

AGENDA

KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**Thursday, 17th November, 2022, at 10.00
am
Online**

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UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

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

A. Committee Business

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- C1 Date of next meeting
- 16th March 2023

D - RESTRICTED ITEM(S)

Meeting not open to the press and public and reports not for publication

- D1 Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update
- D2 Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board Update
- D3 Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group Update

13:00 Meeting to Close

Wednesday, 9 November 2022

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held in the on Thursday, 14 July 2022.

PRESENT: Mr J Rivers (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Ms C Allen, Ms S Brinson, Mr M Burbeck, Mr S Butler, Ms K Edgson, Mr A Harper, Mr J Hinds, Mr D Keers, Ms B King, Ms L McMahon, Mr S Mochrie-Cox, Ms J Mookherjee, Ms A Oates, Mr S Peerbux, Mr B Platt, Mr M Powell, Mr D Satchell, Mr P Steenhuis, Mr N Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Romagnuolo, Mr M Dentten

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**61. Notes of meeting held on 24 March 2022**

(Item A4)

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 24 March 2022 were correctly recorded and be signed by the Vice-Chairman subject to the addition of Mr Mochrie-Cox's attendance at the meeting.

62. Kent Community Safety Agreement and Action Plan Update

(Item B1)

1. Mr Peerbux (Head of Community Safety, KCC) introduced the report and advised that the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) has been updated to reflect amendments raised at the March meeting. The amendments, as agreed, included a new priority on 'Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)'. In addition, the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) priority was expanded to become 'Preventing Neighbourhood Crime and ASB' and the cross-cutting theme relating to the Covid-19 pandemic was amended to become 'Response and Recovery from Significant Events'.
2. Mr Peerbux also gave an update on the annual meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, which took place on 8th June 2022. There was a focus on three of the CSA priorities (Road Safety, Serious Violence and Organised Crime, and Anti-Social Behaviour). In addition, the partners also gave a brief overview on the other priorities. Mr Peerbux thanked the partners for attending and advised that the presentation was positively received, and the Committee had expressed interest with many questions raised.
3. Ms Brinson (Community Safety Team Leader, KCC) provided an update on the refreshed CSA action plan. She explained that the action plan included pieces of work that were delivered by Community Safety partners across the county, linking in with other multi-agency groups and strategies such as the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group, the Safer Roads for Kent Partnership, the Substance Misuse Alliance, the Joint Exploitation Group, the Prevent Duty Delivery Board, Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships and the Violence Reduction

Unit (VRU). She explained that activities may be updated in-year, subject to revisions and changes that take place within those groups and plans.

4. Ms Brinson advised that the action plan was a rolling document and contained a number of actions that were ongoing, or which took place annually. Some of the new actions that were added were linked to funded projects, the new 'violence against women and girls' priority and included a number of activities relating to the introduction of new national strategies and duties, such as the government's 10-year drug strategy 'From Harm to Hope' and the 'Serious Violence Duty'. Ms Brinson advised that the plan was open for comments and feedback, and that it remained a live document during the year.
5. A Partnership Member advised that the government was taking a stronger scrutiny role over the 'From Harm to Hope' strategy and its funding.
6. A Partnership Member explained that the Serious Violence Duty was discussed at the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Board who were keen to see a shared strategy with all the specified authorities being involved in the development; and that the proposal to the Board had been that the oversight and governance of that strategy should sit with the Kent CSP and Medway CSP. A Partnership Member was keen to ensure that there was the ability to tailor the strategy to local needs.
7. A Partnership Member advised that, although the monitoring of the quantitative outcomes of the action plan was key, qualitative data analysis was important too and that it should be added. Ms Brinson responded that qualitative outcomes were important and that they would be included where possible.
8. Mr Peerbux noted that Fraud was an area of concern that was not referenced in the action plan and suggested linking in with the work of KCC Public Protection in relation to scams and protecting vulnerable victims which is undertaken by Trading Standards and the Kent Community Warden Service.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership

- a) Note the refreshed action plan which supports delivery of the refreshed Community Safety Agreement.
- b) Provide feedback on the content of the draft action plan via email to kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk (KCST) by the end of July 2022, or at any time in-year if new actions emerge.

63. Kent Community Safety Partnership Working Group Update

(Item B2)

1. Mr Peerbux explained that whilst the office premises where the Kent Community Safety Team (KCST) had been co-located since September 2015 was now closed; the KCST continue to work collaboratively and are making use of available office spaces to work alongside each other on a frequent basis (weekly).
2. The KCST delivered a Community Safety Information Session (CSIS) on 17th May 2022 via Microsoft Teams. This consisted of presentations on the Ashford Streetwise App, Amparo Suicide Bereavement Service, an ASB app, the Counter

Terrorism Local Profile, and police updates on events such as the World Cup and the Jubilee. The next Community Safety Information Sessions are scheduled for 14th September 2022 and 1st December 2022. Mr Peerbux indicated that, if colleagues had any suggestions of speakers/topics that would be relevant for the information session, or if they wished to attend, they could contact the KCST: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk.

