

Oak Manor (Formerly Appledore) Stakeholder Meeting
Friday 22 May 2026, 11:00am
Microsoft Teams

Attending Agencies and Services
Kent Police Representative
KCC, UAS Children's Service
KCC Councillor
KCC Representative

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

Introduction
Introductions made and agenda shared.
Overview
A KCC representative provided an update on Oak Manor. Oak Manor has been relatively quiet in recent weeks, with only three young people currently accommodated at the centre. No issues have been reported either within the centre or in the local community, and there have been no protests or demonstrations in the surrounding area. The young people have continued to take part in their usual activities both at and around the centre, including sport, independent learning, shopping, attending the mosque, boxing, gardening, and working on allotments within the local community. It was noted that a local village celebration is due to take place on Sunday. The event organiser has raised concerns regarding attendance by young people from Oak Manor. In light of protests taking place elsewhere in Kent, those areas will be avoided. No protests are currently planned in Cranbrook. The Kent Police representative confirmed that officers will be present at the Cranbrook event on Sunday. A KCC representative welcomed this reassurance and confirmed that Oak Manor staff will accompany the young people attending the event. The KCC Councillor commented that Cranbrook is a welcoming community and that there should be no issues, particularly if attendance is limited to a small group. A KCC representative advised that the visit would be manageable with a small group, supported by staff to help ensure appropriate behaviour throughout. Concern was also raised regarding the possibility of young people being filmed by political groups at the event. It was confirmed that, should this risk arise, the young people would be returned to Oak Manor immediately. A KCC representative closed the meeting and thanked attendees for their time.
AOB
None advised.