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Safer City Partnership Board - For information	25/05/2021
Subject: Community Safety Team Update	Public
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Summary	
To update Safer City Partnership (SCP) members on Community Safety Team (CST) activity not otherwise addressed.	
Recommendation	
Members are asked to: Note the report.	

Main Report

Background

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 SCP meeting, five cases have been heard at MARAC. Cases were referred by a variety of agencies, including: Homerton Hospital, City Police, Adult Social Care and St Mungo's. Two of these cases had been previously heard at MARAC, which was the basis for the referral. Two of the further cases were referred based on professional judgement, with the third reaching the Domestic

Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) risk assessment threshold. A robust action plan has been agreed for each case and there has been excellent partnership working from a range of organisations. Each case will be closely monitored through professionals' meetings, if required, and closed when the MARAC is satisfied that the risk has decreased. The next DA MARAC is scheduled for 9 June 2021.

3. The CST has not received any MARAC-to-MARAC (M2M) referrals from City of London Police since the last SCP Strategy meeting. This is unusual. However, this could be a result of the lockdown of the night-time economy and the small numbers of workers travelling into the City. M2M referrals occur 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.
4. The CST have refreshed the City of London MARAC Operating Protocol which is a guidance document for members who attend MARAC and professionals who make referrals. This document was circulated to MARAC members at the start of May.

City Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)

5. The CST co-ordinates the City Community MARAC (CCM). This is 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.
6. Between March and May 2021, the CCM panel received no new referrals. This is unusual and the CST are encouraging partnership agencies to review their caseload for potential referrals into the CCM. The CCM Coordinator is available to discuss the suitability of referrals into the panel. The next CCM is scheduled to be held on 17 June 2021.
7. To increase further awareness of the conference, the CST continues to provide 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.
8. The CST section of the Corporation's website has a dedicated webpage, which displays information and advice for professionals on the CCM and the referral process. This can be found via the following link:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/community-and-safety/city-community-marac>

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

9. In March 2021, the CST published a webpage providing comprehensive information and advice to residents and the general public on reporting ASB in the City. Such behaviours include:
- Drug dealing
 - Noise nuisance
 - Fly tipping and graffiti
 - Encampments and rough sleeping

The webpage can be found at: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/community-and-safety/reporting-crime-or-anti-social-behaviour-in-the-city-of-london> and contains contact information and links to the City Police and Guinness Partnership ASB portals. Reporting ASB through the correct channels is imperative for services to accurately measure the extent of such behaviours in the locality and allocate the necessary resources.

10. The CST continues 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.
11. The CST offers tailored City-centric ECINS user training to all internal and external partners licensed within the City scheme. British Transport Police at London Liverpool Street Station and the City's newly commissioned outreach and recovery services (Thames Reach and Turning Point), now have access to the system. In addition, all Officers within City Police's Sector Policing, Partnership & Prevent Hub, Integrated Offender Management and Prevent teams have ECINS user profiles. Officers can now utilise the system to quickly check whether an individual is already known to City services, or to other London boroughs and organisations using ECINS.
12. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the London Marathon 2020 was postponed, and the route dramatically altered. The race did not pass through the City and subsequently, the City of London - London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was not implemented. The 2021 race will now take place on 3 October 2021 and is projected to pass its usual route through the City. The CST has recommenced important practical work with the City Police in preparation for the PSPO to be deployed for the first time.

Serious and Organised Crime Board

13. A small working group has formed to map out the current forums and meetings which already cover aspects of Serious and Organised Crime (SOC). It has since been agreed that the City Corporation will hold a forum twice a year for stakeholders working within the SOC arena to develop understanding and share good practice.

Strategic Implications

14. All the work noted in this report contributes to our Safer City Partnership aims:

- *Vulnerable people and communities are safeguarded from radicalisation and the threat of terrorism'*
- *People are safe from violent crime and violence against the person*
- *People and businesses are protected from theft and fraud/acquisitive crime*
- *Anti-Social Behaviour is tackled and responded to effectively*
- *People are safe and feel safe in the Night-time economy*

Conclusion

The CST continues to work in collaboration with stakeholders on a variety of community safety activities and has continued to provide an excellent service throughout the last year with lockdown measures in place.

Appendices

- None.

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