

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

- **Kent Police** - Continued partnership engagement through the Serious Organised Crime and Gangs board to identify and disrupt gangs and county lines operating in Medway.
- **Medway Task Force (MTF)/Kent Police** - To develop partnership intelligence regarding county line and drug activity to disrupt offending and bring offenders to justice.
- **KFRS (Kent Fire and Rescue Service)** – KFRS to support Pupil Referral units where requested and work with disaffected children at school delivering youth work around road, water and fire safety.
- **Kent Police** - Kent Police to maintain district commitment to target and prosecute those who carry weapons or are perpetrators of serious violence.

Prevent

- **MTF/ Kent Police/MCET and Children's Social Care** – To 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.
- **Medway Council** – Partners to engage with the Serious Youth Violence project in partnership with KCC (Kent County Council).
- **Medway Council** – Develop a targeted youth work programme to tackle community hotspots.
- **MTF** - To work with key schools to support them 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.

Protect

- **Kent Police** - Police to improve recording and reporting of knife related offences to provide analysis to target disruption activity.
- **Kent Police** - Conduct multi agency operations to target businesses and locations that are enabling serious violence or county lines.
- **Medway Council** – Create a new adolescent risk panel with strategic oversight from a North Kent Board
- **Medway Council** – Create a specific team (floating support) to work with, engage and support those at greatest risk.

Prepare

- **Medway Council** – To facilitate DA Awareness Training to partners across Medway from all sectors and continue to adapt PHSE Healthy Relationship Programmes in schools to reflect current trends.
- **MTF** - To undertake regular multi-agency needs assessments (street weeks) in key locations within Medway to identify those who are vulnerable and require partnership (including third sector) intervention.
- **Kent Police** - Continued education of third sector and businesses of the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, to improve reporting and prevention.
- **Public Health** - PHSE materials and training for schools.
- **Public Health** - Alcohol Identification and Brief advice tools and training for public and wider workforce.

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

- **Kent Police** – Improve use of laws and successful prosecutions i.e. coercive and controlling behaviour.
- **Kent Police/Trading Standards** - To 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.
- **Kent Police** - 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.
- **Public Health/Medway Council Licencing** - Robust adherence to alcohol licencing policy.

Prevent

- **Kent Police and Medway Council** – Investigate Perpetrator Programme work and services to address perpetrators behaviour (young people and adults), engage with schools through the provision of PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic - Education) healthy relationship education programmes.
- **KFRS** - Continue to complete Safe and Well visits for people at risk; fire setter visits to young people that have started or shown in interest in starting fires and complete safer driver interventions for older drivers and passengers.
- **MTF** - To work closely with partners to identify and target harden those places and spaces where adults and young people are at greater risk of exploitation.
- **Medway Council** – Work with partners at engagement groups and forums to participate in implementing DA prevention targets within the DA Action Plan
- **MTF** - To support the work of the Medway Rough Sleeper Initiative and Blue Light Project through partnership activity.

Protect

- **Medway Council** – To 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.
- **Medway Council** – Ensuring 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.
- **Kent Police** - Medway Community Safety Unit and Council Community Safety Team to work with landowners to reduce vulnerability and prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour.
- **Public Health** - 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).

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REDUCING REOFFENDING (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

- [Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company \(KSSCRC\) / Kent Police / National Probation Service / Youth Offending Team \(YOT\)](#) - To jointly manage adult/young offenders in priority groups, through Integrated Offender Management to manage the risk of harm and protect the public.
- [Medway Council](#) – improved data and intelligence sharing between the VRU, SYV and MTF.
- [Medway Council](#) – Embed restorative practice and other evidence-based model (including gangs/ youth violence)

Prevent

- [KSSCRC](#) - To deliver rehabilitative programmes and wrap around support to reduce the risk of re-offending.
- [MTF](#) - To work with the Youth Offending Team to support young people and their families to break the cycle of offending, utilising all MTF partners.
- [KSSCRC / Kent Police / National Probation Service / YOT](#) – continue to manage offenders through the Integrated Offender Management Team to reduce reoffending.
- [KFRS](#) – 1.2.1 work with young people on radar of police, youth offending. Visits of young offenders from Cookham Wood to Road Safety Experience.
- [MCH and NELFT](#) – Improved access to health services (assessment and treatment/ intervention)
- [Medway Council](#) – Resources to support young people with 25 hours of targeted support meeting health, education and community outcomes to reduce reoffending rate.

Protect

- [KSSCRC](#) - To 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).
- [Kent Police](#) - Kent Police to continue to manage dangerous offenders using the Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and VISOR (Violent and Sex Offender Register) process.
- [Medway Council](#) – Ensure the victim’s views and wishes are heard and understood and learning takes place.
- [Medway Council](#) – Focus in the planning around safety and wellbeing (specifically around exploitation and CSE) and link with Childrens Services and Kent Police to ensure risk and vulnerability is always a priority.
- [Medway Council](#) – Hearing the child’s voice within their plan (desistance model).

Prepare

- [KSSCRC](#) - To improve our understanding of ‘what works’ in reducing reoffending, by sharing information on offender needs and the effectiveness of interventions.
- [Medway Council](#) – The Youth Justice Partnership Board will lead on young people offending with responsibility over; Out Of Court Disposals; Court work; Partnership arrangements.
- [Medway Council](#) – 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

- **KFRS** - Increase opportunities to develop further engagement with Mosques, Synagogues, Gurdwara, and other minority groups.
- **KFRS** – Education and RSE teams will continue to support the collaboration and the events teams to further working in the community and minority groups.
- **Medway Council** – Commit to increasing the CSPs social media presence and promoting work of partners.

Prevent

- **KFRS** - Seek feedback from those who live, work learn and visit Medway by active engagement at community events and provide safety messages.
- **Medway Council** – Working with young people participation and engagement groups; Medway Youth Council; Medway Children Young People Council; Medway Youth Police Advisory Group (YPAG).
- **Medway Council** – Actively engage with community groups such as PACTs (Partners and Communities Together) and the Parent and Carers forum etc.
- **Medway Council** – Joint commissioning arrangements through evidence of need.

Protect

- **KSSCRC** - To promote the ability of the public to nominate Community Payback projects.
- **MTF** - To take services to the community in key locations, engaging with hard to reach groups ensuring they have access to the most appropriate services.
- **Medway Council** – Ensuring that the child’s voice is heard and where appropriate acted on with every engagement.

Prepare

- **MTF** - To undertake regular multi-agency needs assessments (street weeks) in key locations within Medway to better understand what matters in order to develop community resilience.
- **Kent Police** - 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** - 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.
- **Medway Council** – Ensure that the annual strategic assessment is carried out.
- **Medway Council** – Annual CSP Consultation event.