

COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2022/23

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND CHILDREN (Tackling Serious Violence and County Lines) - Safeguarding Adults and Children has been identified as a priority due to the national concerns about the increase in county line activity as well as the need to tackle serious youth violence.

PURSUE

Continued partnership engagement through the Serious Organised Crime and Gangs Board to identify and disrupt gangs and county lines operating in Medway.

To develop partnership intelligence regarding county line and drug activity to disrupt offending and bring offenders to justice.

Kent Police to maintain district commitment to target and prosecute those who carry weapons or are perpetrators of serious violence.

PROTECT

Kent Police to improve recording and reporting of knife related offences to provide analysis to target disruption activity. The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) have set up a daily knife report as well as a quarterly report.

Conduct multi agency operations to target businesses and locations that are enabling serious violence or county lines.

Create a Medway Contextual Safeguarding Meeting and continuation of the fortnightly missing and exploitation discussions.

Progress the Medway Safe Spaces initiative across Medway such as our high streets and public buildings, libraries and sport centres.

Engage with Medway CSP to understand low Prevent referral rate and increase awareness.

PREVENT

Work closely with the Violence Reduction Unit to develop successful partnership initiatives to prevent young people (under 25) from becoming victims/perpetrators of violent crime and tackle public place youth violence.

Deliver a targeted youth work programme to provide activities, opportunities and support for young people responding to community hotspots.

Kent Police Schools' Officers to support key schools in preventing their pupils from becoming victims and perpetrators of violent crime or drug involvement through signposting to commissioned services, such as, St Giles Trust, Fearless and providing bespoke support and interventions.

Increased awareness of the risk of radicalisation and understanding of the Channel process.

Continue to deliver Safety in Action to Primary Schools across Medway incrementally enhancing the initiative to ensure it remains an award-winning project.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) to work with children in schools and Pupil Referral Units influencing positive behaviours around road, water and fire safety.

Run a Safety in Action family day bringing together all agencies to ensure safety messages are delivered in a fun and friendly way.

PREPARE

Facilitate Domestic Abuse (DA) Awareness Training to partners across Medway from all sectors and continue to adapt PHSE Healthy Relationship Programmes in schools to reflect current trends.

Undertake regular engagement events in key locations to identify those who are vulnerable and require partnership (including third sector) intervention.

Continued education of third sector and businesses of the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, to improve reporting and prevention.

Provide PHSE materials and training for schools.

Increase Prevent training delivery to all Social Care sectors.

REDUCING VULNERABILITY

Reducing Vulnerability is an overarching priority to ensure a continued focus on early intervention and prevention work in multiple areas of work. This includes those that may fall victim to cuckooing from gangs, young people at risk of exploitation or even those at risk of homelessness.

PURSUE

Improve use of laws and successful prosecutions i.e. coercive and controlling behaviour.
Work with HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) and Licensing to undertake proactive operations which directly act to safeguard others and disrupt unlawful activity.
Medway Community Safety Unit and Medway Council Community Safety Team to identify, disrupt and where necessary prosecute, using a partnership approach, those who cause anti-social behaviour in their communities.
Ensure there is a robust adherence to the Alcohol Licencing Policy.

PROTECT

Promote community locations and DA related support services such as the OSS through the DA Website and mapping exercises, engaging with the most vulnerable groups ensuring they have equal access to the most appropriate services.
Ensure that safety planning / risk identification promotes early intervention by multi agency partners, ensuring the child's voice is heard and vulnerabilities in all groups are identified and acted upon.
Medway Community Safety Unit and Medway Council Community Safety Team to work with landowners to reduce vulnerability and prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
Rapid access to high quality drug and alcohol treatment services (Gap - Robust pathways for people with Co-occurring conditions of Mental health and Substance Misuse).
Trading Standard to engage with victims of doorstep crime and scams to limit their financial loss and signpost them to the appropriate support agencies.
KFRS Safe and Well teams to engage with victims of arson threats following domestic abuse, providing support to keep them safe from fire.

PREVENT

Ensure all KFRS customer facing staff have received training to identify and refer those at greatest risk. Proactively identify and complete Home Fire Safety visits for people at risk.
Work closely with partners to identify and target harden those places and spaces within the Medway Task Force (MTF) localities where adults and young people are at greater risk of exploitation.
Work with partners at engagement groups and forums to participate in implementing DA prevention targets within the DA Action Plan.
Support the work of the Medway Rough Sleeper Initiative and Blue Light Project through partnership activity.
Through the Medway Vulnerability Panel identify and refer those who are vulnerable (for example victims of cuckooing) and through the joint working of statutory agencies/commissioned services and third sector provide a bespoke plan to support them.
Undertake regular partnership neighbourhood engagements to identify vulnerability.