3. The KCST, on behalf of the KCSP, delivered two DHR webinars, on the themes of Domestic Abuse and Children and Young People. The next one with a theme of n Domestic Abuse and Suicide was taking place on 15th July 2022.
4. In terms of sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team continue to produce and circulate monthly E-Bulletins with the latest community safety updates and any relevant news, publications and legislation.
5. Ms Brinson provided an update of the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Crime Reduction Grant (CRG) funding that is allocated to the KCSP. She indicated that there was a small additional underspend in the previous year because there was an outstanding project and it was not possible to access all the funding at that point in time, but that the books were now balanced.
6. Ms Brinson explained that four of the five proposed projects for the current financial year had been agreed by the Office of the PCC (OPCC), and that the projects receiving the funding included: 'Best Bar None' promotional material (stickers for windows), the Community Safety Conference, the Trauma Awareness Project and the promotional materials for awareness campaigns. She clarified that the Bystander Approach Training was not approved by the OPCC because the VRU are already funding the programme and it would be duplicate funding, however the training will still go ahead via the VRU. In total, the PCC approved £21,440.
7. Mr Powell (Improvement Manager, KCC) advised that, in terms of Trauma Awareness, there was a multi-agency group that he chaired - 'Space Matters' - which was about implementing a trauma-informed approach across the county involving different organisations. The group invited KCSP representatives to join their meetings. Mr Peerbux clarified that he was aware of the group and that he had attended.
8. A Partnership Member clarified that, with regards to the multi-agency group, there were two strands; one was the training of the workforce about being trauma-informed, but also trauma-informed leadership.

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

64. KCSP and Subgroup Terms of Reference Review and Update (Item B3)

1. Mr Peerbux advised that the KCSP terms of reference (ToR) were last updated and approved by the Partnership in July 2021. Since then, there had been no legislative changes. The ToR for the KCSP remained largely unchanged, aside from the Membership section, due to the NHS Kent and Medway (Integrated Care

Board) taking on the responsibilities of the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) from 1st July 2022.

2. The co-operating and participating persons and bodies list within the Membership section was extended to include Safer Roads for Kent Partnership, Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), Kent Substance Misuse Alliance and the Kent and Medway Suicide Prevention Steering Group.
3. Mr Peerbux pointed to a small inaccuracy in the update, as it was reported that KCC's 'Vision for Kent' strategy was removed, while in fact it was a 10-year multi-agency strategy by the Kent Forum that had expired this year.
4. Mr Peerbux reported that the KCSP had two subgroups which it was responsible for overseeing. The KCSP Working Group and the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Steering Group both had their own ToRs. The annual review of the subgroups' ToRs had been aligned with that of the KCSP and, as such, members of these subgroups had also recently reviewed their respective ToRs.
5. The majority of changes to the KCSP Working Group ToR were in relation to the Membership section, and also a slight change to the 'Responsibilities' section to include Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships within the 'liaise and coordinate with other statutory bodies'.
6. There was one change to the DHR Steering Group ToR within the 'Responsibilities' section to 'ensure that lessons learned from DHRs are cascaded to agencies across Kent and Medway'. It now included 'Domestic and Sexual Abuse Executive Group, MARAC Steering Group, Domestic Abuse Commissioning teams and agencies across Kent and Medway'.

RESOLVED that the Kent Community Safety Partnership Members

- a) 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) Ensure that they are signed up to the latest version of the Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement.
- c) 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.

65. Kent Police Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Update (Item B4)

1. Ms Banks (Detective Chief Superintendent, Kent Police) explained that, following the recent sentencing of a serving police officer with the Metropolitan Police Service for the murder of a young woman, Kent Police instigated an immediate focus on how to maintain public trust and confidence, and listening and engaging with the public.
2. The Tackling VAWG strategy defined Kent Police's approach to tackling crime and behaviour that disproportionately affected Women and Girls. As part of this approach, Kent Police would introduce an action plan to track progress and demonstrate commitment to tackling Violence Against Women and Girls.

