

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Safer City Partnership	3 November 2017
Subject: Community Safety Team Update	
Report of: Manager, Community Safety Team	For Information
Summary	
To update SCP members on activity by the Community Safety Team not otherwise addressed	
Recommendation(s)	
Members are asked to note the report.	

Summary

This report updates Members of the activities, not otherwise addressed in the agenda, of the Community Safety Team.

Hate Crime Awareness Week – We Stand Together Against Hate Crime

1. National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW) is a week of action that this year took place from the 14 to the 21 October. It aims to; bring people together; stand with those affected by hate crime; remember those who have lost their lives; and provide support to those who need it.
2. The Community Safety team in collaboration with the Multi-Faith Network prepared and event that took place in the Guildhall – Livery Hall, where we had community representatives, corporation staff, police staff representation from networks, schools and the NHS.
3. The event aimed to encourage people to come together as one and celebrate their differences in order to build a safer and stronger City as well as promoting awareness of Hate Crime during National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

PREVENT Update

4. There have been no Channel referrals since the SCP last met.
5. We now have in place a new Community Safety Officer, who will be leading on Prevent work. There is also a new officer leading on this work within the City of London Police
6. We have been disseminating the recently agreed City of London Prevent Strategy 2017-18.
7. On 19 September we ran a workshop for City businesses about the new Prevent training product which we have developed. The intention is to trial this, take account of feedback and then launch early in the next financial year. One of the challenges we need to address is about maintaining oversight of its usage and exerting some control and knowledge of who and how it is being used.
8. The Community Safety Team has arranged four WRAP (Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent) sessions for all HR staff on the following dates: 23 and 30 October and 3 and 27 November. In addition, we are providing a Prevent/safeguarding awareness session for the Apprenticeship Welcome Day on 27 October for new recruits to the apprenticeship programme.
9. Work is also on going to update and streamline the e-learning Prevent module for Corporation staff (it will also be made available to CoLP colleagues). The intention is that this course will be mandatory for all staff. This will not only improve coverage of knowledge about Prevent across the organisation but enable us to audit the numbers who have completed the training. Bespoke sessions will still be available upon request and tailored to the needs of specific departments (e.g. DCCS).
10. To help reinforce the message we have planned for table talkers and posters to be produced for a Prevent Campaign in May 2018 (the earliest available date in the campaign diary).

City Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)

11. The CCM, enables a range of professionals to share information relating to criminal and anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the City of London with a focus on individuals at high risk.
12. It was intended that the CCM would provide an opportunity to look in depth at complex and high risk cases with a view to supporting action to reduce the level of risk.

13. As the work of the CCM is regularly reported to the Safer City Partnership since the last SCP meeting there has been no meetings. However there were 2 referrals, one was already looked by other partnership meeting (safeguarding) and the other one didn't have enough information to hold a meeting on it.

Training to Prevent and Tackle Crime for Partnership Agencies.

14. The community safety team organised seven different training to help members of the partnership prevent and tackle crime with the help of legal tools and other key conflict resolution tools and powers available.

15. The training provided in October was on the court room experience where the different departments learn how to prepare injunctions and criminal behaviour orders and take them to court effectively to get positive resource. This has special emphasis on cases that have elements of mental health.

16. The feedback from all the training so far has been excellent. Staff from different agencies has found it very useful and something that has boosted their confidence to deal with issues. The feedback can be shared with members if requested.

Community Trigger

17. The Community Trigger process gives victims of persistent anti-social behaviour the right to ask local agencies to review how they have responded to previous anti-social behaviour complaints and consider what further actions might be taken where the behaviour persists.

18. It is intended to offer a safety net for vulnerable victims and to help avoid individuals being passed between agencies without resolution. It can be used for both anti-social behaviour and hate incidents.

19. The Community Safety team is the coordinator for this process and we have recently had a request for a review. At this moment in time we are looking at the incidents and making an investigation before we can say whether it reaches the threshold or not.

Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

20. The City of London Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) meetings are scheduled every month in accordance with best practice with

invitations sent to a dedicated pre-identified circulation list by a specific City of London coordinator.

21. The last period of MARAC activity in 2017 considered several high-risk cases. Some cases were assessed and directed to other areas, in accordance with operational protocol. Where a case required an emergency MARAC meeting within the City the group utilised the full capability of multi-organisational engagement with support agencies in London and beyond. Another case utilised more recent legislation that resulted in the disclosure of an offenders previous offending history, amongst other pro-active work, to reduce the risk towards a vulnerable victim.
22. The City of London Corporation in partnership with the City of London Police meets its MARAC management requirements and takes its responsibilities seriously and in addition maintains active contact with the national Safe Lives initiative.

Events & Campaigns

23. The Community Safety Team will be involved in a number of specific events each year and the campaigns it will work alongside. Currently these include Hate Crime Awareness Week, the Christmas Campaign and 16 days of Action (domestic violence). Further details of the last two events listed will be circulated to SCP members once finalised.

Staff and Resources

24. The community Safety team has now a new member of staff who is working with our PREVENT strategy and developing more of the Corporation local authority duties in this area. He will also be working in some issues regarding Domestic Abuse and general Community Safety work.
25. We also have in our team now one of the new Graduate Trainees who is going to be working on our communications strategy. We feel very excited to have a full team for the first time in years and we hope this opportunity will give us the time to engage more with our communities.

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