

TO: Community Safety Partnership Executive
DATE: Friday 25th October 2024
SUBJECT: Quarter 2 - Strategic Leads Update Report

1. Introduction

This report provides a summary of the key action and performance updates for discussion in the 2024/25 Swale Community Safety Plan.

Priority 1	Domestic Abuse		
Lead	SATEDA – Carey Philpott		
Performance Stats	Previous Rolling Year (October 2022-end September 2023)	Current Rolling Year (October 2023-end September 2024)	Change
No. of Domestic Abuse incidents across the Borough of Swale (Kent Police).	4759	4534	-225 (-4.7%)
Actions	Status	Update	
1.1 Promotion of services available to both professionals and the community	In progress	<p>16 Days of Action Swale Borough Council are arranging a professional’s event. The focus is on the wider impact of domestic abuse on individuals and families. The event is booked for the 4 December at the Appleyard in Sittingbourne.</p> <p>White ribbon is being looked at and if anyone is interested in being an ambassador to contact Steph Curtis.</p> <p>Kent and Medway are arranging a series of webinars. Social media posts and comms will be available to share.</p>	
1.2 Enhanced training focusing on specialist areas such as link between DA and Extremism; legal orders; and cultural awareness	In progress	Prevent training scheduled for 23 October	
1.3 Continue to promote perpetrator services within agencies	In progress	No additional actions.	

1.4 Support delivery of County Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan	In progress	SBC continue to work towards DAHA accreditation Clarion and SATEDA are supporting in developing the new MARAC processes
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Key Issues/Emerging Trends

The end of the PCC/MOJ funding could have reaching consequences for local delivery. This could see a reduction in services.

Consultation has started for the DA commissioned services.

DA Sub Group – Key Updates

Intervention Alliance, had seen influx in referrals for their perpetrator programmes. They are still carrying out the work around healthy relationships and linking in with look ahead who support victim/survivors. Currently have a waiting list.

They have been working with police delivering provisional cautions, will be running CURB – challenging unhealthy relationship and beliefs now waiting on referrals.

Swale delivery services to meet to overcome issues of clients accessing more than one service and duplicating work.

SATEDA achieved Leading Lights accreditation and won Kent Charity of the Year, Care Category.

New Leaf moved offices

Cross Cutting Themes (Comments/Impact on priority/specific actions undertaken)

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Nothing to add

Priority 2	Crime and Serious Violence		
Lead	Kent Police – Diane Middlemiss		
Performance Stats	Previous Rolling Year (October 2022-end September 2023)	Current Rolling Year (October 2023-end September 2024)	Change
Violence Against the Person (VATP)	6505	6155	-350 (-5.4%)
Burglary (Business and Community)	172	154	-18 (-10.5%)
Criminal Damage	1827	1701	-126 (-6.9%)

Shoplifting	1704	1412	-292 (-17.1%)
Actions	Status	Update	
2.1 Work with Kent-wide partners to establish and implement response to Serious Violence	In progress	Safer streets has played a part in supporting lighting, cameras and extra street marshals at key times.	
2.2 Continue to monitor and respond to localised crime trends and support response as needed	In progress	Data is constantly reviewed to keep on top of localised trends. Of late car thefts have been identified, purse thefts and shoplifting. Both Neighbourhood officers and the volume bas crime team work together to ensure these are dealt with swiftly.	
2.3 Deliver localised response to Violence Against Women and Girls	In progress	We are proactive in relentless pursuit of offenders in particular those that commit domestic violence offences. Local officers review outstanding suspects and are tasked with bringing offenders in quickly to ensure safeguarding of victims.	
2.4 Delivery of Safer Streets Project in Sittingbourne and Sheerness Town Centres	In progress	Ongoing	
2.5 Support reintroduction of Street Pastors into Sittingbourne High Street	In progress	Due to relaunch in December	
Key Issues/Emerging Trends			
To Discuss in the meeting.			
Serious and Organised Crime Panel – Key Updates			
Our Organised crime series that was identified is coming to an end. Two of the key individuals are in prison and likely to be recorded as not an organised crime in January.			
District Contextual Safeguarding Meeting – Key Updates			
Meetings ongoing with good partnership attendance.			
Cross Cutting Themes (Comments/Impact on priority/specific actions undertaken)			
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Priority 3	ASB		
Lead	Southern Housing – Matthew Robbins		
Performance Stats	Previous Rolling Year (October)	Current Rolling Year (October)	Change