3. Ms Banks reported that the Strategic objectives that Kent Police was seeking in order to improve its service included: Holding Offenders to Account (through offender management, training and development), Support Victims (through practice review, engagement and safeguarding); Keeping You Safe (via education, early intervention and crime prevention); Our Culture (through education, encouragement and empowerment) and; Strengthening the System (via governance, scrutiny technology and partnership).
4. In answer to a comment about the importance of emphasising the prevention agenda, Ms Banks agreed that prevention and early intervention were critical and were key to the strategy.
5. A Partnership Member stressed the importance of making sure that crossovers were avoided, as there were several organisations working on similar themes in this area.
6. Mr Peerbux reported that he made the [White Ribbon UK](#) Promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women, and encouraged colleagues to consider making the pledge.
7. The Vice-Chairman invited Ms Banks to provide another update in a year's time. Ms Banks agreed.

RESOLVED that the KCSP note the Kent Police Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.

66. Dates of future meetings

(Item C1)

RESOLVED that the dates of the meetings in 2022 were noted.

67. Domestic Homicide Review Update

(Item D1)

1. Mr Peerbux provided an update on the Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) cases as well as a case briefing on the most recently published case for Simran 2019 which can be found on the kent.gov website using the link below.

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

RESOLVED that the Domestic Homicide Review update be noted.

68. Kent and Medway PREVENT Duty Delivery Board Update

(Item D2)

1. Mr Wilkinson (Assistant Director Contest and Serious Organised Crime, KCC) provided an update on the PREVENT Duty Delivery Board who met on 12th July and highlighted that the threat level remains as 'Substantial' meaning an attack is likely.

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

69. Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group Update

(Item D3)

1. Members received an update on the Kent and Medway Joint Exploitation Group and the latest briefing will be circulated as soon as it is available.

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

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

To: Kent Community Safety Partnership – 17th November 2022

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

- Preventing Neighbourhood Crime & ASB
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Vulnerable People
- Serious Violence and Organised Crime
- Preventing Extremism and Hate
- Road Safety
- Violence against women and girls

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 Significant Community Events

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 October 2022. The next review will take place at their meeting in January 2023

- 3.2 At this stage of the year all 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, including the Community Safety Conference, 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 in the KCSP Working Group report and here: [Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Services](#) website; [Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board](#) website.
- 3.4 The action plan remains a live document and can be updated and amended during the year as required. In particular it should be noted that other multi-agency groups are working on the implementation of Vision Zero and 'From Harm to Hope' in relation to Road Safety and Substance Misuse, and as such it is possible that some of the actions within the CSA action plan may be updated to reflect this work and the potential support that the KCSP may be able to offer the lead partners.

4.0 Strategic Assessments

- 4.1 Sourcing of data from partner agencies for the annual strategic assessment process is in progress and statutory partners are being contacted 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 is also planning a data workshop for district partners undertaking local strategic assessments which will provisionally take place on 5th December. The Kent Police Central Analytical Team will be attending 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 are being identified and will include findings from a number of Needs Assessments that are being developed by partners including Domestic Abuse and Serious Violence.
- 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) – 17th November 2022

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 2022/23

- 2.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocated £39,661 grant funding to the Kent Community Safety Partnership to fund projects in 2022/23, focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the PCC's Making Kent Safer plan. As part of the terms and conditions a third of the funding was placed in a tactical pot for in-year spending. Similar funding was also provided by the PCC to all Community Safety Partnerships across Kent and Medway to help deliver projects in support of local priorities.
- 2.2 In late April 2022, the KCSP Working Group reviewed a range of projects suggested by partners as possible options to receive funding in 2022/23. Of those recommended for funding the PCC approved upfront spending of £21,440 on the following four projects:

- **Best Bar None** (£622.50) – this is a Home Office backed accreditation scheme which fits in with a number of ongoing objectives including drink spiking, violence in the night-time economy, violence against women and girls (VAWG). The funding has enabled the purchase of 400 stickers to support the Best Bar None project which is currently being rolled out by district partners. Assessments have begun taking place, and once a licenced premises has been accredited the stickers can be placed in their windows to show customers that the venue is working hard to provide a safe and welcoming place.
- **Trauma Awareness Programme** (£13,000) - aims to enable young people and identified younger adults to increase awareness of the power of feeling strong emotion(s) and how to establish an internal 'sense check' and emotional repertoire. The funding has enabled the toolkit and training package to be reviewed and updated, and professionals that work with young people are currently being signed up to train in the use and delivery of the package.
- **Community Safety Conference** (£5,980) – the funding will enable the hire of a venue and audio visual support to deliver a community safety conference to partners. A task and finish group has been established and work is ongoing to develop and deliver the conference in 2023 (see details below).
- **Promotional Materials for Awareness Weeks** (£1,837.50) – funding has been set aside to support the production of literature as needed on a variety of topics, in the form of posters, leaflets, etc to support awareness weeks and campaigns during the year.

