

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS AND HMPPS REDUCING REOFFENDING PLAN 2022/25

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Summary

This report provides a brief overview of Assistant Chief Constable Tracey Harman and Ms Mary Pilgrim's presentation on Violence Against Women and Girls and the Reducing Reoffending Plan.

1. Budget and policy framework

- 1.1. In line with nationally agreed operating principles the Medway Health and Wellbeing Board seeks to provide collective leadership to improve health and well-being across the local authority area, to address health inequalities and improve local health and wellbeing outcomes.

2. Background

- 2.1. Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Tracey Harman is Kent Police's lead for violence against women and girls. As such ACC Harman will be presenting an overview of the Violence Against Women and Girls' Strategy (VAWG), its governance structure, and key opportunities for the Medway Health and Wellbeing Board to consider. ACC Harman will be joined by Ms Mary Pilgrim who is the regional director of Kent, Surrey and Sussex probation service. Ms Pilgrim will also be presenting the 2022/25 Reducing Reoffending plan, set out at Appendix 1 to the report, which was launched in August 2022. Ms Pilgrim will outline some vital areas that may provide opportunities for Medway Health and Wellbeing Board to assist.
- 2.2. ACC Harman and Ms Pilgrim will be asking the board to consider the opportunities provided by the VAWG Strategy and the Reducing Reoffending Plan.

3. Risk management

- 3.1. There are no direct risk management implications for Medway Council arising from this report.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct finance implications for Medway Council arising from this report. However, at the conclusion of the discussion on this matter any actions arising for the Council would either need to be met from within existing budgets or any additional resources required will need to be approved in line with the Council's Constitution.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. The introduction of the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 places a statutory obligation under the Serious Violence Duty for local authorities, including the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence-based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in a local area. Prisons, youth custody agencies and educational authorities may also need to work with these core partners.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the presentation and any opportunities provided by the Violence Against Women and Girls' Strategy and the Reducing Reoffending Plan.

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Appendices

Appendix 1- Reducing Reoffending Plan 2022/25

[Reducing Reoffending Plan 2022-25 for Kent, Surrey and Sussex \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Background papers

Not Applicable