

<b>Strategy Boards &amp; Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Safer City Partnership Strategy Board	27/09/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Community Safety Team Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services, City of London Corporation	<b>For Information</b>
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<b>Summary</b>	
To update Safer City Partnership (SCP) Members on Community Safety Team (CST) activity not otherwise addressed.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
Members are asked to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the report.</li> </ul>	

**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, which has resulted in better attendance by partners.
  
2. Since the last SCP meeting, three cases have been heard at MARAC before September. Cases were referred by Victim Support and City of London Corporation (CoLC) Housing, with two based on scoring high-risk for a Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment assessment, and the third a transfer from another local authority. A robust action has been agreed and there has been excellent partnership working from a range of organisations. The next DA MARAC is scheduled for 6 October 2021.

3. An emergency MARAC for a high-risk complex case was heard at the beginning of September, and a further two cases were referred to the September MARAC.
4. The CST has received five MARAC-to-MARAC (M2M) referrals from City of London Police since the last SCP meeting. 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.
5. A resource list for MARAC Members has been circulated, detailing support services available should Members be personally impacted by the cases heard.
6. The MARAC Operating Protocol shared with the SCP at our last meeting has been circulated and signed by partners. See appendix 2.

### **City Community Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CCM)**

7. 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. The next CCM is scheduled to be held on 14 October 2021.
8. Between June and August 2021, the CCM panel received five extremely high-risk and complex cases from the City of London Police. Four of the referrals concerned High Intensity Service Users (HISU) repeatedly threatening suicide from bridges within the City of London.
9. All the HISUs referred to the CCM resided elsewhere in the UK and had complex mental health and social needs. The CST contacted and invited statutory services from the local authorities where the individuals reside to the CCM, in order to:
  - ensure the person referred was receiving the necessary support of mental health and social care services in their local authority area
  - ensure there was a robust and sustainable action plan to safeguard the vulnerable victim in the City
  - discuss the suitability of low-level enforcement on an individual HISU to mitigate behaviours placing them at serious risk of accidental death.
10. 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.

11. 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>. The CCM Co-ordinator is available to discuss the suitability of referrals into the panel.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

12. 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. The CST offers tailored City-centric ECINS user training to all internal and external partners licensed within the City scheme.
13. 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 is due to take place on 3 October 2021 and is projected to pass its usual route through the City. The CST has conducted important practical work with the City Police and the Corporation's Built Environment in preparation for the PSPO to be deployed for the first time.
14. The CST is continuing to assist the City Police Communities with information and help to construct Community Protection Warnings/Notices and Community Behaviour Orders against prolific perpetrators of ASB in the City. The CST is also composing and issuing Trespass Letters to individuals engaging in ASB on the City estates owned and managed by the Corporation.
15. The 19–25 July 2021 marked the launch of the UK's first official ASB Awareness Week, organised by community safety specialists Resolve, and backed by the Home Office, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Local Government Association, National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and the National Fire Chiefs Council. The CST assisted the City Police and partners in promoting the national campaign, which aims to:
  - prevent and detect ASB
  - encourage communities to report ASB
  - reassure the victims of ASB.
16. Throughout the week, the City of London Police, CST and partners successfully engaged with residents, workers and visitors in the Square Mile about how they can report concerns, and what the police and partners can do to tackle ASB.

## Community Trigger

17. In August 2021, the CST received two separate requests to activate a Community Trigger Case Review. Both requests referred to the same case of ASB being perpetrated by one individual.
18. The respondents had been frequently liaising with the City Police regarding the issue and the impact it was having on their businesses. However, they had not reported the ASB through the correct channels to either the Corporation or the City Police via 101 or the ASB Portal. The requests, therefore, did not meet the threshold criteria to activate a Community Trigger because there were not three or more reports of ASB, and because the case is under investigation and interventions in the case still ongoing.
19. Further information regarding the Community Trigger processes and procedures in the City, can be found at <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/community-and-safety/safer-city-partnership/community-trigger-in-the-city>.

## Prevent Activity

20. There have been no Channel Panels since the last SCP Strategy Board. The CST has the capacity to operate meetings virtually and will liaise with partners accordingly should a referral come to our attention.
21. The CST attends a bi-weekly virtual forum with the London Prevent Network, which includes all London Prevent coordinators and updates with partners such as, SO15 Counter Terrorism Policing, Department for Education, NHS England Prevent, and the National Probation Service. This forum focuses on best practice, support for coordinators in delivering Prevent activity, and national updates. Information is also provided regarding the Home Office Prevent Review, which will be carried out throughout the year.
22. The Prevent team (CST joint with the City of London Police's Prevent Officer) continues 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 with virtual sessions. Additionally, the Home Office online package has been suggested as a temporary alternative. Since the last SCP Strategy Board, training has been delivered to City of London Police new starters and transferees, all City of London Police group response officers, Aviva Security Guardians, and Livery Halls.
23. The Prevent team continues to promote the Counter Terrorism Policing national safeguarding website [www.actearly.uk](http://www.actearly.uk) which was launched in November 2020. The campaign is a regular feature on the Prevent training presentations, CoLC,

and City of London Police social media channels, as well as various forums. This campaign aims to encourage family and friends to share concerns that a friend or loved one might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

24. The CST finalised the Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance document at the last SCP and can confirm that all partners have submitted the named contact and representative for any future Channel Panels. The team will use these contacts to create a Prevent and Channel Leads Forum and distribution list to ensure that all stakeholders are kept up to date with the latest guidance, procedures and legislation.

25. The CST has compiled a Partnership Prevent Action Plan, detailing tasks and actions for various stakeholders within the partnership. Partners are asked to contribute to the delivery of the action plan. Contact [ali.burlington@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:ali.burlington@cityoflondon.gov.uk) for comments.

## **Strategic Implications**

26. All the work noted in this report contributes to our SCP 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**

- Appendix 1 – Prevent Partnership Action Plan.
- Appendix 2 – MARAC Operating Protocol

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