2.3 The remainder of the funding (£18,221) was placed in the tactical pot for in-year use. Following confirmation from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that the tactical pot could be accessed, a number of project proposals were received from partners for consideration by the KCSP Working Group in October 2022.

2.4 Based on the discussions undertaken by members of the KCSP Working Group, two projects outlined below, received a consensus of support and have been passed to the KCSP Chair and the Police and Crime Commissioner for approval:

- **Gaming & Online Awareness of Hate and Extremism** (£4,600)
The Gaming and Extremism project (gaming bus) is a community engagement initiative to promote awareness of how hateful extremism and potential radicalisation is spread via gaming and how it can be countered.
- **Hateful Extremism CPD Event** (£3,000)
The Kent and Medway Prevent Team are planning to deliver another CPD (continuous professional development) event on 28th February 2023 following the successful event in February 2022. The event will include a range of speakers to provide an update to partners and professionals on the current situation, emerging issues, and will strengthen their knowledge on the issues.

2.5 If the above two projects are approved by the PCC there will be approx. £10,600 remaining in the Tactical Pot. The KCSP Working Group are working with partners to identify suitable additional projects and are in receipt of two more proposals for consideration. If KCSP members have any suggestions or would like to discuss potential projects please contact: kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk.

3.0 Review of the Kent Community Safety Team

- 3.1 In June 2022 the office premises, provided by Kent Fire and Rescue Service, where the KCST had been co-located since September 2015 was decommissioned and returned to KFRS to use for operational purposes. Since then the KCST have continued to work in a hybrid way using the technology at their disposal and where possible meeting physically on a weekly basis to work in an office space to facilitate joint working. Currently the KCST are utilising office space provided by Kent County Council at Invicta House, using a desk booking system to enable partners to work in a similar location, but other potential venues are also being explored.
- 3.2 The review of the KCST is continuing with the aim to be completed by the end of December 2022. The multi-agency task and finish group, led by KFRS, are currently reviewing the remit of the team and identifying key focus areas which will benefit most from a multi-agency approach whilst also delivering the statutory duties of the individual agencies. Once complete a new Memorandum of Understanding will be produced and an action plan developed for 2023/24.

4.0 Kent Community Safety Conference

- 4.1 The KCSP has delivered Community Safety Conferences for the benefit of partners for a number of years based on an identified need. The most recent conference was delivered jointly with the Kent Resilience Forum on the subject of Community Resilience which was held virtually in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic in November 2020.
- 4.2 A multi-agency conference task and finish group (T&FG) has been established and at the last planning meeting agreed that the focus of the conference should be around the *'Cost of Living Crisis and the impacts on Community Safety'* in line with National concerns surrounding this. The planning group identified a number of key topics that could be explored within the overarching theme to include:
- Violence Against Women and Girls
 - Vision Zero
 - Wellbeing / Vulnerability / Mental health
- 4.4 Conference planning is in the early stages with further T&FG meetings planned to establish the content, format and identify speakers. The aim is to hold the conference in February/March 2023 as a hybrid event with the date and venue yet to be confirmed.

5.0 Kent Community Safety Team (KCST)

- 5.1 As part of the KCST's role in sharing information, good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces and circulates monthly E-Bulletins on emerging community safety issues, relevant news, publications, publications and to highlight and promote community safety work to over 200 practitioners across the county.

- 5.2 The KCST delivered a Community Safety Information Session (CSIS) in September for over 50 staff from partner agencies covering a range of topics including Hate Crime, Protection Against Stalking, Domestic Abuse Professional Champions, 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse, OSARA problem solving model, Neighbourhood Policing update, Domestic abuse and suicide toolkit, Serious Violence Duty and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- 5.3 The KCST, on behalf of the KCSP, are in the process of delivering DHR learning webinars. So far this year, four webinars have been delivered on three different themes identified from the most recently published case including: Domestic Abuse and Children and Young People, Domestic Abuse and Suicide and DHRs and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) involving Carers; was delivered jointly with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board.
- 5.4 The next DHR learning webinar will take place on 24th November during the National Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week and will be focused on harmful practices and cultural competence.
- 5.5 The KCST is currently working with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) on the annual Safeguarding Adults Awareness Week (SAAW) campaign (21st -27th November). The KCST has engaged with colleagues within the Kent 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.
- 5.6 In addition, the team are also working with colleagues to support and promote the 16 days of Action Against Domestic Abuse which runs between 25th November to 10th December and will be sharing the toolkit and providing promotional literature signposting to the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Services Website that is managed by the KCST.
- 5.7 The KCSP Working Group would like to encourage partners to contact the KCST if they have any suggested 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

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.

