

Maple Rise, Stakeholder Meeting

20th March 2025 at 11 am

MS Teams Meeting

Agencies and Services in Attendees
KCC, UAS Children’s Service
KCC, Councillor
Kent Police

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

Welcome and Introductions
Introductions made and agenda shared with attendees.
Update on Inspections
<p>A KCC representative shared that since last meeting, they had their first Ofsted inspection, which had an impressive outcome. The representative continued by summarising the feedback from the Ofsted inspector. The overall response was positive highlighting individualised care, good care planning, and effective risk management.</p> <p>The feedback from the children was also positive, mentioning they feel safe and have plenty of activities. The representative was pleased to report that no additional requirements were set, and only a few recommendations were provided on how to better capture young people's onward movements.</p> <p>Additionally, the KCC representative stated that an internal mock inspection was conducted with the learning and development team, which also had a positive outcome.</p> <p>The representative then shared the results of regular Reg 44 inspection. Monthly visits are ongoing, and the results have been positive so far.</p>
Update
<p>The KCC representative mentioned that there are currently more children in the home as the weather improves. In recent months, the home had experienced little to no children. The representative also shared that a group of children who spoke the same language influenced each other to refuse their moves. However, with support from staff, the children have now moved.</p> <p>The KCC representative also reported an intruder incident at the home. The intruder broke down a fence and then ran into a neighbour's garden. No children were involved, and no further issues occurred.</p> <p>Additionally, the KCC representative stated that a complaint was received from a local resident regarding use of torches at night. They confirmed that the complaint has been forwarded to the security team and inquired whether other commuters had raised other concerns.</p> <p>A KCC councillor responded that no negative comments have been received. They also mentioned having a similar experience with shining torches and CCTV and advised that these cases be reviewed.</p>
Update on activities
<p>A KCC representative expressed appreciation to the KCC councillor for referring the Big Cat Sanctuary. They mentioned that communication had been received from the sanctuary and that the children greatly enjoyed their zoo visits.</p> <p>A KCC councillor suggested activities in Victoria Park. They mentioned the bird watching activity on next Friday and</p>

offered to contact the organisers for further details.

Stakeholder Questions

None raised.