

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Director – ASCH Operations

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Directorate:	Adult Social Care and Health
Grade:	KR17 (tbc)
Division	ASCH Operations
Responsible to:	Corporate Director –Adult Social Care and Health

Job Purpose

Provide strategic leadership for operational delivery and lead on commissioning requirements, relating to Adult Social Care & Health and specific services for disabled children and young people, ensuring that services are procured and delivered within budget and to council and national policies and frameworks.

Lead the service, in conjunction with the Director of Partnerships to ensure the delivery of high quality services and positive outcomes for adults, children and young people with a disability in Kent. Ensure that vulnerable people are safeguarded.

Accountabilities

Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities Senior Officers. In addition, as members of Extended Corporate Management Team, Directors and Corporate Directors will work together to make strategic decisions on the most effective use of the Council's agreed budget, resources and policies and enhance the reputation of Kent as a place as well as Kent County Council as the democratic agent of change in the region.

Set the strategic direction for the Council's Adult Social Care, children and young

people with a disability operations and service provision to comply with legislation, government guidance and regulations within the appropriate statutory framework.

Accountable for the delivery of effective services within the legislative framework, reflecting and developing national themes to promote independence and maximise opportunities from the local health and social care economy

Accountable for the Adult Social Care, children and young people with a disability operational service budget in line with Government and KCC financial regulations and will set the direction and lead the development of strategies to meet Medium Term savings targets.

Lead the development and/or implementation of Adult Social Care & Health integrated operating models, working in partnership with other Directors, partners and agencies to drive efficiency savings and ensure high quality, person centred services are delivered that meet current and future needs.

Be responsible for ensuring vulnerable adults and disabled children in Kent are safeguarded through robust multi-agency arrangements and that safeguarding frameworks and protocols are adhered to throughout the directorate.

Lead on the strategies for the support of children and young people with a disability including sensory impairment, working closely with the Corporate Director of Children & Young People and Education and Directors, to ensure their needs are met and they receive the support they require throughout their life and as they transition into adult services.

Act as the ASCH strategic lead, directing the Strategic Commissioner and other KCC and Health Directors to ensure the development of key commissioning strategies meet current and future demand.

To provide professional and strategic advice to members and the leadership team on matters relating to operational delivery and service development, ensuring that they are fully briefed on all relevant issues relating to the operational business.

Actively review all services provided by this post to identify the 'right source' for their future delivery including consideration of outsourcing, co-sourcing or in-sourcing to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery methods are employed.

The DCS has the statutory responsibility of children and young people with disabilities up to the age of 18. The responsibility of the Corporate Directors to Implement such working arrangements as are necessary with each other and Lead Cabinet Members to ensure that statutory compliance is achieved and any overlaps are managed effectively and in compliance with legislation and best practice, is defined in the KCC Constitution amended on 16 March 2017.

The Lifespan Pathway service relating to children and young people with disabilities is currently under review to determine future structural arrangements.

This job description sets out the accountabilities specific to the role. These should

be read in conjunction with the Corporate Responsibilities that apply to the Corporate Director and Director roles.

Scope of services

Social work and occupational therapy functions
Integrated health and social care teams
Assessment and related activity
Enablement
Safeguarding
Sensory Services – all age
Lifespan Pathway – 0 – 25 and 26+ teams
All adults eligible under the care act

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