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**Summary** This report provides an update on the key activities and projects being managed on behalf of the Kent Community Safety Partnership by the Working Group.

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## **1.0 Background / Introduction**

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form multi-agency 'Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships' to undertake this activity. Subsequent revisions introduced additional responsibilities to tackle anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce reoffending, and the partnerships were renamed Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).
- 1.2 The Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) operates at a county level, with the overarching purpose to manage the Kent Community Safety Agreement (CSA) on behalf of the responsible authorities in Kent and to deliver safer and stronger communities. The KCSP is supported by a multi-agency working group which has a particular remit to prepare and monitor the Community Safety Agreement, including the action plan and performance reports, as well as managing the Kent Community Safety fund on behalf of the governing group.

## **2.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2021/22**

- 2.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) granted the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) £39,661 from the Crime Reduction Grant for 2021/22. The grant has been used to fund projects throughout Kent, focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the Police and Crime Plan. 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 A third of the funding (£13,220) was automatically allocated to a tactical pot, which could not be accessed until all projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grants in previous years had been completed. The KCSP Working Group worked with the outstanding project leads to ensure delivery. Following discussions with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), agreement was secured at the end of January 2022 to access the tactical pot funding. At that time, the OPCC advised that

any new requests for funding would need a clear rationale and a confidence that it could be delivered by the end of March 2022. Following the meeting of the KCSP Working Group (WG) on 31<sup>st</sup> January, work was underway to identify suitable projects to submit as a business case, but with the remaining timeframe there were limited options in terms of project proposals that would meet the criteria for delivery.

- 2.3 Unfortunately, the OPCC notified all CSPs on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February that access to the Tactical Pot was closed with immediate effect, and the KCSP is unable to submit any further proposals this year.
- 2.4 From the upfront allocated spending, the KCSP WG reviewed a range of projects and the following were approved:

<b>Projects 2020/21</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Dummy CCTV camera's <i>Update - All dummy cameras are now in use. Spare ones have been sent to several Community Warden areas for use in doorstep crime prevention and anti-social behaviour.</i>	£750
'Spot the Signs' social media campaign <i>Update – The film has been promoted on YouTube and Facebook. So far, the film has reached 390,000 people and been viewed 130,315 times. 7,216 people have clicked through to the “Spot the Signs” webpage.</i>	£1,200
Mental Health Crisis Support Cards <i>Update – The design has been completed and the order for printing has been processed.</i>	£831.60
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. The KCST is currently discussing creating training plans so that trainers can collaborate and deliver the training in pairs.</i>	£5,700
Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) <i>Update - All BCRP's have now spent their grants as intended, except Tonbridge (grant was to purchase equipment to upgrade the radio infrastructure but there has been delays in gaining permission to utilise a redundant airwave radio aerial).</i>	£11,315
NVR (Non-Violent Resistance) Foundation Level training <i>Update - The training has been completed. The proposed cost was originally for £500 – however, a different provider was offering the same course at a sooner date and lower price of £395.</i>	£395
ASB Tools & Powers Continual Professional Development for Partnerships <i>Update – The training took place at 4 locations around the County in February 2022.</i>	£3,400
<b>Total Spend:</b>	<b>£23,591.60</b>

- 2.5 Two of the projects that were initially agreed are not able to go ahead. The allocated funding for these projects will be refunded to the OPCC. These are:
- Community Safety Conference (virtual webinar) - £1,200 had been allocated to this project. Although various discussions took place with the KCSP WG and partners, a clear and suitable topic for the conference was not identified. There

are a number of potential topics which are still under discussion and it is hoped that this can be progressed in 2022/23.

- Missing Persons and Vulnerability Guidance WebApp roll out (online seminar) - £400 was allocated to this project. Due to delays with the app development, the app has not been fully rolled out. This means that there is no need for the online seminar at this stage.

2.6 In total, £1,455.40 will be refunded to the OPCC from the upfront allocation underspend.

### **3.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2022/23**

3.1 The Kent PCC confirmed on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 that the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) will retain its current level of funding for 2022/23 of £39,661. However, a third of the funding (£13,220) will be automatically allocated to a tactical pot which cannot be accessed until all projects funded by the Crime Reduction Grants in 2021/22 have been completed.

3.2 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.

3.3 The submission date for the 2022/23 business case to the OPCC is **15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. Project proposals will be sought and collated from partners.

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

4.1 The KCST has delivered three Community Safety Information Sessions in this financial year for the benefit of partners, which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> 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. The next Community Safety Information Session is provisionally scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022, included information on the newly published Domestic Homicide Review, International Women's Day, the Stop and Search Powers video which was funded by the CRG in 2020/21 ([click here to watch the video](#)), the refreshed Preventing Extremism and Hate partnership pack, and much more.

4.3 As part of Hate Crime Awareness Week, the KCST worked with the Kent & Medway Prevent Team and the Kent Police Hate Crime lead to refresh the 'Preventing Extremism & Hate Learning and Information Pack', originally developed in 2018/19 to

support the community safety conference of the same name. The refreshed document includes the latest information, guidance, referral routes, useful contacts etc. It has recently been circulated to attendees of the CPD event on 'Preventing Hateful Extremism' on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, which was delivered by the Kent and Medway Prevent Team and Kent Police. As stated above, it has also been circulated to partners as part of the KCST bulletin but if anyone would like to request a copy, please contact [kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk).

- 4.4 The KCST also manages and maintains the public facing [Kent & Medway Domestic Abuse Support Services](#) website which provides information on DA services for Kent residents. If anyone is interested in any posters or cards to promote the DA Support Services website or needs any pull-up banners for any future events, please contact the [kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk).
- 4.5 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](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk)

## **5.0 Review of the Kent Community Safety Team**

- 5.1 As mentioned at the last KCSP meeting an impartial review of the Kent Community Safety Team has been taking place over the last few months to provide recommendations for the future of the KCST based on the findings. The first stage of the review is complete, which included seeking feedback from a range of partners, senior officers and team members. As a result it has been agreed (subject to senior management sign off) that the MOU will be extended for a year whilst a more detailed plan is developed with clear goals and objectives for the multi-agency KCST and the constituent partners. This next stage of the review will be led by a multi-agency working group chaired by KFRS. In the meantime it should be noted that the KCST will no longer be co-located and their current office location will be returned to the KFRS estate. The Team will instead look to work in a hybrid manner utilising the technology at their disposal and, on occasion, by coming together in working spaces at various office locations throughout the 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.

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