or repeat offenders. The VRU are working with young people to design an awareness campaign on the risk of carrying knives.

3.4 Gangs and County Lines. The Kent and Medway Gangs Strategy has now been agreed and the governance of the strategy sits with the Community Safety Partnerships for Kent and Medway. The VRU will provide bi-annual progress reports to strategic CSP Boards. An awareness campaign on County Lines and criminal exploitation was launched in September 2021 using the 'Eyes Open' website and the resources available on the site have been shared with all schools and colleges in the County. The VRU are identifying young people at risk of criminal exploitation using partner data and these individuals are discussed at district multi-agency meetings so that plans can be established to protect them from harm.

3.5 Place based violence. The VRU and Kent Police are regularly identifying hotspots of serious violence. The VRU were successful in securing 'Grip' funding from the Home Office in June 2021 which is used to fund an enhanced Police presence in violence hotspots. The VRU and Community Safety Partnerships are collaborating to promote a multi-agency response that supports the enhanced Police presence.

3.6 Serious Violence Duty. The Government are legislating to include serious violence as a priority for Community Safety Partnerships as part of an amendment to the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. This requires the production of an annual Needs Assessment that informs the strategic response and an action plan to tackle serious violence. A shared needs assessment has been agreed between the CSPs and the VRU and work will begin in November 2021 to produce the analysis of violence. This will be used to identify key priority areas for both the CSPs and the VRU and will inform the work undertaken in the new financial year.

- 3.7 Commissioned services. The VRU continues to fund community services which support those involved in violence or offer diversionary activities to keep young people safe. In July 2021 the VRU were successful in bidding for £730,000 of additional funding which is being used to offer high intensity therapeutic interventions such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy or social skills training, and to fund projects offering support to those admitted to Accident and Emergency departments due to serious violence in Medway and Margate.
- 3.8 Community engagement. A pilot project to test a model of community engagement has been established in the north of the County. The work to involve communities in the design and delivery of services remains challenging and the VRU will work with partners to identify the best ways to achieve meaningful community engagement.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The KCSP is asked to note the progress and activities undertaken by the Violence Reduction Unit.

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By: Shafick Peerbux - Head of Community Safety, KCC
Shirley Brinson - Community Safety Team Leader, KCC

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 18th November 2021

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Agreement Update

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

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.

Priorities

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious Violence 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
- Response and Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

3.0 Action Plan Update

3.1 At the KCSP meeting in July, members were presented with the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the CSA priorities. The KCSP Working Group continues to monitor the activities identified and reviewed the latest updates at their meeting in September 2021. The next review will take place at their meeting on 29th November.

3.2 At this stage of the year most of the actions are in progress, this includes many activities which are ongoing such as the domestic homicide reviews, working with

other multi-agency groups, information sharing, awareness raising etc which link to the Partnership's role in leading and coordinating on countywide community safety issues. A report on the key outcomes of the action plan will be presented at the next KCSP meeting in March but in the meantime an update on the projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grant has been provided in the KCSP Working Group report.

- 3.3 There are some key activities within the plan currently taking place or due to take place which are worthy of note, specifically working with other partnerships to promote and support delivery of awareness events such as Hate Crime Awareness, Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week, and 16-days of Action Against Domestic Abuse – further information about the latter two events can be found here: [Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Services](#) website; [Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board](#) website.
- 3.4 In support of Hate Crime awareness week, the KCST has been working with the Prevent Team and the Hate Crime lead from Kent Police to refresh and update the 'Learning and Information Pack on Preventing Extremism & Hate' which was initially developed a couple of years ago following the KCSP Conference of the same name. The pack will be available for partners and professionals shortly and will provide information, guidance, resources, contacts and referral / reporting information.

4.0 Strategic Assessments

- 4.1 Sourcing of data from partner agencies for the annual strategic assessment process has been delayed, but work is starting in terms of contacting 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 KCST also aims to deliver a data workshop for district partners undertaking local strategic assessments which will hopefully take place in December subject to availability of speakers / attendees. The Kent Police Central Analytical Team has agreed to attend to explain what their data is showing in terms of trends, hotspots, emerging issues, etc. and to give partners a chance to ask questions. Additional speakers for the event will be identified.
- 4.3 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 March 2022.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) members are asked to note the update.

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By: Shafick Peerbux - Head of Community Safety, KCC

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) – 18th November 2021

Classification: For Information

Subject: Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update

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.