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Review of Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (KIDAS)



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Services are provided on behalf of KIDAS and are commissioned by Kent County Council.

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Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service

Contract details	
Name of Provider	
Lot 1 (Thanet and Dover)	Oasis Domestic Abuse Services
Lot 2 (Canterbury, Ashford, Folkestone & Hythe)	Clarion Housing Association
Lot 3 (Maidstone, Swale, Dartford, Gravesham)	Clarion Housing Association
Lot 4 (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells)	Look Ahead Care and Support
Contract funding partners	KCC Adult Social Care, Public Health, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent Fire and Rescue, district and borough councils
Contract Award date	April 2017
Contract Duration	5 years
Contract Extension	2 + 2 years
Extension invoked	Yes – first 2 years, until March 2024 (Key decision 21/00063)

KIDAS and The Domestic Abuse Act

Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service includes;

- **Accommodation-based support** - delivered to survivors, at the highest risk, in a residential setting which is specifically designed to meet the needs of that group. This could include for example support in refuge accommodation
- **Community-based services** - provided to people in their local areas, often in their own home, and include for example specialist advocacy support, welfare and immigration advice and mental health support

New legislation

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Act 2021 introduced statutory duties to support survivors (adults and children) residing in 'safe accommodation' and new funding to meet these duties. This precipitated change, part of the monies KCC Adult Social Care were contributing towards support within commissioned refuge accommodation (safe accommodation) was replaced with new burdens funding.

Review of KIDAS

- Commissioners completed a contract review in 2020 which informed the decision to invoke the first extension opportunity ((Key decision 21/00063)
- KIDAS has undergone scrutiny at Contract Management Review Group in 2019 & 2022
- A second formal contract review was undertaken throughout August 2022 to inform the next steps post March 2024. Activity included;
 - Reviewing National, Local data sets and research to understand need
 - Analysis of performance data
 - Scrutiny of feedback from those who use the service including case studies
 - Engaging with all funding partners to seek qualitative feedback including on the integrated model and next steps
 - Obtaining feedback from all stakeholders on the effectiveness of the service
 - Gaining views of the Lead Providers

Review findings

Performance

- Performance data for 2021/22 has been analysed and is positive in all areas
- Services were found to be responsive and supporting individuals to achieve safety, personal and well being outcomes

Demand

- Across 2021/22 there was a total of 3280 clients supported
- In 2021/22 there was a 30% increase in demand for community-based services (compared to 2019/20) - to address this Commissioners and the Lead Providers have made successful funding bids to the Ministry of Justice for additional staffing resources

Effectiveness

A stakeholder survey showed that

- 89% of respondents had heard of KIDAS
- 63% of respondents found it easy to make a referral
- 86% were satisfied with KIDAS

Review findings

Survivor feedback

- During 2021/22, 87% of users who completed an exit survey were satisfied with the service they received in refuge

'Myself and my kids are able to live a free life and do the things we have missed out on doing'

'Don't know where I been without your support'

The greatest gift you can give another human being is their freedom, thank you helping me regain mine'

'I feel safe and listened to'

'I am so grateful there is a service like yours'

Review findings

Vision

Lead providers were asked for feedback on what was working well, responses included:

- *‘strengthens the offer across Kent offering consistency of support for clients and training for partners’*
- *‘core contract funding that’s long term’*

The consensus was that an integrated approach should be considered for the future of services to survivors

Partnership & integration

- Successful Hospital Independent Domestic Violence Advisor project has led to the Integrated Care Board providing ongoing funding since 2020, and additional monies to expand the service further
- KIDAS providers worked collaboratively and were awarded £209,000 by the Police and Crime Commissioner to assist them in adapting during COVID
- Lead Providers worked in partnership with Medway to commission a communications expert to deliver a joint communication plan

Review findings

Additional funding and services

- Since the start of the contract, KCC and its public sector partners, have made successful bids for extra funding to deliver additional projects. KIDAS supported the management of these
- The contract has provided a strong platform to support the council in delivering its new statutory duties under the DA Act and mobilise funding quickly

Successes

- Virtual conference, delivered in November-December 2020 - achieved over ten thousand event registrations
- Delivery of media and comms campaign 'Know, See, Speak Out' - achieved a reach of 3.3 million
- In 2021/22 saw 26% increase in male survivors (compared to 2020/21)
Believed to be due to KIDAS media assets targeting DA and men and staff providing specialist support for male survivors
- Strong partnership working established with Medway and health

Review recommendations

Whilst the findings of the review are positive it is recognised that the contract has been varied extensively in line with changes in legislation.

