

## Kent County Council

### Job Description:

## **Corporate Director – Social Care and Public Health** (Statutory Director of Children’s Services and Statutory Director – Adult Social Services)

Date: November 2013

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**Directorate:** Social Care and Public Health (DCS and DASS)

**Grade:** KR20

**Responsible to:** The County Council  
Member of the Corporate Management Team

### **Job Purpose**

Identify, lead and commission strategies to deliver the Council’s and Government’s vision for the provision of Social Care to Children’s and Adults’ ensure that the needs of the local community are achieved.

Discharge the statutory obligations of the Director of Adult Social Services.

Act as the Council’s lead Caldicott Guardian; ensuring that the principles are incorporated into the Council’s policies, procedures and staff practice.

### **Accountabilities**

Corporate Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities for Senior Officers. In addition, as members of the Corporate Management Team and working closely with Cabinet Members, Corporate Directors will work together to enable corporate responsiveness to elected members; secure the best approach to resource stewardship for the council’s budget and finances; ensure that overall management attention, effort and controls are commensurate to risk and opportunity across the council’s functions and activities; and enhance the reputation of Kent as a place as well as Kent County Council as the democratic agent of change in the region.

Work as part of the Corporate Management Team to take early action if performance against corporate objectives is less than excellent.

Champion and support strategic cohesion in the delivery of children’s services by maintaining and developing key links between specialist children’s services,

education services, early intervention and preventative services via the Integrated Children's Services Boards, Joint Commissioning Board and Kent Safeguarding Children Board.

Identify and deliver commissioning strategies to ensure effective assessment and services are in place to support young people with social care needs during childhood, transition to adulthood and that a framework of safeguarding is in place to protect them.

Ensure that children's and adult's safeguarding is a corporate and universal priority, through effective performance monitoring and management within the directorate and through wider communication and engagement across KCC.

Work in partnership with the Corporate Director Education and Young People's Services and Public Health to ensure achievement of the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services. The accountability of and for Children's Services is with the County's statutory Director of Children's Services (DCS) as expressed in the accountability Protocol document

Direct the strategic delivery of the transformation of Adult Social Care to ensure that the maximum budgetary and service improvements are achieved.

Work in partnership with Health to enable full integration of health provision into the Council's services and to ensure the delivery of the government's new agenda on health and public health as it emerges.

Provide strategic support for bodies such as the Kent Safeguarding Children Board and the Kent Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Board.

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 post holder has direct access to the Head of Paid Services, Cabinet and Members in order to fulfill their statutory function.

*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.*

### **Direct Reports**

Director of Commissioning  
Director of Specialist Children's Services  
Director of Older People and Physical Disability  
Director of Learning Disability & Mental Health  
Director of Public Health