

TO: Community Safety Partnership Executive
DATE: Wednesday 2nd November 2022
SUBJECT: Swale Community Safety Plan Exception Report
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1. Introduction

This report provides a summary of the key action updates for discussion in the 2022/23 Swale Community Safety Plan.

Priority: Domestic Abuse			
	Previous Rolling Year (Sep 20 – end Aug 21)	Current Rolling Year (Sep 21 – end Aug 22)	Change
No. of Domestic Abuse incidents (Kent Police)	5294	5465	3.2% or 171 increase
	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	3	1

Comment

Volume of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to Kent Police continues to remain at a high level, with a small increase comparing the current year to the previous.

As discussed in the previous performance report, the action in relation to wider community access for domestic abuse victims remains on hold whilst a decision is made by KCC as to whether there is grant funding available for this. The One Stop Shop has now moved to Sheppey Gateway. Further promotion of this will continue to increase awareness and attendance.

Stalking refresher training is being organised and will be promoted to wider partnership staff, with an agenda item to be scheduled for the January CSP Executive on what further work within Swale could take place.

There is a concern of duplication of service regarding CDAP and the newly recommissioned Interventions Alliance perpetrator service, funded by the PCC Office. Meetings at local and county level are taking place regarding these services moving forward.

Priority: Crime			
	Previous Rolling Year (Sep 20 – end Aug 21)	Current Rolling Year (Sep 21 – end Aug 22)	Change
Violence Against the Person (VATP)	6986	7329	4.9% or 343 incident increase
Burglary (Business and	134	183	36.5% or 49 incident

Community)			increase
Criminal Damage	1688	1872	10.9% or 184 incident increase
Shoplifting	963	1048	8.8% or 85 incident increase
	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	4	0

Comments

All actions in relation to the CSP Plan are in progress. Key highlights include that the Swale Link Radio scheme is now live and has been fully operational since the beginning of August. Work continues to promote the scheme to partners to increase the membership numbers.

Funding was also secured by the Violence Reduction Unit to deliver youth outreach work around Sittingbourne town centre which has been a hotspot. This is now completed and full evaluation being compiled for the VRU.

The Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan has recently been refreshed to factor in the PCCs review into this issue. Although Swale was identified as an area of increasing concern in his Review, there are no singular locations identified for focus. There has been increased work to engage the community and identify if there are locations of concern – this work is ongoing.

Priority: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

	Previous Rolling Year (Sep 20 – end Aug 21)	Current Rolling Year (Sep 21 – end Aug 22)	Change
ASB Incidents reported to Kent Police	3811	2580	-32.3% or 1231 incidents
	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	2	0

Comments

There has been a large decrease in ASB reported to Kent Police – following a reduction trend over the last year.

The CSU continue to tackle high risk ASB and problem solve in key locations highlighted of concern. However, with a reduction in overall PCSO numbers (both ward based and specialist roles within the CSU) due to resignations and the ongoing Neighbourhood Policing Review, this has impacted the CSUs ability to respond to all forms of ASB. This will be kept under constant review with Kent Police linking in closely with all partners.

Priority: Supporting Vulnerable People

	Previous Rolling Year (Sep 20 – end Aug 21)	Current Rolling Year (Sep 21 – end Aug 22)	Change
Vulnerable/repeatedly targeted callers (Kent Police)	620	561	-9.5% or 59 callers

	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	4	0

Comments

All actions within the CSP Plan are in progress/on track. The Complex Needs project has now started with a worker in post. This role will be working with individuals that have substance misuse issues and are difficult to engage with services. They will be trialling new ways of engaging this cohort during this 6 month pilot.

A successful first meeting of a CSP sub-group to look at non-accidental deaths in babies took place in May, with a second meeting in early September. Following the loss of funding for the Caring Dads programme and limited to no external funding identified for specific services. A number of actions have been identified to seek to understand agencies responses to fathers and what wider work to champion this agenda can take place.

Safeguarding Adults Week is taking place towards the end of November. The Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board has published details of the theme of the week and expectations from partners to participate.

Cross Cutting Theme: Reducing Reoffending

	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	1	0

Comments

There is only 1 reducing reoffending specific action within the CSP plan – attendance at the integrated offender management programmes, which is in progress.

Cross Cutting Theme: Communication and Information Sharing

	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	2	1

Comments

CSP Communication based activity is focusing on domestic abuse. We are working closely with the County Domestic Abuse Partnership's Communication sub-group ahead of the 16 Days of Action in November/December as well as looking at World Cup specific activity around this same time frame. Funding is also being sourced to support SATEDA with a young person specific campaign.

There has been a delay in delivery of a CSP newsletter due to resourcing within the CSU, however this is now almost complete.

Cross Cutting Theme: Young People

	Complete	In Progress	Not yet started/Off track
CSP Plan Actions	0	3	0

Comments

All CSP Plan actions relating to young people are in progress, focusing on work linked to the district adolescent contextual safeguarding meeting which has undergone a recent review.