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 2021/22

- 2.1 The Kent PCC granted the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) £39,661 from the Crime Reduction Grant for 2021/22. The grant will be used to fund projects throughout Kent, focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. 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 A third of the funding (£13,220) has been automatically allocated to a tactical pot, which cannot be accessed until all projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grants in 2019/20 and 2020/21 have been completed.
- 2.3 Earlier this year, the KCSP Working Group reviewed a range of projects suggested by partners as possible options to receive funding in 2021/22. The following nine

projects have been approved and have either received their allocated funding or are in the process of invoicing the KCSP.

Projects 2020/21	Allocation
Dummy CCTV camera's <i>Update - 5 cameras have been given to the KCC wardens covering Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks, all of which have been installed for use by doorstep crime victims. A further 5 cameras have been provided to the wardens covering Ashford & Folkestone & Hythe for use if required but remain available if needed in another area.</i>	£750
'Spot the Signs' social media campaign <i>Update – Currently, the total video views is 6,845 and the total link clicks is 91. A total of £195.32 has been spent so far.</i>	£1,200
Mental Health Crisis Support Cards <i>Update - The cards are currently being edited and proofread before the order for printing will be made.</i>	£582
Community Safety Conference (virtual webinar) <i>Update - Topics are currently being discussed for the conference and the KCST will soon look at potential dates.</i>	£1,200
OSARA (problem solving) train the trainer <i>Update - The training was delivered in April 2021 to 14 attendees. So far, the learning has been shared with 20 Kent Police officers.</i> <i>The KCST are currently discussing creating training plans so that trainers can collaborate and deliver the training in pairs.</i>	£5,700
Missing Persons and Vulnerability Guidance WebApp roll out (online seminar) <i>Update - The webapp has not yet been completed and it is currently with the Kent Police Media Team. The seminar will be planned once the webapp is complete.</i>	£400
Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) <i>Update - A system for distributing grants has now been established and some invoices have been received from BCRP's and forwarded to finance for payment. Several other invoices are awaited.</i>	£11,315
NVR (Non-Violent Resistance) Foundation Level training <i>Update - The member of staff has completed two out of the four days training – final training day is 25.10.21. During case discussions, a family has been identified to offer NVR parenting sessions to, based on the current concerns.</i>	£500
ASB Tools & Powers Continual Professional Development for Partnerships <i>Update - The timetable and content of the days training has been finalised. Up to 16 attendees can be catered for at each event (4 separate occasions) giving a total of 64.</i> <i>The training is being finalised but planned from January/February this year at various locations around the County so partners have the best chance of attending.</i>	£3,400
Total Allocated Funding	£25,047

- 2.4 The remaining £1,394 of the upfront funding which has not been allocated to projects has been added to the tactical pot which can be accessed later in the year when the

outstanding projects from 2019/20 and 2020/21 have been delivered. In total there is just over £14,000 in the tactical pot to support future projects.

3.0 KCSP Funding – Delayed Projects

3.1 As mentioned, above the remaining CRG funding (approx. £14,000) will be held in the tactical pot and cannot be accessed until all outstanding projects, which were funded from previous Crime Reduction Grants, have been delivered. There are currently three projects which are were delayed due to Covid-19 and are still in progress. The Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) is in regular contact with the leads to monitor progress of these projects, which include:

- Kent Community Vulnerability Guidance Webapp (2019/20) – The app design is complete and works well. The information is being edited and it is currently with the Kent Police Media/Marketing teams who are reviewing the content.
- Prevention Crime Education Videos (2020/21) – Filming was delayed due to COVID restrictions but much of this has now been completed and is at the editing stage.
- Hate Crime Publicity Material (2020/21) – There has been a delay in the translation of the leaflets into the other languages/formats due to concerns with the provider of the translations for these leaflets. This is being chased up through the Kent Police communications team.

3.2 The KCST are in regular contact with the project leads to monitor progress but nevertheless there is a risk that the KCSP will not be able to access the tactical pot for additional projects later in the year.

3.3 At the last KCSP meeting, the Community Café and the Women’s Breakfast Clubs (Ashford and Maidstone) were outstanding. However, they have since been delivered.

4.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) Update

4.1 The KCST has delivered three Community Safety Information Sessions this year for the benefit of partners, which took place on 27th April, 15th July and 19th October 2021. Various topics were covered, including presentations about the Prevent Education Officers, domestic abuse in relation to older people, stalking, organised dog crime, contextual safeguarding, hate crime, and many others.

4.2 As part of the KCST’s role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces e-bulletins aimed at providing more frequent but brief updates on emerging community safety issues to practitioners across Kent, such as legislative changes, newly published documents, data releases, links to media articles, funding opportunities, etc. The bulletins are currently being sent out on a monthly basis and the latest one, which was sent on 29th October 2021, included information on the Firesetter Intervention, StreetSafe, news articles, the Domestic Abuse Bill, 16 Days of Action and more.

