

Olea Grove (formerly Highview Oast) Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday 26th of May 2026

MS Teams Meeting

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

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

Welcome and Introductions
Introductions and agenda shared.
Overview
<p>A KCC representative advised that, since last year, Olea Grove has supported 269 children, with 264 moving on through the NTS. The average stay is around 10 days. With staff support, the children have been engaging in the local community by playing football, attending appointments and becoming familiar with the area. They have raised no concerns about being out in the community and have said they feel welcomed. All of the children are looking forward to celebrating Eid the following day with a barbecue.</p> <p>There are currently no community tensions. Any issues or protests are being monitored, and those areas are avoided on relevant dates.</p> <p>The ISP programme covers 10 modules designed to provide the children with basic skills to support life in the UK.</p> <p>A gardening project has been introduced at the home, with basic herbs and vegetables being grown. Although the children have been frustrated by the slow progress, weekly photographs are taken to show how the plants are developing.</p> <p>A KCC representative asked to be informed of any community projects the children could join, or of anyone who may be able to support the programme within the home. It has been a quiet period at Olea Grove, with few new children arriving, so there has been little additional information to report.</p> <p>A DDC representative will ask the community group whether there are any community gardens the children could attend, although no response has been received so far. World in a Tent Day will take place in July. It is a multi-cultural festival celebrating global communities through dance, music, art and world cuisine, and may be something the children would enjoy attending. The organisers' details can be shared.</p> <p>The KCC representative requested the organisers' details and concluded the meeting.</p>
AOB
None raised.