PREPARE

Continued education of third sector and businesses of the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, to improve reporting and prevention.
Alcohol Identification and Brief advice tools and training for public and wider workforce.
Trading Standards to encourage residents to declare their properties a 'No Cold Calling Home' to discourage doorstep crime in Medway.
KFRS to work with partners, local businesses, and communities to promote 'Fire Stoppers' to reduce the number of deliberate fires.
Complete the Prevent Domestic Abuse Research project.

REDUCING REFFENDING (Number 1 priority for Medway Youth Justice Partnership Board)

The Policing and Crime Act 2009, which came into effect in 2010, placed a new duty on Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to implement a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders. Reducing reoffending is critical to both protecting communities from crime and to delivering a more effective and economic justice system.

PURSUE

Jointly manage adult/young offenders in priority groups, through Integrated Offender Management to manage the risk of harm and protect the public.
Improve data and intelligence sharing between the VRU, SYV and MTF.
Embed restorative practice and other evidence-based model (including gangs/ youth violence).

PROTECT

Delivery of a service to victims, through the Victim Contact Scheme and ensures that victim of specified serious offences have a voice within the CJS – e.g., Victim Impact Statements at Parole Hearings, and where appropriate, protective measures such as Exclusion Zones for the offender on release.
Deliver targeted evidence-based interventions to reduce the risk of further offending and share good news stories to raise public confidence.
Increase public confidence by publicising good news stories to demonstrate that individuals can turn their lives around and make a positive contribution to the local community e.g., through Community Payback and delivery of rehabilitative interventions.
Continue to manage dangerous offenders using the Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and VISOR (Violent and Sex Offender Register) process.
Ensure the victim's views and wishes are heard and understood and learning takes place.
Hearing the child's voice within their plan (desistance model).

PREVENT

Deliver rehabilitative programmes and wrap around support to reduce the risk of re-offending.
Continue to manage offenders through the Integrated Offender Management Team to reduce reoffending (Interventions Alliance can contribute to this through the CFO Activity Hub but not as a lead agency).
KFRS Fire Setter team to work with young people who show an unnatural interest in setting fires or fire play to prevent further activity.
Provide resources to support young people with 25 hours of targeted support meeting health, education and community outcomes to reduce reoffending rate.
Integrated Offender Management will provide a separate (restricted) report on each quarter.

PREPARE

Improve our understanding of 'what works' in reducing reoffending, by sharing information on offender needs and the effectiveness of interventions.

The Youth Justice Partnership Board will lead on young people offending with responsibility over; Out Of Court Disposals; Court work; Partnership arrangements.

Focused commissioning priorities around youth offending and identified gaps.

LISTENING TO COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERS

The CSP is committed to hearing from the community and understanding some of the issues beyond the statistics. This priority will ensure that we have a systematic way of engaging in existing panels and groups to gauge concerns and inform the actions we take forward.

PURSUE

Work with customers to identify barriers to accessing KFRS services.
KFRS Customer Safety teams to continue to support working with underrepresented groups.
Commit to increasing the CSPs social media presence and promoting work of partners.

PROTECT

Promote the ability of the public to nominate Community Payback projects.
Take services to the community in key locations, engaging with hard-to-reach groups ensuring they have access to the most appropriate services.
Ensure that the child's voice is heard and where appropriate acted on with every engagement.

PREVENT

Seek feedback from those who live, work learn and visit Medway by active engagement at community events and provide safety messages.
Work with young people participation and engagement groups, such as Medway Youth Council; Medway Children Young People Council; Medway Youth Police Advisory Group (YPAG) to support their views to be heard in community decision making.
Actively engage with community groups such as PACTs (Partners and Communities Together) and the Parent and Carers forum etc.
Engage with Medway Voluntary Action to identify opportunities for Prevent engagement.

PREPARE

Undertake regular engagement events in key locations to better understand what matters in order to develop community resilience.
Kent Police will continue to attend community meetings in each ward and Town Centre Forums and identify new groups to engage with. Continue to reach out to minority communities.
Kent Police improving website (Single online Home) to improve ways to contact the police.
Kent Police continue to support Independent Police Advisory Group (IPAG) and YPAG.
Ensure that the annual strategic assessment is carried out.
Ensure an annual CSP Consultation event is carried out.
Develop a Prevent Communications plan to include strategic and proactive communications, as well as fast-time response to incidents.