Funding has been supplied to Brogdale CIC to undertake Youth Outreach work in Sittingbourne town centre during the summer months and into September/October, funded by the VRU. A full evaluation of this will also be compiled now the work has been completed.

Safety in Action for Year 6 students has also now taken place with a full evaluation completed. Work for the 2023 event has begun.

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No.	Action	Desired outcome	Key milestones	Timescales	Lead Agency	Updates
Priority 1: Domestic Abuse						
1.1	Delivery of Domestic Abuse Community Access project	Increased access to domestic abuse services by victims, including harder to reach target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of community access action plan • Delivery of action plan 	April 2022 By March 2023	Domestic Abuse Group – Community Access Task and Finish Group	On hold - Still waiting update from KCC as to whether the grant for this project is still going ahead. However, the One Stop Shop has now moved to the Sheppey Gateway.
1.2	Development and delivery of perpetrator programmes for Swale residents	Increased provision of support to domestic abuse perpetrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing perpetrator provision available within borough • Linkage with KCC regarding commissioning of any services • Commissioning of any additional Swale based services • Promotion of perpetrator services 	01/04/2022 Ongoing May-22	Domestic Abuse Group	In progress - Funding in place for CDAP and promotion to partners continues. Funding is also in place for wider County scheme by Interventions Alliance. Meeting taking place 09/09 regarding this service. County meeting also reviewing whether any duplication of service now occurring.
1.3	Review local provision and awareness on stalking	Increased awareness of stalking and local service provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Discussion by CSP Exec regarding stalking – current issues and service provision • Delivery of agreed actions. • Delivery of training to partners 	By September 22 By March 23 October 22	Executive group/Domestic Abuse Group	In progress - Stalking conversation by CSP Exec to be arranged for December. Training for partnership staff to take place October/November with dates being finalised.



1.4	Support delivery of County Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan	Increased understanding of domestic abuse and focused action on key priority areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in county meeting groups and delivery of agreed actions from Delivery Plan including: • Provision of data for needs assessment • Support rollout of Domestic Abuse Champions Programme • Support development of 'Sanctuary' provision 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Sept 22</p> <p>By Sept 22</p> <p>By March 23</p>	Domestic Abuse Group	In progress - CSU and other partners represented at County Domestic Abuse meetings. Details have now been circulated of county Champions programme and this is being reviewed as to how Swale partners engage. KCC are continuing to look at a Sanctuary pilot with a questionnaire for current service provision out at the moment.
Priority 2: Crime						
2.1	Ensure appropriate Serious Violence response is in place	Reduction in serious violence across borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure multi-agency response to place and/or people based issues when an increase in serious violence is identified • Focus on deterrence activities for Young Street Groups • Improved intelligence sharing by partners and communities on knife crime (promotion of Community Voice) 	As required	CSU; District Adolescent Contextual Safeguarding group (DACSM)	In progress – Funding was agreed for youth outreach work in Sittingbourne Town Centre. This has run throughout the summer holidays and will continue into October.
2.2	Establish a new town centre 'shop safe' radio scheme	Reduction in crime and ASB across all town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case for new SBC led scheme developed • Rollout of new scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of April • May onwards 	CSU/Town Centre Meeting	In progress – scheme is now live and operational in all towns. Membership is growing and work will continue to increase membership with support from partners.



2.3	Delivery of Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan	Increased feelings of safety by women and girls; reduced violence against women/girls in public spaces	Delivery of VAWG action plan to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms and engagement at key periods (Jubilee and Christmas) • White Ribbon Campaign • Rollout of Safe Havens • Addressing identified location based concerns • Rollout of Best Bar None Schools based young person actions 	Ongoing	CSU / Town Centre Meeting	In progress - VAWG action plan developed and being monitored with Kent Police. A review of the action plan took place in July 22, with an increased focused on engagement with the public. This review has also considered the recently published PCC Review of VAWG. Safe Havens and Best Bar None are projects that will continue to be developed.
2.4	Review of Town Centre Safety activity, including within the Night Time Economy	Increased safety in town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Town Centre Safety Meeting Terms of Reference Ongoing monitoring of town centre based concerns and actions to address	May 22 Ongoing	CSU Town Centre Safety Meeting	In progress - town centre safety meeting now meeting regularly to review any town centre based problems.
Priority 3: ASB						
3.1	Delivery of response to ASB hotspots.	Reduction of ASB in identified hotspots.	Delivery of "Focus Area" approach to identified ASB hotspots.	As required	CSU	In progress - Focus area work in Sheerness continuing, although with a reduction in incidents is due to be closed. Murston focus area was closed in early May 22. Work has taken place in Queenborough following an increase in different types of ASB.
3.2	Delivery of enforcement and diversionary response to youth related ASB.	Reduction in youth related ASB	Ongoing enforcement response to young perpetrators. Targeted diversionary activities.	Ongoing	CSU	In progress - Response to ASB continues by CSU, linking in with DACSM (action 7.2)
Priority 4: Supporting Vulnerable People						



