

Olea Grove (formerly Highview Oast) Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday 30th of June 2026

MS Teams Meeting

Agencies and Services in Attendees
KCC, UAS Children's Service
Kent Police
DDC representative

Kent County Council (KCC) – Dover Borough Council (DBC) - Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UAS Children)
Dover District Council (DDC)

Welcome and Introductions
Introductions made and agenda shared.
Overview
A KCC representative confirmed that, over the past year, 290 children have been supported at the home. Of these, 276 have moved on through the NTS scheme, with an average stay of nine days. Children have been supported by staff to access the local community, become familiar with the area, and attend appointments. No concerns have been raised by the children about being out in the community, and they have reported feeling welcomed. The children have continued to enjoy community sessions at the church, visits to local parks to play football, and activities such as swimming. Since the last meeting, they have also held a BBQ to celebrate Eid and have enjoyed watching some of the World Cup matches and following the scores. A KCC representative asked whether there were any concerns regarding community tensions. A Kent Police representative advised that no concerns had been received since the previous meeting. They noted that an anti-immigration protest is planned for this Saturday, starting at around midday. Additional police resources will be in place. This was not considered a specific concern, and the advice was to continue as usual while remaining aware. It was noted that some attendees may have travelled some distance, but there was nothing further to bring to the group's attention. It was also noted that the World in a Tent event will take place at Burgoyne Heights on 19 July, which the children may wish to attend. No other concerns were raised at this stage. A KCC representative confirmed they were aware of the planned protest and advised that the area would still be avoided as a precaution. It was shared that the home has been busier than usual due to the weather, which has been positive for the home. Staff continue to run ISP sessions, and anyone wishing to help is welcome to contact the home. Since the last meeting, the children have also been working on a gardening project, growing vegetables and herbs and tracking progress on a weekly board. The stakeholders were asked to share any other community projects that the home could become involved in. It was noted that there is currently a vacancy for a Day Manager at the home, and local recruitment would be

welcomed if anyone is aware of a suitable interested candidate.

A Kent Police representative explained that child-centred policing teams will soon move under central ownership. They previously carried out drop-ins, but this is no longer managed locally within the Dover area. Once the new arrangements are established, likely around September, contact details for the appropriate team will be shared.

A DDC representative confirmed that there were no concerns to raise and asked the home to get in touch if any support is needed.

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None raised.