Therefore a full recommission of an integrated domestic abuse service model is recommended to maintain compliance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015

There is the opportunity to continue and expand positive relationships achieved with partners, to develop a future model that is further integrated and that will continue to support the council to meet its new duties under the Act

The review and recommendations are currently going through KCC internal governance.



Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy and Delivery Plan

In partnership with and supported by

Logos of partner organizations including:
Kent Fire & Rescue Service
Kent Police
Kent PCC
NHS
National Probation Service
MAIDSTONE Borough Council
Sevenoaks Borough Council
Swale Borough Council
TONBRIDGE & MALLING Borough Council
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
thanet district council
ASHFORD Borough Council
CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL
DARTFORD Borough Council
DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL
Folkestone & Hythe District Council
Gravesham Borough Council
Medway Council
Kent County Council



The Strategy Story So Far

The K&M Partnership DA Strategy runs from 2020 -23 covering both safe accommodation and community services. It underwent internal partnership & public consultation.

The 2021 Domestic Abuse Act introduced new statutory duties that had to be reflected in an updated strategy

A new section of the strategy was written and had extensive consultation through Domestic Abuse Forums, Joint Kent Chiefs & Leaders, the Community Safety Partnership, the Local Partnership Board, Executive Group & User Forums.

This then went for a 6 week formal consultation, changes were made to reflect feedback.

The final updated Strategy was published in January 22. The new 2024-28 strategy will be to follow client's journey

The partnership structure allows us to bring together all our services – Police, KFRS, Probation, Health Services, Social Care, Schools, Districts, Housing Departments etc – so that we support a good, joined-up response.

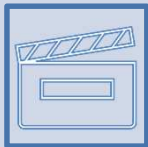
Why do we have a delivery plan?



How does the delivery plan work?



The overall plan is held by the partnership and managed through the D&SA Executive Group

