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Community Safety Team Update	Public
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<div>Summary</div> <p>To update SCP members on Community Safety Team (CST) activity not otherwise addressed.</p> <div>Recommendation</div> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

Main Report

Domestic Abuse (DA) Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

1. Since lockdown measures were imposed on 23 March 2020, the City of London DA MARAC has successfully operated virtually via Microsoft Teams.
2. Since the last Safer City Partnership (SCP) meeting, one case has been heard at MARAC. The case was referred by an outside local authority, based on professional judgement. A robust action has been agreed and there has been excellent partnership working from a range of organisations. The case will be closely monitored and closed when the MARAC is satisfied that the risk has decreased. The next DA MARAC is scheduled for 3 March 2021.
3. The CST has not received any MARAC-to-MARAC (M2M) referrals from City of London Police since the last SCP meeting. This is unusual; however, this could be a result of the lockdown of the night-time economy and small numbers of workers travelling into the City. M2M referrals are when domestic abuse incidents take place within the City, however, the victim and perpetrator reside in another

borough. The MARAC team in the borough where the individuals live are given details of the incident so they can assess whether it meets the MARAC threshold.

City Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)

4. The CST co-ordinates the CCM – the City of London’s monthly MARAC, whereby information is shared on vulnerable victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour (ASB), to forward manage risk and safeguard individuals. Since March 2020, the CCM has effectively operated via Microsoft Teams.
5. Between December 2020 and February 2021, the CCM panel received three high-risk and complex referrals from City Outreach, a local Estate Office, and the City of London Police. One case necessitated a cross-county conference with a neighbouring Community Mental Health Team, to safeguard a vulnerable individual at risk of harm within the City. The next CCM is scheduled to be held on 11 March 2021.
6. The CCM is now co-chaired by Joseph Easterbrook – the City of London Police’s new Inspector for Local Policing and the Partnership & Prevention Hub. As the former Chair of the Surrey County Council Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting, he brings a considerable amount of experience to the role, with an in-depth working knowledge of the multi-agency problem-solving function of the CCM.
7. To increase further awareness of the conference, the CST provides training sessions to statutory and voluntary organisations, to promote the CCM as a valuable partnership and multi-agency tool in solving complex community safety issues. In addition, the CST section of the Corporation’s website has been updated with a page displaying information and advice for professionals on the CCM and the referral process.

Prevent activity

8. There have been no Prevent Channel Panel cases since the December SCP meeting. The CST has the capacity to operate meetings virtually and will liaise with partners accordingly should a referral come to our attention.
9. A CST representative attends a bi-weekly virtual forum with the London Prevent Network, which includes all London Prevent co-ordinators and updates with partners such as, SO15 Counter Terrorism Policing, Department for Education, NHS England Prevent, and National Probation Service. Best practice, support for co-ordinators in delivering Prevent activity, and national updates are the focus of this forum.

10. The CST continues to work jointly with the City of London Police's Prevent Officer to actively promote Prevent training packages and awareness sessions to businesses, community groups, partner agencies and the education sector. Due to COVID-19, all face-to-face training sessions have been replaced by virtual sessions. Additionally, the Home Office online package has been suggested as a temporary alternative. Training has been delivered to City of London Police new starters and transferees. Additionally, several teams within the City Corporation, including Education and Early Years, Children's Social Care, Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Prevention and all Early Years Providers, have received Prevent training.
11. The CST continue to promote the Counter Terrorism Policing national safeguarding website www.actearly.uk which was launched in November 2020. The campaign is a regular feature on the Prevent training presentation and the City Corporation and City of London Police social media channels. Furthermore, it is promoted at various forums. This campaign aims to encourage family and friends to share concerns that a friend or loved one might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

12. In January 2021, the Home Office updated the statutory guidance for frontline professionals on the use of powers defined within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Many of the recommendations related to the Community Trigger – which gives victims of persistent anti-social behaviour reported to any of the main responsible agencies (such as the council, police, housing provider) the right to request a multi-agency case review of their case where a local threshold is met – with greater consideration to be given to inviting victims (or representatives) to case review meetings. While the activation of Community Triggers are rare and many of the latest reforms are already implemented in the City, future panels will ensure that greater emphasis is placed on hearing victims (where appropriate) to assist the panel in understanding their perspective.
13. The CST continue to endorse Empowering Communities Inclusion and Neighbourhood Management System (ECINS) as the multi-agency information-sharing platform for community safety-related issues and casework in the City. ECINS was recently chosen as the IT provider to facilitate two Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) funded Pan-London projects:
 - Rescue and Response County Lines project, to support young people (at risk of) being criminally exploited, through county lines activity
 - Persistent Vulnerability Pathway Matrix to monitor London's 4,000 Integrated Offender Management (IOM) nominals (most prolific offenders).
14. The CST offers ECINS user training to all internal and external partners licensed within the City scheme. All City Street Enforcement and Environmental Health

Officers now have access to the system and are being encouraged to utilise ECINS to avoid duplication of work, particularly where enforcement has been undertaken.

15. The CST is continuing to assist the City Police's Local Policing and Integrated Offender Management teams, as well as the Corporation Housing department, with information and assistance to construct Community Protection Warnings/Notices, Community Behaviour Orders and trespass letters against prolific perpetrators of ASB in the City.

16. In addition, in a bid to address safeguarding concerns regarding rough sleepers in the vicinity of the Liverpool Street Station during the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP), the CST facilitated a meeting between:

- British Transport Police (BTP)
- City of London Police
- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Team
- City Outreach
- Parkguard

The multi-agency session clarified the services and accommodation available to rough sleepers in the City during SWEP and actioned joined-up and targeted outreach patrols.

Serious and Organised Crime

17. The CST, along with the chair of the group and a representative from City of London Police, met on 16 February to establish the future of this group. A future meeting date was set, and a robust agenda and action plan will be produced to set a clear direction.

CST Staff Updates

18. Daniel Barry joined the CST at the start of February, appointed as a Community Safety Policy and Strategy Officer.

19. Daniel's primary focus will be in relation to the SCP, including analysis and recommendations for policy, stakeholder and partnership engagement, and governance. He will work to help deliver the current SCP strategy and contribute towards the development of future plans. The monitoring and evaluation of initiatives to improve community safety and reduce crime – and how the SCP ensures that there is a positive community impact – will be a central aspect of Daniel's work.

20. There will also be consideration of best practice when it comes to procedural issues, including funding criteria, the improvement of democratic processes and questions of governance to ensure that the SCP is operating in line with expected conventions to promote accountability, transparency and efficiency.

21. Daniel will be in contact with you and with your agencies to make sure our strategy is relevant. Please provide him with honest feedback of what you would like to see in our plan and future agenda

Forthcoming Activity

22. The CST and City of London Police Prevent Officer are working with City of London Police Communications to construct a short video to raise awareness of Prevent and how to support someone who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. The City Corporation's Communications team will support the distribution of this via social media channels and our website.

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