	2022-end September 2023)	2023-end September 2024)	
ASB Incidents reported to Kent Police	2668	2724	+56 (+2.1%)
ASB Incidents reported to Southern Housing	239	242	+3 (+1.3%)
Actions	Status	Update	
3.1 Continue joint response to tackle ASB through the Community Safety Unit	Ongoing	Weekly partnership meetings have been refreshed and are successfully held with a range of partner agencies, which enable areas of concerns to be highlighted and responded to.	
3.2 Support implementation of the Kent Police Neighbourhood Policing Model	Ongoing	The neighbourhood policing model has been implemented, and resources are currently at 75%.	
3.3 Delivery of dedicated operations and campaigns, tackling local based problems as required	Ongoing	Police are arranging a weeklong operation for Halloween / firework night to focus on reducing anti-social behaviour and crime. This will include pre-meets with known perpetrators of ASB and stricter outcomes. The child centred policing team are organising 'Fish Fest' a diversionary activity focussed on fishing to reduce ASB and highlight safety issues, to start in November. As part of National Anti-Social behaviour week seeking funding to run a graffiti workshop.	
Key Issues/Emerging Trends			
Discussed within body of report.			
Weekly Tasking and Coordination Group – Key Updates			
Good attendance by partners.			
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Priority 4	Supporting Vulnerable People		
Lead	SBC – Steph Curtis		
Performance Stats	Previous Rolling	Current Rolling	Change

	Year (October 2022-end September 2023)	Year (October 2023-end September 2024)	
Vulnerable/repeatedly targeted callers (Kent Police)	827	741	-86 (-10.4%)
No. referrals to Swale Vulnerability Panel	33	28	-5 (-15.2%)
Actions	Status	Update	
4.1 Continuation of complex needs pilot	In progress	This project continues to be delivered, but is only funded until the end of March 25. It is felt that funding beyond this point is unlikely, but options are being considered to explore other options. Equally work is being undertaken to determine if the needs of this client group could be addressed by any other project; or through increasing the training and skills of other workers engaging with this client group.	
4.2 Delivery of training for a greater range of partners on modern slavery and preventing extremism	In progress	Preventing extremism training is continuously rolled out by the KCC team. Further training sessions on extended topics is also being organised.	
4.3 Delivery of Community Engagement Events on Brotherhood Wood Site	In progress	This event was delayed until October 24, but is due to take place on the 23/10/24. A number of partners have agreed to be involved at the site.	
4.4 Continuation of Cost of Living work through the Community and Partnerships Team, ensuring linkage with to impacts on Community Safety and young people	In progress	Cost of Living work continues, with partnership groups in place to address a number of key themes.	
4.5 Explore options around potential implementation of Making Every Adult Matter Project in Swale	In progress	Meetings are continuing to progress this as part of a wider East Kent project.	
Key Issues/Emerging Trends			
<p>The KCC Warden Service is finishing its review work – numbers of Wardens have been reduced and the wards in which they will be based have been confirmed. This will see Wardens transitioning out of working with communities in Sheerness and Minster. KCC Wardens have supported many partners with engaging with the most vulnerable to help them access services. Although they will still continue this in their main wards, for all other wards this will be triaged and will inevitably see a reduction in this support that can be provided.</p> <p>The KCC Prevent team continue to send regular updates to partners regarding tensions in the middle east and impact on Kent residents, along with other regular updates. Training that they deliver is being expanded to include more detail on a greater range of subjects which will be useful for all partners to attend.</p>			

Vulnerability Panel – Key Updates

The Vulnerability Panel continues to operate with general good levels of engagement. There have been issues with regular attendance by some partners which have been addressed. There have been a number of cases that have been open longer than average, but this has generally been due to the complexity of the cases and difficulties of engagement by the client and also agencies.

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Secondary School roadshows are taking place throughout October led by the Kent Police Schools teams. These are interactive workshops for Year 9 students that include inputs from a number of partners on various key topics (prevent, healthy relationships, ASB etc). Feedback will be gathered and shared afterwards.

A separate meeting continues to take place to look at the impact of the loss of youth services funding. Although until October funding has largely been sourced to ensure a level of outreach work, funding has either stopped or is stopping for a variety of other diversionary/youth engagement activities by March 25 if not sooner. There are some funding options being explored, but it is unlikely that all can be covered – this will impact on ASB and youth crime/violence particularly come Easter next year. In particular, this could include the loss of Faversham Youth Club (at the Rec).