- 4.3 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested topics for the information sessions, brief updates for the bulletins, or any other suggestions for funding opportunities, training and/or collaborative working. In addition, if you would like to be added to the distribution list for the bulletins, please email the KCST: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk

5.0 Review of the Kent Community Safety Team

- 5.1 The concept of a joint multi-agency community safety team was developed in 2013 in response to the challenges of increasing budget pressures and the introduction of the new statutory responsibilities. In consultation and collaboration with our statutory partners and sponsored by the multi-agency Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) the proposal for a Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) was developed with the aim of sharing resources, reducing overlap and potentially minimising the impact of service reductions. The KCST brought together community safety staff from three key partner agencies (Kent County Council, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service) to form a co-located team which came into existence in September 2015.
- 5.2 Since the development of the KCST a Memorandum of Understanding has been in place which set out the vision and objectives for the team as well as the governance and working arrangements. The MOU has been refreshed and updated over the years, however to ensure the work of the KCST continues to meet the needs of the Partnership and the partner agencies, the constituent members of the KCST have set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake an impartial review and provide recommendations for the future of the KCST based on the findings. The Review T&FG consists of a representative from each of the three agencies who has not been a dedicated member of the KCST previously. The Terms of Reference for the review have been agreed and work will begin shortly with the outcomes expected early next year.

6.0 Recommendations

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

For Further Information:

Shafick Peerbux
KCC, Head of Community Safety
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To: Kent Community Safety Partnership
Subject: PCC update - mental health
Date: 18 November 2021



Introduction:

1. This paper provides a brief update on developments relating to mental health and an overview of activity that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and his office have engaged in.
2. The PCC has now stepped down as the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) lead for Mental Health, but remains committed to supporting those who are vulnerable as well as reducing mental health demand on Kent Police.

Inquiry into Mental Health and Covid-19:

3. In October 2020, due to anecdotal reports of police forces experiencing a growth in mental health demand, the PCC initiated an inquiry to establish whether those with poor mental health were getting the right care, from the right person at the right time during the pandemic.
4. Phase One consisted of an initial call for evidence which was issued in September 2020 and sought feedback from PCC colleagues, police forces, health practitioners and mental health support services.
5. Findings from the submissions included:
 - changes in the type of demand – across a number of fields, not just mental health, those who regularly contacted the police pre-pandemic did not do so in the same quantity;
 - reports of a new cohort – an increase in individuals who previously had no mental health related issues presenting with very complex needs;
 - limited capacity in mental health settings due to social distancing; and
 - no identified link between demand and geography – the challenges faced in rural and urban areas were very similar.
6. To establish further evidence, the PCC commissioned a second phase involving a series of roundtables to explore the previous feedback around demand management/prevention, but also to identify good, innovative work that was taking place and could be shared. Invitations were sent to frontline officers, mental health professionals, PCC colleagues and importantly, those with lived experience.
7. The outcome was a set of broad recommendations for:
 - i) the Government and the Sector to develop and improve the response to mental health; and
 - ii) to help agencies prepare and respond to such situations in the future.
8. Copies of the [Phase One](#) Findings and [Phase Two](#) Report can be found on the APCC website.

Crisis care governance:

9. The PCC continues to chair the Kent and Medway Mental Health Crisis Care Board which replaced the Crisis Care Concordat.
10. The Board has Chief Executive (or equivalent) representation from the Kent and Medway CCG, Kent Police, Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT), South East Coast Ambulance Service, Kent County Council, Medway Council and NE London NHS Foundation Trust.
11. The Board met virtually in July; agenda items included:
 - Draft Terms of Reference with the following priority workstreams:
 - ✓ Sharing of relevant partnership data to enable greater insight and monitoring (Prevention)
 - ✓ Embedded urgent crisis triage offering 24/7 assistance and support via 111 for patients, carers, family with direct line for officers (Response)

- ✓ Review of alternative provision, such as Safe Havens, to ensure meeting expectations / demand at key times and for key demographic (Prevention)
- ✓ Review of joint analytical products, to ensure fit for purpose (Prevention)
- ✓ Implementation of process to review repeat presenters, serious incidents and consider thematic areas to ensure learning and correct service provision (Recovery)
- Key Performance Indicators - demonstration of Kent Police's mental health dashboard; work also commissioned to review and pull together data from across agencies to gain insight.
- Update from sub-group - Mental Health Urgent & Crisis Care Oversight Group - on each of the discrete workstreams.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of this month.