4.1	Review Partnership approach to modern slavery	Increased understanding by public and partners of signs of modern slavery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning discussion around modern slavery by CSP Executive • Delivery of agreed actions • Delivery of Partnership training 	June 2022 By March 2023 December 2022	CSP Executive / CSU	In progress - Modern slavery discussion took place at June Executive meeting, however further conversations need to take place. Kent Police coordinator role identified and meeting being arranged.
4.2	Review of access to services by those with complex needs, including those with mental health and substance misuse needs.	Increased access to key services by those with complex needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning discussion around complex needs (mental health and substance misuse) • Delivery of agreed actions • Pilot of alcohol outreach worker for vulnerability panel clients 	June 2022 By March 23 By March 23	CSP Executive	In progress – Worker now in post (started September 22) and starting to build case load. Evaluation tool also been drafted.
4.3	Ongoing Partnership response to Preventing Extremism	Increased awareness of Prevent agenda by partners and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Prevent Training to partners • Delivery of InCel training to partners • Work with Kent Prevent team on community inputs regarding Prevent • Support development of annual Counter Terrorism Local Profile and any local actions required 	Sept 22 Sept 22 Ongoing Ongoing	CSU	In progress - Prevent and Incel training to be arranged for September onwards. Regular updates on prevent provided to CSU Executive.
4.4	Support local approach to tackle non-accidental deaths in babies	Reduction in deaths of babies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with key children partners to determine wider partnership support for this issues • Delivery of any agreed actions 	April 22 Ongoing	CSP Executive	In progress – Second sub-group meeting taking place in early September. Focus likely to change to a champions type programme for within agencies rather than directly funded programmes.

Cross Cutting Theme 1: Reducing Reoffending						
5.1	Ongoing engagement with the Integrated Offender Management programme	Reduced offending by prolific offenders	Attendance by partners at IOM Promotion of IOM to partners as required	Ongoing	CSU/Probation	In progress - Swale CSU continues to be represented at IOM.
Cross Cutting Theme 2: Communication and Information Sharing.						
6.1	Support delivery of Kent-wide Domestic Abuse Communications Plan	Increased awareness of services and key messages linked to domestic abuse	To share messaging developed by County DA Media and Comms group for the county Know, See, Speak Out campaign and actively participate in specific campaigns	By March 23	DA Group	In progress - Swale CSP now represented on county DA comms group and able to link in with messaging. SBC Comms encouraged to share this messaging. Key focus campaigns around world cup/16 days of actions will be focus for Swale CSP in December 22. Will also focus on world cup related messaging over this time period.
6.2	Development of local young people/perpetrator messaging around domestic abuse/violence against women and girls	Increased understanding of service provision and what to do by community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link with county campaigns as appropriate • Develop young person VAWG based campaign • Deliver key messages around perpetrators/changing behaviour 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Sept 22</p> <p>By Sept 22</p>	DA Group	In progress - Swale CSP now represented on county DA comms group and able to link in with messaging. In early 23, there will be a county focus on perpetrator messaging. Conversations with SATEDA around a young person comms campaign are being explored.
6.3	Delivery of Partnership Newsletter	Increased awareness by partners of work of CSP	Quarterly newsletter circulated	Quarterly (April, July, October and January)	CSU	Off track - Newsletter to be developed for October 22 - limited capacity within CSU team to progress this to date.
Cross Cutting Theme 3: Young People						



7.1	Review domestic abuse provision for children and young people	Increased awareness of services available for children and young people in the borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of existing children and young people domestic abuse services and identification of gaps. • Linkage with KCC Commissioning team to determine any increase in CYP services in this area. • Participation in County DA Delivery Plan actions linked to children and young people • Action plan developed for resolving gaps in service. 	<p>By June 22</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>By March 23</p>	DA Group	In progress – KCC are reviewing their commissioned services for young people, with many agencies invited to part of the service development. A workshop is taking place shortly to update on this work. Local Swale mapping of services for children and young people affected by domestic abuse is currently taking place.
7.2	Delivery of diversionary/engagement based activities in ASB or crime hotspots	Reduction in youth related crime/ASB or Young Street Groups	Location based engagement/diversionary activities delivered	Ongoing	CSU/DACSM	In progress - Hotspots discussed regularly at DACSM and response identified. Current locations include Sittingbourne town centre and Faversham Rec. Outreach work has been funded by the VRU and is being delivered by Brogdale CIC in Sittingbourne. This has taken place during the summer holidays and will continue into October. A full evaluation will be undertaken once completed.
7.3	Deliver Safety in Action to year 6 primary school students	Reduction in likelihood in them going onto become victims of crime/ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning of event and engagement with schools • Delivery of event 	<p>By April 22</p> <p>By June 22</p>	CSU	In progress - Safety in Action was delivered at the end of May 22. A full evaluation is being drawn together ahead of preparing to run the event again in 2023.