

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Director – Commissioning

Date: November 2013

Directorate: Social Care and Public Health

Division: Commissioning: People

Grade: KR17

Responsible to: Corporate Director – Social Care and Public Health

Job Purpose

Lead and direct the development of a broad strategic commissioning framework that shapes future contracting and procurement requirements and plans and shapes the market in Kent to deliver services for both children and adult social care.

Accountabilities

Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities for Corporate 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.

Direct and commission adult social care, children's social care and child health services ensuring that services (including in-house provision) are procured and delivered within budget, council and national policies and frameworks, in conjunction with all relevant Directors and senior officers .

Lead the overview and quality assurance of the delivery of social care and health services in Kent to help ensure that the services are meeting the needs of the people of Kent and are delivered to the standards required.

Champion and support the strategic cohesion in the delivery of Children's Services by maintaining and developing key links with the relevant directors, partners and agencies.

Ensure that safeguarding is a priority and that safeguarding frameworks and protocols are adhered to throughout the division in order to protect children and adults.

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.

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.

Services

Children's Health Commissioning
Strategic Commissioning - Children's Social Care
Quality Assurance of Health and Social Care
Strategic Commissioning – Adult Social Care
Contracts and Procurement
Planning and Market shaping
Commissioned Services including supporting people
LASAR (Local Area Single Assess and Referral)
KDAAT