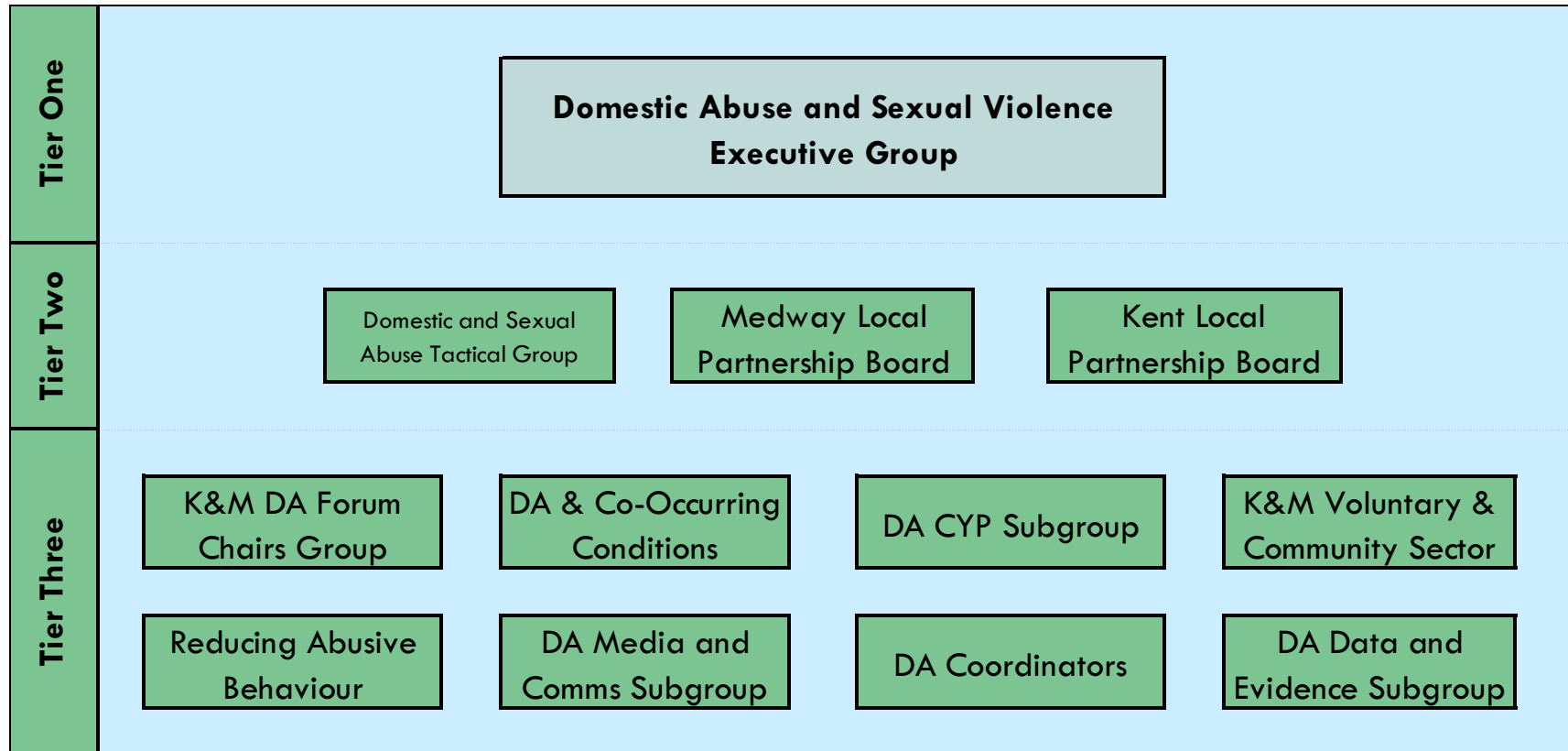


But all actions are allocated to an organisation, team or partnership subgroup which creates their own action plans



The plan iterative - this plan is live and can evolve this is a structure to keep us rooted

Partnership Groups



MARAC steering group and review also feeds into the Tactical Group

Partnership Groups: work has included...

Domestic Abuse, Data & Evidence sub group - This group exists to promote learning from research and shared data across the partnership

- **Research Programme:** A research officer is now in place, managing a programme that includes the needs assessment work, assessments of progress as well as in depth research projects
- **Needs Assessment:** is refreshed annually – the 2022 theme is Children, Young People and DA
- **Holding Seminars:** Sharing learning and asking practical next steps commitments;
 - 1 - *'Ensuring CYP Affected By DA Have Access To Services That Meet Their Needs'* - 75 attended from across Kent & Medway ICSs, Cafcass, NHS Safeguarding, HIDVAs, Mental Health teams, Health Visitors, FDAC & Housing Teams.
 - 2 – *'The Links between Life Threatening Illness and Domestic Abuse'* – discussing research from Macmillan and Standing Together on cancer diagnosis and DA, showcasing the HIDVA service and learning from DHRs and SARs

Domestic Abuse and Additional Barriers

National reports and local needs assessments highlighted issues of access to DA services and a high prevalence of domestic abuse within mental health and addiction services. The Domestic Abuse and Additional barriers working group is exploring these issues at a local level

Reducing Abusive Behaviours sub group - coordinates approaches to tackling abusive behaviours to enable greater focus on changing the behaviour of the individual through a combination of disruption, support and the management of offenders.

- A county-wide perpetrator response & evaluation has been commissioned
- RAB group to develop a page on the K&M website that enables communication of the referral processes for professionals and information about services available for those using harmful behaviours
- Project to ensure that training around identification support and behaviour disruption is made available throughout the partnership

Local Domestic Abuse Chairs Forum

DA Champions – developing a three-tiered champions programme

- 1 - Professional Champions - training and network
- 2 - Employer Champions - EIDA and join a local network for updates & contact
- 3 - Community Champions: scoping for this project currently ongoing

One Stop Shops – shared learnings and best practice

Group Work – Looking at the access to domestic abuse group programmes and identifying how current recourse can be better utilised

District DA Coordinators Group

- **Journey mapping to understand the housing options that can be utilised by victims of abuse (lead Maidstone)**- Journey mapping for accessing safe accommodation has begun.
- **Assess whether there can be a whole Kent & Medway response to facilitate DAHA Membership and Assessment** –majority of districts interested in the process; some have begun identifying action plan activities – money allocated for DAHA in the 22/23 allocation
- Sharing information on rent deposit schemes, numbers of people presenting as homeless and service access
- Provides updates to the Kent Housing Group



Media & Communications Subgroup

To coordinate messages around Domestic Abuse, develop free, easy to use campaign content for the partnership to use – includes social media calendar, K&M DA Website updates, and reaching out to unusual suspects to create new partnerships

- #KnowSeeSpeakOut campaign reached approx. 449,367 followers
- Successful 16 Days of Action Campaign -
 - 777 mentions across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
 - 3.3M Reach (total seen content)
 - 3.2K Interactions (total likes, commented, shared)
 - 1.8K Shares
 - 1.5K Likes

It was shared directly by 65 organisations and 27 individuals across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn*

