

# Kent Specialist Children's Services Conference 2018

## Our Journeys – Travelling Towards Success Together

### How your Local Authority can make a difference for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children & Young People.

*Utilising Kent's experience with Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Young People to focus our minds towards achieving excellent placement, educational and well-being outcomes and community integration.*

Thursday  
28<sup>th</sup> June  
2018

9.15 - 4.00pm

Maidstone  
Kent

**Venue:**

Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE.

**Aims:**

In December 2015 headlines read "Child asylum seeker services 'at breaking point', says Kent County Council" following a summer of unprecedented numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) arrivals putting pressure on staff, resources and local communities across the county.

In July 2016 the National Transfer Scheme came into being and other local authorities are now challenged with similar issues faced by Kent and are looking for guidance and good practice examples to help them with this new field of work. Many colleagues have been interested in finding out what worked, and what didn't for Kent especially in light of the recent Ofsted Inspection Report that highlighted our Good work with UASC and ongoing commitment.

This conference will focus on sharing good practice around assessment, care, education, health and wellbeing of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Young People. Guest speakers and a series of workshops will be included.

**Who should attend:**

Local Authority Members Education Professionals, Social Work Practitioners, Virtual School Professionals, Fostering Practitioners, Accommodation and Health Professionals, Supporting Networks.

**Fee:**

£75 for one delegate or £50 per delegate for 2 or more. Includes lunch.

Accommodation (limited) is available for the night before / night after the conference at the conference venue at a discounted rate. Contact Oakwood House Hotel (01622 620720) and quote 'UASC Conference'.

**Registration** begins at 9.15am for a 9.45am start.

# Conference Details

- 9.15
  - **Registration and Networking**
- 9.45
  - **Welcome** *Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Education*
- 9.50
  - **Setting the Scene - Kent County Council**
    - *Sarah Hammond, Director of Specialist Children's Service - Strategic overview*
    - *Tony Doran, Virtual School Kent Headteacher - Education overview*
    - *Tracy Smith, Team Manager Strategic and Corporate Services – Placement overview*
    - *Nick Crick, UASC Strategic and Operational Manager – UASC Assessments*
- 11.25
  - **Refreshments and Networking**
- 11.45
  - **Workshop 1** *(See workshop descriptions below – to be reserved on booking form)*
- 12.45
  - **Lunch Break**
- 1.30
  - **Workshop 2** *(See workshop descriptions below – to be reserved on booking form)*
- 2.30
  - **Refreshments and Networking**
- 2.45
  - **Prevent Presentation** *Nick Wilkinson, Prevent and Chanel Strategic Manager*
- 3.15
  - **Young People presentation**
- 3.25
  - **Q&A Panel** *Young people and Presenters*
- 3.40
  - **Closing remarks and summary** *Matt Dunkley, Corporate Director Children, Young People and Education*

**Market Place** – *Kent Refugee Action Network, Refugee Council, Kent Kindness, Asphaleia, Red Cross.*

## Workshop Descriptions:

- Pre-16 Education** *Sharing the hub model developed to support young people in KS4 education or below (Margaret Hamlyn - VSK Assistant Head and Hugh Christie School)*
- Post-16 Education** *Sharing programmes developed from pre-entry into level 1 and 2 ESOL Study Programmes (Rachel Calver - VSK Deputy Head KS5 and Lucy McLeod - Principal Canterbury College)*
- Social Care** *Sharing the development of a specific UASC Social Worker team, working in partnership with accommodation, health, education and the community (Lorraine Shorey - Social Care Team Manager)*
- Health** *Sharing learning from health, including how to support emotional well-being and the UASC health website (Nancy Sayer - Designated Nurse for Looked After Children – Kent)*
- Placements & Accommodation** *Sharing best practice around accommodation for UASC, pre and post 18yrs (Tracy Smith- Team Manager Strategic and Corporate Services) and Andrew McDonald (Accommodation Team Manager)*
- Fostering** *Sharing best practice around supporting UASC in Foster Care, linking in with support groups and community networks (Foster Carer)*
- Community Engagement & Assessments** *Sharing best practice examples on community engagement and Ages and HRA Assessments (Nick Crick -UASC Strategic and Operational Manager)*