

Oak Manor Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 23 June 2026

Time: 10:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attending Agencies and Services
KCC, UAS Children's Service
KCC Councillor
KCC, PREVENT

Kent County Council (KCC), Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UAS Children)

Introduction
Attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions were completed and the agenda was shared.
Overview
A KCC representative welcomed attendees and provided an update on the current position at Oak Manor. It was reported that Oak Manor continues to operate as normal, with no current operational issues identified. Resident numbers remain high, and a number of moves under the National Transfer Scheme have taken place. Daily education continues to be delivered at the centre, including English language learning and sessions on UK culture. Weekly independent living skills education also remains in place. Young people continue to participate in sports and social activities. These include supervised walks into Cranbrook for shopping, local orientation and familiarisation with the village and wider community. One incident was reported involving a member of the public who attended the front gate and aggressively requested information about those accommodated at the centre. The situation was managed by security staff and the individual left the site. The matter was reported to the police, who later met with Oak Manor staff and provided guidance on responding to any similar incidents. A KCC Councillor advised that no concerns had been raised within the local community regarding Oak Manor operating as a centre for young asylum seekers. It was noted that many local residents are not aware of the centre's presence. A KCC PREVENT representative, confirmed that there was no intelligence relating specifically to Oak Manor or the immediate local area. However, it was noted that community tensions remain present elsewhere in Kent, including online activity and protests in other areas of the county. A KCC representative thanked attendees for their contributions and closed the meeting.
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No other business was raised.