

COUNTRY PROFILE UK, Kent County Council

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General Information:	
Country:	The United Kingdom
Organisation, address, website:	Kent County Council, Service for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, Gibson Drive, ME19 4QG, West Malling, Kent
Governing institution:	Home Office, for elder than 18 years Department for Children, Schools & Family (DCSF) for those under the age of 18.
Total number of employees:	11 (HQ), 18 (Appledore)
Annual budget (EUR):	£ 13.2 million for 700 young people
Daily accommodation costs per one asylum seeker (EUR):	N/K
Asylum grant proceedings:	
Legal duration of asylum grant proceedings:	35 days in accordance with the New Asylum Model.
Organisation liable for asylum grant proceedings (if other than above)	
Legal regulations governing asylum grant proceedings, their last amendment	New Asylum Model of 2005, implemented fully from April 2007
Total number of asylum applications during: (indicate numbers and year)	Ultimo June 2007, there were 37 280 asylum seekers in the UK in BIA dispersal accommodation, and 10 865 in receipt of subsistence only support: Altogether: 48 145
Total number of granted asylum in accordance with the Geneva Convention during: (indicate numbers and year)	UASC (2005): 170 out of 2 835 ¹
Total number of provided subsidiary forms of protection: (indicate numbers and year)	UASC (2005): 1 795 out of 2 835 was given a limited leave to remain in the UK. ²
5 top countries of origin of asylum seekers: (indicate year)	1. Afghanistan 2. Iraq 3. Iran 4. Eritrea 5. Sudan
Accommodation of asylum seekers	
Total of accommodation capacity (number of beds):	27 (Appledore) + foster care + independent living
Types of accommodation: (more then one answer possible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> houses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hotels <input type="checkbox"/> bungalows <input type="checkbox"/> boats <input type="checkbox"/> caravans <input type="checkbox"/> tents <input type="checkbox"/> military barracks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (shared) rooms

¹ This includes humanitarian protection. Source: "Planning Better Outcomes and Support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children", Consultation Paper for the Home Office, Immigration and Nationality Directorate, February 2007 p 15. The directorate has now changed name to The Border and Immigration Agency.

² Ibid. This figure comes as a consequence of UASC being treated like abandoned children according to the Children Act of 1989.

	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
Number of facilities:	N/A
Average length of stay of asylum seeker in asylum reception facility:	Up to 5 weeks (Appledore)
Asylum seekers has possibility to live in private housing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Asylum seeker's freedom of movement:	<input type="checkbox"/> without restriction <input type="checkbox"/> restricted: daily registration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> obligatory permanent presence in asylum facility <input type="checkbox"/> detention
Services provided:	
Types of catering:	<input type="checkbox"/> individual cooking <input type="checkbox"/> catering provided <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> combined
System of provision of financial and material aid:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> payment in kind <input type="checkbox"/> combined
Asylum seeker's access to the labour market:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no (Appledore residents) <input type="checkbox"/> yes, specify conditions:
Lessons of local language available:	<input type="checkbox"/> compulsory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> voluntary <input type="checkbox"/> none
Vocational training available:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Extent of health care provided:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> standard – same as health care provided for citizens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> different, specify: Appledore: Own medical facility, dental check in first two weeks
Obligatory initial medical examinations:	<input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> lung X-ray (TB) <input type="checkbox"/> venereal diseases <input type="checkbox"/> taking of biological material samples <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other, specify: No TB screening is made
Vulnerable groups:	
Definition of vulnerable groups – please indicate the categories which are considered vulnerable in the reception system:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minors <input type="checkbox"/> Single women <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant women <input type="checkbox"/> Families with children <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete families (single women with minor children) <input type="checkbox"/> Mentally handicapped <input type="checkbox"/> Physically handicapped/disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems <input type="checkbox"/> Others, specify
Please indicate number of asylumseekers for each category a) the whole country b) the reception facility – when available	
Unaccompanied minors	17 th October 2007: 700 in total (long term) and 57 (temporary shelter). The last group is divided between 25 (Appledore), 22 (hotel), 7 (foster care) and 3 (supported lodging)
Others, specify	No other categories

Source: Kent County Council, Transition Team West