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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 2022/23**

- 2.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) confirmed in March 2022 that the Kent Community Safety Partnership will retain its current level of funding for 2022/23 of £39,661. However, a third of the funding (£13,220) has been automatically allocated to a tactical pot.
- 2.2 The grant will be used to fund projects throughout Kent, focussing on the priorities identified in the Community Safety Agreement and the PCC's Making Kent Safer 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.
- 2.3 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. A total of five

recommended projects were sent to the Chair of the KCSP for endorsement prior to submission to the PCC at the beginning of May for consideration and final approval.

2.4 The five projects that have been submitted to the PCC for consideration are:

<b>Projects 2022/23</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
<p><b>Best Bar None</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Best Bar None is an accreditation scheme which fits in with a number of ongoing force objectives - drink spiking, violence in the night-time economy, VAWG.</i></li> <li>• <i>This project is for the purchase of 400 stickers, to be placed in the windows of licenced premises that have been assessed by Best Bar None.</i></li> </ul>	£622.50
<p><b>Bystander Approach Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This proposal is for the KCSP and the VRU to collaborate to train 25 staff as trainers in the Bystander Approach.</i></li> <li>• <i>The CSP funding will form 20% of the cost. The VRU will meet the remaining costs of the training (£20,000).</i></li> <li>• <i>The project will train 25 trainers who will receive 3 days of training.</i></li> </ul>	£5,000
<p><b>Community Safety Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The KCSP has delivered a Community Safety Conference for many years.</i></li> <li>• <i>The topic will be decided at a later date and determined based on an identified need.</i></li> <li>• <i>Match funding for ancillary costs (refreshments) will be sought from partners.</i></li> </ul>	£5,980
<p><b>Trauma Awareness Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The programme 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.</i></li> <li>• <i>The programme is already up and running, and following the initial pilot with 12-25 young people, learning material has been developed and is being rolled out to facilitators in Kent and Medway.</i></li> <li>• <i>The funding will pay for a further 6 months of the trained professional already in the role, further development of training material and the roll out of trauma programme to a nominated group of young people.</i></li> </ul>	£13,000
<p><b>Promotional Materials for Awareness Weeks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The production of literature around mental health, ASB, loneliness, cuckooing etc. in the form of posters, leaflets etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>These could be produced to coincide with awareness weeks.</i></li> </ul>	£1,837.50
<b>Total Allocated Funding</b>	<b>£26,440</b>

### 3.0 KCSP Funding – Crime Reduction Grant 2021/22

3.1 The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) granted the Kent Community Safety Partnership (KCSP) £39,661 from the Crime Reduction Grant for 2021/22. 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. 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. 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 so the KCSP were unable to spend the remaining funding.

3.2 From the upfront allocated spending, the KCSP Working Group reviewed a range of projects and the following were approved, which have all now been delivered:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Dummy CCTV Cameras</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 cameras were purchased</li> <li>• Cameras were offered to doorstep crime victims first and foremost, but also to victims of scams and ASB.</li> <li>• The remaining cameras will be allocated where required to victims of doorstep crime or anyone else in need.</li> </ul>	£750
<b>‘Spot the Signs’ Social Media Campaign</b> Key results from the campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 190,000 views on Facebook</li> <li>• 10,000 views on YouTube</li> </ul>	£1,200
<b>Mental Health Crisis Support Cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20,000 copies were printed.</li> <li>• Copies have been distributed to community safety colleagues across Kent (and Medway) with more being distributed in the coming weeks.</li> </ul>	£831.60
<b>OSARA train the trainer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The course took place in April 2021 with a total of 14 delegates from various organisations</li> <li>• Since then, OSARA learning has been cascaded to staff within KFRS, Kent Police and others such as the licensing group.</li> <li>• This training will continue to be delivered.</li> <li>• The KCST has put together a presentation and OSARA template guide</li> </ul>	£5,700
<b>Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The funding has eased financial pressures thus allowing BCRPs to continue during an unprecedented period.</li> <li>• Grants were used to temporarily cover routine expenses such as the purchase of replacement radio batteries, replacement radios and training expenses.</li> </ul>	£11,095
<b>NVR (Non-Violent Resistance) Foundation Level training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the Kent and Medway Channel Coordinators completed the NVR training during 2021/22. This is a valuable skill and has been used in case management of Channel cases.</li> <li>• Additionally, the trained officer has provided a full briefing to the Prevent team on the principles of NVR and this enabled other staff to understand and implement in their operational delivery.</li> </ul>	£395
<b>ASB Tools &amp; Powers Continual Professional Development for Partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training courses took place during February 2022, with 55 people attending</li> </ul>	£2,970
<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£22,941.60</b>

3.3 The cost of three of the projects were reduced: the NVR Foundation Level Training changed providers, and the Business Crime Reduction Partnerships and the ASB Professional Development cost less than anticipated. Due to this, and the money withheld in the tactical pot, there was a total underspend of £16,719.40, which has been returned to the PCC.

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

- 4.1 The office premises where the KCST has been co-located since September 2015 is required by Kent Fire and Rescue Service for operational purposes, and as such the multi-agency team have moved out and the office has been decommissioned with partner IT, office equipment and files being relocated to each of the partner agencies office bases. KCC Community Safety will use Invicta House as an office base going forward, alongside working from home. The KCST will continue to work together in a hybrid way - the actual multi-agency working arrangements are currently being trialled, with the aim to physically come together on a monthly basis (at a minimum) to facilitate joint working.
- 4.2 The KCST delivered a Community Safety Information Session (CSIS) on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 via Microsoft Teams. The CSIS consisted of presentations on the Ashford Streetwise App, Amparo Suicide Bereavement Service, an ASB app, the Counter Terrorism Local Profile, police updates on upcoming events, such as the World Cup and the Jubilee, and KCST Updates.
- 4.3 The next Community Safety Information Sessions are scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> December. If anyone has any suggestions of speakers/topics that would be relevant for the information session, or if you would like to attend, please contact the KCST: [kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk).
- 4.4 The KCST, on behalf of the KCSP, are in the process of delivering DHR webinars. So far this year, two webinars on the theme of Domestic Abuse and Children and Young People have been delivered. The seminar shared the learning from a recent case and provided an opportunity to hear from some of the key agencies who have contributed to the review. Feedback from the webinars has been very positive.
- 4.5 Further events are being developed for later in the year on different themes; DA and suicide (15<sup>th</sup> July 2022); DHRs and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) involving Carers; and DHRs focusing on harmful practices and cultural competence. The DHRs and SARs involving carers event is being jointly developed with the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board's SAR manager.
- 4.6 As part of the KCST's role in sharing good practice and facilitating joint working, the team produces and circulates monthly E-Bulletins with the latest community safety updates and any relevant news, publications and legislation. The most recent bulletin included updates and information on a recently published Domestic Homicide Review, the Police and Crime Commissioner review, Information Sharing, Multi-agency Guidance to Cuckooing, the new offence of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation, and much more.

- 4.7 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](mailto:kentcommunitysafetyteam@kent.gov.uk)

## **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 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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