1 in 4 women will be affected by domestic abuse in their lifetime

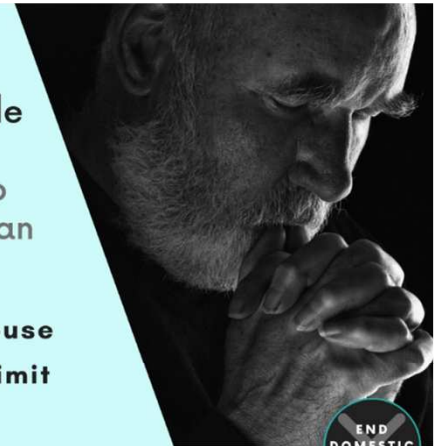
2 women a week are murdered by their current or ex-partner



2022
16 Days [Campaign](#)
[webpage](#)

A 1/4 of older people living with abuse do so for more than 20 years

Domestic Abuse has no age limit



Find resources and help

Domestic Abuse Support

Kent 0808 16 89 111
Medway 0800 917 9948
www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk
#KnowSeeSpeakOut



If you or someone you know needs Domestic Abuse Support Kent and Medway services can help you



Find resources and support

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Don't let men suffer in silence



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From 25 November to 10 December 2022

Domestic Abuse isn't just physical

Stay safe online

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Help victims of Domestic Abuse get support

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Six ways you can support the 2022 Campaign

1. Download the [16 Days toolkit](#) or use the 16 Days [Campaign webpage](#) to schedule social media posts
2. Use our [prepared email](#) send the toolkit to other people for them to use and spread the word
3. Use this [e-bulletin content](#) to include the 16 days campaign in newsletters
4. Ask employers to become End Domestic Abuse Champions by [sharing the Become an Employer Champion social media posts](#) or by using [this email copy](#) to reach out to your contacts
5. Be a one person 16 days branded deity by using the [teams background, email signature, & power point slide](#)
6. Follow the K&M Domestic Abuse Services social media handles on your personal accounts so that you can easily share this content with people you know and care about

Facebook [@KentMedwaydomesticabuse](#) | Instagram [@KentMedwaydomesticabuse](#) | Twitter [@KentMedwayDA](#)

Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board

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Strategic Plan 2022 to 2025



November 2022

Agenda Item B4

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD - STATUTORY DUTIES

The Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) must:

- Publish a **strategic plan** that sets out how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this.
- Publish an **annual report** detailing what the board has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy, as well as detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action.
- Conduct any **safeguarding adults review** in accordance with Section 44 of the Care Act.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

- Annual reports set out our key achievements
- Committed executive membership
- Working group structure
- Training offer
- Open forums
- Quality assurance
- Relationship with wider partnerships, such as CSP

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

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Legal Duties

Regulatory
frameworks

Covid
response and
legacy

Cost of Living

Demand
pressures

Workforce
challenges

OUR VISION

“Protect and prevent adults with care and support needs from the risk of abuse, or neglect; supporting and promoting their wellbeing, with all partners working together effectively, ensuring that the safeguarding system is always improving through learning”

APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Three lines of defence

- Operational
- Board/system
- Independent assurance

No supprises

PRIORITY ONE - PROMOTING PERSON CENTRED SAFEGUARDING

Raise awareness of adult safeguarding to ensure that people understand what abuse is, how to recognise signs and how to seek help.

Enable residents of Kent and Medway to voice their opinions on the work of the Board.

Ensure the voice of the person (or their representative) who has been involved in our safeguarding system is heard in respect of their safeguarding experience.

Seek assurance that each partner agency's workforce demonstrates 'professional curiosity' and has processes in place to allow them to reflect on their practice and receive appropriate supervision.

PRIORITY TWO- STRENGTHEN SYSTEM ASSURANCE

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- Establish a mechanism to identify system issues and risks to provide assurance to Kent and Medway residents that effective safeguarding arrangements are in place.
- Improving public understanding of the roles and responsibilities of partners.
- Improving interagency understanding of the roles and responsibilities of other partner organisations.
- Assurance that agencies are delivering their respective responsibilities to safeguard people.
- Ensure effective Board to Board/Partnership arrangements.
- Ensure effective functioning Board with appropriate support structures.

PRIORITY THREE — EMBED IMPROVEMENT AND SHAPE FUTURE PRACTICE

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- The voice of the person is listened to and there is evidence their wishes are respected.
- Learn from experience and have a workforce that is knowledgeable and confident in the application of their safeguarding adults' roles and responsibilities.
- Develop the right balance between support and challenge aimed at system improvement.
- Partners will be able to contribute to safeguarding at regional and national level.

Awareness Raising

Domestic Homicide Reviews

Shared Learning Events

Shared Priorities

Partner updates

Joint Exploitation Working Group

RELATIONSHIP
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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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